



Stay Positive "Joy"

Announcements:

- **Serve Gainesville** – We have an amazing opportunity to partner with one of our community partners and make a difference in the city of Gainesville. On July 28th, from 9am-12pm, Shift will be serving Saint Francis House. Saint Francis House helps people transition out of homelessness. From pulling weeds to organizing food storage, there will be a job for anyone that comes. Families are welcome to serve together. Sign up today and partner with us! Click [HERE](#) to sign up!
- **S.O.A.P. (Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer)** – Are you taking the S.O.A.P. challenge for our #NothingWill series? Click [HERE](#) for more information on how to S.O.A.P. with us through the study of Romans!
- **Second Shift Beach Bash** – Second Shift Student Ministry is throwing a Back 2 School Beach Bash, August 8th, at Crescent Beach! This trip is for all students going into middle school and high school. Click [HERE](#) to sign up and check out the BEACH BASH FAQs attached to the form. This trip is open to EVERYONE so copy and paste the link on social media, text messages, or in an email!

Change:

- Think back to the message and share what theme, verse, or point stuck out the most? Why? ***Remember to bring your Update from the weekend to refresh your memory.
- Have you thought about the actual difference of happiness and joy? Why is happiness dependent on circumstance but joy is not? If you're willing to share, do you have joy in your life? Is joy something that helps you stand out as a follower of Jesus?
- Joe broke it down into 4 truths. Truth #1 said that Authentic Joy is Found in God's Presence. Is that your experience? Read Psalm 16:11 & 28:7. What are your thoughts?
- Truth #2 said Trusting God with our Future Produces Joy. Joe said this was a struggle for him. Does that resonate with anyone? How can we learn to trust him more?
- Truth #3 said Joy is Contagious. Read Romans 15:13. Does that describe you? If so, how so? How do others see that joy? If not, why not?
- Truth #4 said Jesus is Joy. Has that been your experience (with other Christians)? Read John 16:33. Talk about what that means to you in regard to joy in your life.
- What else has God put on your heart to share with the group? This can be about this week's teaching or anything else going on in your life. Now is the time to share with those who care about you and love you.