Pastor's Weekly Devotional – January 18th, 2018

"Joy Is Better than Fun"

People today always seem to be looking for fun or entertainment but it is significant that "fun" is never mentioned in the Bible. Christians, have something better than worldly fun – they have heavenly joy! While "fun" deals with the externals, "Joy" deals with the internal. It is an inside job accomplished by God Himself through His wonderful Spirit.

Joy is a unique privilege of all God's people; and there are many channels through which it can be experienced:

- Joy comes through the Word. Jeremiah said: "Your Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." (15:16)
 - Joy comes through Prayer and having our prayers answered. In <u>John</u>16:24, Jesus said: "You have asked nothing in my Name; ask and you will receive that your joy may be full!"
- Christian Service and Witnessing are a source of joy. "They that sow in tears will reap in joy." (Psalm 126:5)

There is much more to Joy. So, whenever you feel discouraged and things are not going good, remember that within you God has given to you "joy unspeakable and full of glory." (1 <u>Peter</u> 1:8)

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin