



REAL JOY  
COMMUNITY  
FELLOWSHIP

**Monthly Newsletter**

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## From Pastor Tony

Can I get a “Praise the Lord”?! I am so excited about what God is doing in the life of our church that I can hardly keep myself under control. If you have not heard, the church has voted to both purchase the building in which meet and add on to it to make more room for worship and Bible Study classes. I will keep you posted as to what is happening when it happens.

We are currently in the process of procuring the loan for the building and the expansion and should know something the last week of this month. I have met with the appraisal company and delivered all of the necessary documents to the bank and we are just waiting to hear back from them on a possible closing date. The expansion will give us more class rooms to study in, more restrooms, and more space to worship in. The expansion will allow us to continue to grow, reaching more and more people for Christ!

July 24<sup>th</sup> will be a big day in the life of the church. It will be our **Victory Day** and ground breaking. When I say Victory Day a lot of people are probably asking “what is that?” It is a day where we give all of the victory and glory to God for what He has done at Real Joy Community Fellowship! It is a day where testimonies will be given of what God has done in lives of people through RJCF. It will also be a day where you as a member, regular attendee, or even a visitor who being led by God can make a financial donation to the building fund to help win souls for Christ and make disciples of men, women, boys, and girls in the name of Jesus Christ. You will also be able to pledge a donation of a skill, materials, or to help with the construction of the expansion on **Victory Day**. So please start praying now asking God what He would want you to give to the ministry and future ministry of Real Joy Community Fellowship. I promise that July 24<sup>th</sup> will be a day that you will not want to miss!

I also would like for you to pray for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. It will start writing the church constitution and by-laws in August. These writings will be the basis on which the church governs itself for years to come. The writings of this committee will have to be God directed and God ordained to bring glory and honor to our heavenly Father and to protect the church in the years to come. So please pray for this committee daily and soon the constitution and by-laws will be presented to the church for approval.

I would like to close my part of this newsletter by giving praise to God for what He is doing here at REAL JOY COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP! I would also like to make a plea for workers to work in our Vacation Bible School and our children’s ministry. We need to add a class during Bible study and we also need to add a nursery for bed babies to 2 yr olds in children’s worship. So if you would like to serve in one of these areas please see me.

And as always the people of this church are so near and dear to Trisha and me, keep us in your daily prayers. Without Him we are nothing. God Bless!

Pastor Tony

## From Pastor Bob and the Youth Department

Many of you may not know many of the decisions that are taking place at Real Joy. Things are being carefully and prayerfully planned out. And if you look around you just might see the blue prints that are hung on the wall for everyone to check out.

We are on the verge of transition..... and that causes me to stop and think, “transition” what does that word mean? Webster’s dictionary defines it as “A Passage from one state, stage, or place to another” WOW!! That is so cool, not only is our Church in transition, so are we! All of us are changing, sometimes for the better, and sometimes for the worse. However, God has this whole idea of transition taken care of.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 Paul writes that “if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation” and then he goes on to say that “the old is gone and that God makes all things new!” “All things new” Are there some area’s of your life where you would like to have things new again?

God wants to do amazing things in your life; He wants you to know that HE IS IN CONTROL!!

As things at the Church begin to transition take time to realize that God wants to transition things in your life, it takes time in a church building, and it takes time in our lives. However, the changes that God makes are the kind that make life worth living!

The youth had a great day when we went to Sky Zone at the beginning of June; it was great watching everyone trying flips and falls without getting hurt! Then we went to Polaris Mall and had lunch. It was so much fun to hang out & share laughs together.

July we are going to have a cookout, with games and Night Driving Range at the Par 3 Golf course. We are planning a Kings Island Trip in August. Come check out everything that’s going on every week! Bible Study Sunday morning 10:00am and Wednesday Night Group meets at 6:30! We always have a good time, but it would be even better if you were there!

