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IN 2023, YOUR GENEROSITY HAS ENABLED:

- Over 2900 students at camp this summer, 850 of them began a relationship with Christ
- Nearly 800 people got baptized this year
- A new campus in Cane Bay
- Celebrated our 20th year in Irmo
- We served nearly 15,000 people through our Dream Center this year
- We were able to send out dozens of mission trips
- We started a Counseling Center and offered more than 1,100 counseling appointments in the last 4 months

Happiness comes from our circumstances.
While joy comes from our perspective.

Happiness is an outward expression of our emotions.
While joy is an inward condition of our heart.

Happiness is on the outside.
Joy is on the inside.

Happiness is focused on our present circumstances.
While joy is focused on our future hope.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11 (NIV)

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Luke 1:39-45 (NIV)

... the baby leaped in her womb,

Luke 1:41 (NIV)

1. WE FIND JOY IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS.

As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Luke 1:44 (NIV)

Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.

Luke 1:36-37 (NIV)

2. WE FIND JOY IN THE PROMISES OF GOD.

Sometimes the prison may not be the place you're in, but the perspective you have.

3. WE FIND JOY WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.

... Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James 1:2-3 (NIV)

... because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James 1:3 (NIV)

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40 (NIV)

Are we filling our lives with the presence of God?

Are we filling our lives with the promises of God?

Are we filling our lives with the people of God?