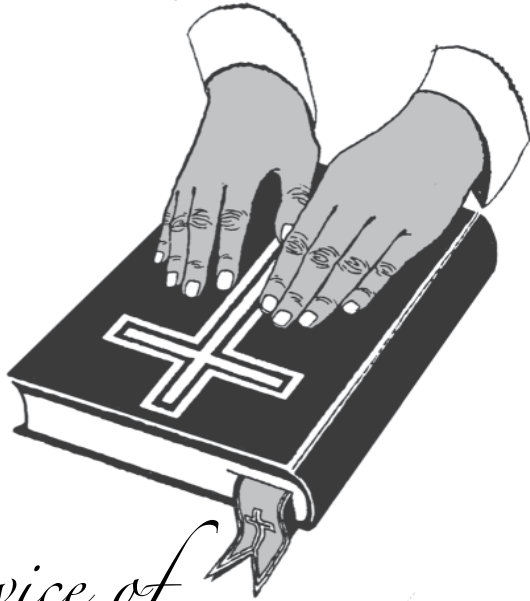
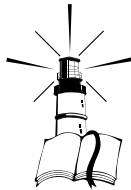


For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. *Romans 14:17 NKJV*



Service of
Worship &
Communion

Sunday, 2nd August, 2015



Berean Bible Church

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. • Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30 p.m.

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Order of Service

Invocation	Hymn #646
Hymn #516	Message – Rev. R. Trotman
Hymn #517	Hymn #
Prayer Pause	Distribution of Elements
1st Scripture Reading - Psalm 122 (Resp.)	Special Offering
Hymn #666	2nd Scripture Reading
Prayer	Hymn #789
Notices & Offering	Benediction
Musical Special	

Please remember to pray for:

- Personnel and drivers to assist Auntie Diana with the CEF Ministry in the summer camps
- Our youth & their youth retreat
- The Persecuted Church
- Our Building Project
- Our Outreach Ministry
- Our Shut-Ins



Enjoyment in the Kingdom

People in the world have the mistaken idea that Christians don't have fun.

Preparing to write this article, I did some research that led me to a couple of YouTube videos. One was of a Christian guy mockingly pretending to count ants for fun, among other things. Another video was of a woman who became bored after a few days after trying to live as a Christian, having stopped smoking, drinking, watching television, and reading books.

Fun Defined

Like many words, "fun" is used in a number of ways, but here are some common uses of the word that are applicable to our study.

As a noun, the word "fun" denotes "a source of enjoyment, amusement, or pleasure" (The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition, 2009).

Likewise, "fun" as an adjective describes that which is enjoyable or pleasurable.

Different Activities are Fun for Different People

In general, the things we enjoy and find pleasurable are fun. Since people find different things enjoyable, they differ in their view of what is fun.

For example, I imagine there are people who think it's fun to climb Mount Everest because they enjoy it, but I wouldn't enjoy climbing a mountain, and don't consider it to be fun.

Christians Different From Unbelievers

Christians are different from unbelievers, so our idea of fun is different.

"Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership has righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, **come out from their midst and be separate,**" says the Lord. "And **do not touch what is unclean;** and I will welcome you" (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

For example, the rich man who planned to tear down his barns and build larger ones so he could take it easy and relax, eat, drink and be merry for many years had a different view of fun than Jesus' disciples. His idea of fun resulted in his soul being required of him that very night, as one who wasn't rich toward God.

As Christians, things we find joyful and pleasurable are different from people of the world. The things that are fun to us are often not fun to them, and the things that are fun to them are often not fun to us.

Christians Don't Think Sin is Fun

"Fun" denotes that which is enjoyable or pleasurable.

"Fun" as it relates to worldly behaviors like drug abuse, alcoholism, and promiscuity results in a very un-fun life. These behaviours often result in financial ruin, physical and mental abuse, broken homes, and incurable disease. They not only affect the person engaging in the behavior, but also people associated with them (Rom. 1:18-32; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).

Satan deceives people into believing sinful behaviors are enjoyable (i.e., fun), thus enslaving them to sin, and resulting in destructive activities.

"Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin'" (Jn. 8:34).

As Christians, we train ourselves with God's word to think differently (Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:10). We abhor evil and cling to what is good (Rom. 12:9). We are virtuous, and partakers of God's divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4-5). We don't think sin is fun, except in cases when we mistakenly turn away from God and give ourselves over to sinful desires (1 Jn. 2:15-16).

Christians Have More Fun

As we conclude this study, I want to suggest that Christians have more fun. Families, small groups or individuals could go plan picnics, special dinners, long drives in the country, cool evening walks at the boardwalk, have Christian movie night with popcorn and snacks, games night, can be board or electronic games,

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swimming at the beach, support various Christian concerts, plays and events or even exercise by cycling, jogging or playing a group sport. The wholesome activities are endless. We can have more fun than we would have as unbelievers, and we have more fun than people in the world who aren't in Christ.

We rejoice all the time, consider it all joy when we encounter trials, have the peace of God that surpasses all understanding, and can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us (Phil. 4:4, 7, 13; Jas. 1:2).

Besides this, we have God's promise for the present life and also for the life to come (1 Tim. 4:8). The promise for this life is to have the best possible life while living as a child of God (Eph. 6:3). And the promise for the life to come is eternal life (1 Jn. 2:25).

What can bring a person more joy than serving God on earth, and being with Him for eternity in His Kingdom? Nothing.

Truly, Christians have more fun. †

Theme 2015 - Thy Kingdom Come			
Topic #	Name	Month	Comments
Topic 7	Funding for the Kingdom	July	Fundraising
Topic 8	Enjoyment in the Kingdom	August	Holiday/Festivals - wholesome christian activities. Spirituality while having fun
Topic 9	Honouring the heroes of the Kingdom	September	Senior Citizens month and elders' appreciation
Topic 10	Celebrations	October	Anniversary - special speaker/special week
Topic 11	Prince and Princesses of the Kingdom	November	Independence - nationalism; your role; position
Topic 12	Thy Kingdom Come	December	Christmas - the birthday of the King



Join us this evening at 6pm for an engaging Bible Study

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11 NIV



August Birthdays

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| 1st – Louise Moore | 19th – Patricia Gaskin | 27th – Tyrone Lowe |
| 3rd – Deirdre Austin | 21st – Celeste Porte | 30th – Cynthia Lindsay |
| – Audrey Lloyd | 23rd – Nicholas Williams | – Johan Rogers |
| 11th – Bernadette Holder | 24th – Monica Crawford | |
| 19th – Jean Connell | 25th – Raymond Wallace | |

Anniversaries

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| 2nd – Owen & Jenny Thompson | 21st – Joyce & Robert Belgrave |
| – Lorna & George Ward | 27th – Richard & Brigitte James |
| 4th – Raymond & Joy Wallace | |