## From Brady and the Music Department

This last month has been quite a blur. After my wedding and being gone for two weeks I feel like June has passed me by. But all in all it has been a good month and I want to thank all who came to the wedding and blessed us with gifts. We had an amazing time in Panama City on our honeymoon. It feels so different coming back and adjusting to a new life together. It is much like when we receive salvation – we have so much to re-learn to do. We know all of the old way we used to do things but in our new life that may not be what is best. We have to learn to be selfless and caring for each other. I am really excited about marriage and I hope that as we grow together that we can be a light into a dark world. It really is awesome to look and see how God speaks to us day in and day out. There is so much symbolism in life. Just like what I have been talking about. Marriage is designed by God and is a symbol of what we are to be to Him. The Bible talks about the church being the Bride of Christ and he has already given so much to us. How are we going to show our love in return? Isn't that what marriage is about giving **only** to the other person **all** the love that you have?

If you can't tell I am really excited about what God is doing in my life and in the church. If you want to be a part of what is going on or just want to show God the love and appreciation that he wants from you then get involved. VBS is coming up and we always want more people to be involved with the music ministry. You could sing, play, run sound, projection... The list goes on and on, but if you want to help talk to me. Also this month I am going to start planning for our Christmas services so I would ask that you would begin to pray over me and the services so that we will really be able to have in impact. Thanks and God bless!

## From Tami and the Children's Department

Greetings! Spring blew in with lots of rain and wind. Bad weather for us farmers, but it provided a wonderful day for kite flying!! After a little practice, and some longer tails, things were 'looking up'. Look for pictures on our web site. If you missed it, don't worry, we have more fun planned. No exact dates are set, but stay tuned to Real Joy's morning announcements and be the next to know what's happening (movie night, game night, etc...).

All these activities are a great way to spark children's interest, but our main goal is to provide a safe, JOYful place to learn about the love of Jesus Christ. We couldn't do that without the dedicated volunteers that teach our children every Sunday. I want to say, "Thank you" to each and every one of you!!

We are implementing several different safety measures. The background checks on all our workers are nearly complete. We have started collecting registration cards on each child. These cards inform the teachers of medical concerns and those allowed to pick up the children. If you have not filled one out, please get a card for each child from the back table and deposit them in the offering boxes by the doors.

It still amazes me how much our children learn by simply watching their parents. Without realizing, we teach our children so many things by example. With the introduction of later dismissal for our children, I hope to encourage family participation in the "praise and worship" time of our service. Music is a powerful, spirit filled experience that can be enjoyed by children of all ages. It is important to remember, and teach, God does not ask for perfect pitch, He asks for a heart that is willing to pour out unrestrained praise and admiration to our Lord and Savior. Even though my grandparents have been gone for many years, I still hear their voices echo through the songs we sing. Become a spiritual legacy for your children...

A fellow child in Christ,  
Miss Tami

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## **Spot Light Article of the Month**

**By Rayetta Caugherty**

A couple going for a ride in a fishing boat...a woman being taken away in a straight jacket...an office worker having a conversation with God...a hooker begging for mercy before the judge... parents arguing with their kids about why they have to go to church... These are some of the situations you may have witnessed if you've been here from the beginning of Real Joy Community Fellowship.

When I was in school, I never really liked drama. I was never involved in any school plays and I really never liked being up in front of people; however, at a church that we went to previously, I got involved with a drama that they were doing – as a prayer warrior. That first year, the Lord spoke to me and let me know that He could use me in this ministry. I became involved with acting, directing, and then with some writing and editing. It meant so much more when I was doing it for the Lord! I was telling people about Christ and they were being saved!!

When Pastor Tony was sharing a little with me about how he felt Real Joy needed to do things differently to reach people for Christ, he asked me if I would be the drama queen...er, the drama director, and I said that I would LOVE to help! So it works like this: He gives me an idea of what his sermon series will be about and I pray about it, the Lord gives me the idea for a skit, and I write it down. Then I have to find some people crazy enough, I mean kind enough to help me pull it off! ☺

I'd like to thank all of those who have been so generous with your time and talents and have joined me in this ministry adventure! You did it willingly and you don't know how much I appreciate that! However, we need to have more people involved and I need your help.

Maybe you're not someone who can play in the praise band or sing a beautiful solo, or maybe you aren't someone who can go out on visitation because you don't know the words to say when you knock on the door, but maybe you could memorize lines for a skit. Can you ham it up a bit? Maybe this is your ministry to tell others about Christ. If you think you'd like to try it, let me know. Remember, it's not about us, it's all about Him, but we have to let Him use us to lead others to Him. Is this your way to be used?

To God be the glory!  
-Rayetta