



GRACE CITY CHURCH

AWKWARD ~~~~~
FAMILY
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**CHRISTMAS**



## WEEK 3: RIDONKULOUS JOY

THOMAS BLEVINS, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-9 NIV

**7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.**

MATTHEW 13:34 NIV

**Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.**

1 PETER 1:8 NIV

**Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.**

MATTHEW 6:19-21 NIV

**19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

# NOTES

(The stuff that sticks out to me)

We are a church where everyone is welcome,  
and everyone is wanted...including you!

# GOING DEEPER

(Some ideas to put it into practice)

## Questions to Ponder:

**How do you find joy when it feels like there's no joy left to be found?**

**Have you ever considered that guarding your heart could possibly rob you of finding joy?**

**Can you think of a time recently where the enemy killed your joy? How could that situation have gone differently?**

## A Verse to Memorize:

**12 “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”**

**Jeremiah 29:12-13 NIV**

## Take a Step:

**Ask God to help you look past all that you can see so you can discover what God is doing in the unseen.**

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# ALL IN, TOGETHER

## General Budget

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| 2023 Weekly Budget:  | \$10,187 |
| Given December 10th: | \$12,543 |
| Difference:          | \$2,356  |

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|---------------------|------------|
| 2023 Annual Budget: | \$529,724  |
| 2023 Budget YTD:    | \$499,163  |
| 2023 Given YTD:     | \$450,899  |
| Difference:         | (\$48,264) |

## Build Your Church Fund

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|--------------------|-----------|
| BYC December 10th: | \$4,404   |
| BYC YTD:           | \$196,622 |
| BYC Total Given:   | \$516,509 |

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