

This week we will be looking at the first mark of being a Methodist
The Second Mark: A Methodist Rejoices in God

Monday May 8th

E. Stanley Jones said that when we live in joyful peace knowing that when we are faithful to God we are living not only as God intends but doing so in the right spirit. He writes, “It is no mere accident that joy follows [from] love. Joy is a by-product of love.” What are your thoughts?

Tuesday May 9th

Read *Nehemiah 8:10 and Matthew 5:8, 12*. What do you think about these scriptures? How do they relate to Joy?

Wednesday May 10th

Read or sing the text from *Charles Wesley’s Hymn: Rejoice, The Lord is King*. Text for the hymn is available in a hymnal or in your AgapeNet email from Monday. What do these words mean to you? How do they further the theme of Joy in the Lord?

Thursday May 11th

Read *John Wesley’s sermon, “The More Excellent Way,”* the online link was included in your Monday AgapeNet email. Write down your reflections or thoughts from this sermon.

Friday May 12th

Look for a practical way today to serve someone else using the lessons you have learned so far about rejoicing in God. Write down your reflections or experiences.

Saturday May 13th

In the early days of Methodist, John Wesley instructed each small group to answer certain questions aloud in the presence of the others in the group, for the purpose of shared accountability and support. The following are two of the questions they asked each other. Reflect on your answers and write them down. *Do I grumble or complain constantly? Am I defeated in any part of my life?*

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

Healing Strength: Gene Krebs (Eric’s father), Rich Reasoner, Rex Townsend, Stan Ensch, Chris Osborn (Ken and Sandy Grubb’s daughter), Janet Coons (Donna McCullough’s daughter)

Homebound Members: Mary Hicks, Mary Schmidt, Jeanne Carman, Ginny Compton, Clara Ford, Caroline Loos

Our College Students: Emily Zietlow, Alexandria Meyer, Emily Crowel, Noel Wolfe

Military Personnel: Adam Walters, Joseph Roberts, Lucas Lamkin, Adam Clark

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS & REFLECTIONS