

You Can Live the Abundant Life!

Memory Verse: John 10: 10 - 11

Your life can be full of enjoyment, happiness and ABUNDANT LIVING! God intends that you experience these things. Yet people do not know what brings—what causes—the abundant life.

Never has the world had so much, yet been so miserable. Depression, unhappiness, confusion, frustration, unfulfilled hopes and dreams, dissatisfaction, emptiness— and HOPELESS MISERY—describe humanity the world over. Many are pursuing happiness, but in all the *wrong* places!

Vast new frontiers of expanding scientific knowledge have not brought the happiness that leaders prophesied would accompany it. Neither have laborsaving devices, which were supposed to bring people more leisure time to “enjoy themselves.” Instead, mental illness, drug addiction, despair, suicide, alcoholism, self-pity, and other forms of escapism—and general discontent with life—abound everywhere. Christ came bringing the *abundant* life—and He said so plainly!

Why then do so many believe that Christianity is supposed to be *endured* instead of *enjoyed*. Why do they not understand that the radiant, abundant life can be theirs—if they will follow God’s formula to achieve it?

God never instructs or commands His people to avoid anything unless it is for *their own good*. Many things *seem* like fun, but carry a delayed penalty, and terrible price, for having done them. God instructs us on what to avoid so that we will not get hit later by an unexpected “boomerang”!

I have never met a single person who actually *wanted* to be unhappy. All want to live life to the fullest, and feel happiness and joy. But most have simply not known *how* to do this—or whether God even expected it. The vitality and abundance—and pure JOYFUL HAPPINESS—that can be yours is closer than you think.

But you must recognize that God offers an entirely new and different way of life. It means living “by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” Matt. 4:4; Luke 4:4; Deut. 8:3. This means studying God’s Word and drinking in its meaning. It means praying daily and seeking God with your whole heart—and resisting Satan the devil.

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NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Remember to pray for those who are sick and shut in among us, those who are traveling, and those who have requested prayer for various concerns.

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASS HOMEWORK

Please see teachers for homework assignments.

MATURE IN HEART FELLOWSHIP: The Mature in Heart Ministry will host a fellowship on Sunday, February 19th, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the New Academy Estates on Washington Street in Roxbury. RSVP to Whitney Sands or Keitric Johnson on or before February 12th if you will attend.

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies, save Saturday, March 24, 2012 for our annual ladies’ day program. This year’s theme is: “**The Ten Virgins: So Much In Common,**” from Matthew 25:1-13, and our speaker will be our own Sandra Samuel. We are asking

each sister to contribute \$20 towards this event. Please see Cindy Woodley with your contribution. Save the date postcards are available on the table in the foyer.

NORTHEASTERN LADIES’ RETREAT: June 1-3, 2012 in Harrisburg PA. Pick up an informational handout from the table in the foyer, or download it from the church website, www.churchofchristinroxbury.org. A \$10 deposit to hold your seat is due by today. Unreserved seats will be released to our sisters from the Milton and Southwest (CT) congregations.

EDUCATION MINISTRY MEETING: Saturday, Feb. 11th at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLICATIONS MINISTRY MEETING: Sat., Feb. 11th at 9:30 a.m. (Please note time change). Please let Bro. or Sis. Gallington know if you cannot attend.

FINANCE MINISTRY MEETING: Sat., Feb 11th at 10:45 a.m. Please let Bro. Gallington know if you cannot attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALES: Every Wednesday following Bible class. Please support our youth.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION 2012: The election will be held on Wed., Feb. 1st.

ADULT CHORAL GROUP Thursday evening rehearsals will resume on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

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Church Calendar

“...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ...” – Eph. 4:12

FEBRUARY 2012

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
<u>29</u>	● 30	31	◆ 1	2	3	4
<u>5</u>	● 6	7	8	9	10	● 11
● <u>12</u>	16	17	18	16	17	18
◆ <u>19</u>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<u>26</u>	27	28	29			

Worship Services

◆ - Special Events

● - Ministry Meetings

Events

- ◆ 2/1 – Youth Election
- ◆ 2/19 – Mature in Heart Ministry Fellowship @ New Academy Estates, 2:30-6 pm

Meetings:

- 1/30 – Ladies’ Day Planning Team meeting, 7 pm
- 2/6 – Ministers, Elders & Deacons meeting, 7:30pm
- 2/11 – Publications Ministry Meeting, 9:30 am
- 2/11 – Education Ministry Meeting, 9:30 am
- 2/11 – Finance Ministry Meeting, 10:45 am
- 2/12 – Deacons’ Meeting, after morning worship

Weekly Events:

- Community Bible Study (Mondays @ 7pm)
- Prayer Meeting (Tuesdays @ 7pm)
- Mid-Week Bible Study (Wednesdays @ 6:45pm)
- Adult Choral Group (Thursdays @ 7:30pm)
- Men’s Prayer (Saturdays @ 7:30am)
- Women’s Prayer (Saturdays @ 9:30am)
- R.E.V.I.V.E. Choral Group (Saturdays @ 2pm)

REMINDER: Please remember to submit all calendar items to Sis. Olivia Samuel for inclusion on the monthly calendar.