



# February 2017

This month, and longer if you want, may we consider the word “JOY”? Next are a handful of Scriptures to help bring us into the proper frame of mind. Please don’t brush over God’s Word. Inhale it.

Nehemiah 8: 10...*for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

Psalm 5:11 *But let all those that put their trust in You rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them: let them also that love Your name be joyful in You.*

Psalm 16:11 *You will show me the path of life: in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

Psalm 30:4-6 *Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holiness. <sup>5</sup>For His anger endures but a moment; in His favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. <sup>6</sup>And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.*

Psalm 51:11-12 *Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with Your free spirit.*

3 John 1:4 *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*

Proverbs 23:23-25 *Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. <sup>24</sup>The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begets a wise child shall have joy of him. <sup>25</sup>Your father and thy mother shall be glad, and she who bore you shall rejoice.*

Ecclesiastes 2:26 *For God gives to a man that is good in His sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy.*

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## Home Court Advantage Meeting

Join us this month for a “Moms Only” fellowship. This is a chance for mom’s to come together to discuss home school topics. We talk about struggles and challenges that we have faced, and also bring encouragement, especially from those who have been home schooling for a long time. We usually share a scripture or two to go along with our topic for the night. Nursing infants are welcome. We would love to see you there!

Home Court Advantage is a CHEF of Lafayette members only activity. However, member moms can invite a friend to attend the monthly gatherings.

**RSVP with Monica Gauthreaux (337) 207-0738**

**[monicagaux@bellsouth.net](mailto:monicagaux@bellsouth.net)**

**WHEN: Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

**WHERE: The Home of Laura Gavlas**

**109 Eldridge Dr., Broussard, LA 70508**

**For directions, call Laura (303) 667-8607**



## UPCOMING HOMESCHOOL EVENTS

### **CHEF Tennis Clinic**

Spring Homeschool Tennis  
Beaver Park, Lafayette, LA  
12 Lessons, Tuesdays and Thursdays  
1:00 pm \$80 per student  
\$50 for CHEF members  
First session, Thursday, March 2, 2017  
Register by 02/23/17 to receive discount.



Class sizes are limited

Contact Ross Little (337) 654-8004

[rosslittle25@gmail.com](mailto:rosslittle25@gmail.com)

Go to this link for details:

<https://www.homeschool-life.com/la/chefoflafayette/Tennis%20Spring%202017.pdf>

### **Movie: Is Genesis History?**

This is not a CHEF event.

WHEN: Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>,

WHERE: Grand 14 Ambassador – Lafayette

This is sponsored by Ross & Julie Little

Go to this link for details and tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/is-genesis-history-registration-31649973924?aff=es2>



### **Monthly Park Day Gatherings**

Join us at Thomas Park, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday of each month, for fellowship and  
play! Bring snacks and water for the little  
ones. Meet by the playground.

Contact Mary Lewis with questions  
(337) 551-9697

WHEN: Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 2:30 – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Thomas Park, 300 Geraldine Dr.,  
Lafayette, LA 70503



## Etcetera

### **February Birthdays**

13<sup>th</sup> Heather Powell  
19<sup>th</sup> Paul Thompson  
21<sup>st</sup> Kaleb Breaux  
24<sup>th</sup> Aubree Gauthreaux  
28<sup>th</sup> Nichole DeLine  
28<sup>th</sup> Isabelle Gavlas



### **CHEF has a new website!**

Same address [www.chefoflafayette.org](http://www.chefoflafayette.org)

Several months ago your username and password were emailed to you. This Information is needed to enter the website. If you are not entering your username and password, you are seeing only the public side of the site. If you need this information resent to you, email Cindy North [cf.north1207@gmail.com](mailto:cf.north1207@gmail.com)

### **Important Dates in February**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Park Day Gathering  
16<sup>th</sup> Home Court Advantage  
23<sup>rd</sup> Tennis Discount Deadline  
23<sup>rd</sup> "Is Genesis History" Movie

### **B.O.L.O. (Be on the Look Out)**

Spring Homeschool Tennis  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12  
Lessons, 1<sup>st</sup> Session March 2, 2017  
contact Ross Little (337) 654-8004  
[rosslittle25@gmail.com](mailto:rosslittle25@gmail.com)

COUNT YOUR  
**BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

(JOY continued from page 1)

John 15:10-11 *If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

In this 'world' of today, it is so easy not to be full of joy, or less joyful, right? If we focus on the wrong things that are surrounding us, such as Peter did when he stepped out of the boat and walked on the water towards his Lord, Peter was successful as long as he kept his focus on Jesus, but when he looked at the waves and what the wind was doing, he began to sink into that which he was conquering. It is so, so easy to let our troubles get to us. We sometimes allow our troubles to consume us to the point of illness.

Well, now, raise your eyes from your feet to the Lord and His Word! Look above to what He has given us! JOY! Feeling weak, then renew your JOY! Find JOY in the LORD! Because His JOY is your strength! We are supposed to be the 'Salt and Light' of the 'world'. But, where is our focus? Do not focus on yesterday's troubles. What comes in the morning? Yep, you got it, JOY; such a simple word, but yet, such a very important word.

Allow me to pass on just one more nugget. This is not Biblical, but maybe it will help you keep your focus a little more in the "proper order". Be blessed and joyful!

## Jesus Others You

Remember Parents, our children are learning from us.

*Don Gauthreaux*

Husband, Parent, Past President

Matt. 20:27

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