

BETHLEHEM
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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A COMMITTED CHURCH SERVING THE LORD

Here are four reasons to keep fun in the church:

1. Having fun together builds **community**. Praying together, serving together, mourning together, worshipping together, all of these help bond Christians to one another. So does laughter. Having fun together connects people in a way nothing else can.
2. It enhances your church's "friendliness". **Here's a question:** Do people who visit your church leave sensing your people like each other? They will grant you love each other for a while because they assume Christians love one another. Like? That's another matter. Who wants to join a **church** that doesn't like each other?
3. Providing opportunities for laughter is a form of pastoral care. Have you ever heard someone say, after laughing, "Oh...I needed that"? Life is extremely heavy these days. We need to remember that, "A cheerful heart is good medicine; but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 17:22 NIV) In its own way, laughter feeds cheerfulness of heart. If joy (a prominent theme in Scripture) is a Fruit of the Spirit, perhaps laughter can be thought of as a fruit of joy.
4. Laughter as witness. Wouldn't it be something if we could say:

*Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy. (Psalms 126:2-3 NIV)*

"**Worship**, isn't about entertainment," however, having been to other churches, you have never seen one where laughter had an inappropriate place. There are churches that have no laughter.

**Laughter is a good thing.
It's a Godly thing.
It will bless your church.**

Sunday, November 17, 2019 ~ 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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Morning Worship - 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



Praise and Worship

Praise & Worship Team

Psalms 100

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Selection

Choir

Offertory Prayer

Benevolent Offering

Welcome to Visitors

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Pastoral Remarks



Selection

Choir

Sermon

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Scripture References – Bible Text: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Main Ideas of the Sermon: _____



Selection

Choir

Invitation to Discipleship

Worship in Tithes & Offering

*This is not a debt I owe, but a seed I sow.
I'm sowing my seed in good soil. I'm expecting a greater harvest.*

Doxology

Benediction

Tithing is God's way of supporting the Church



The waiting congregation may enter at these points.

