

Still Celebrating Jesus

120 Year Celebration

Wylie Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Hatcher – November 10, 2024

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

We celebrate Jesus when we...

1. **REJECT ANYTHING THAT OBSTRUCTS OUR WALK WITH GOD**

Hebrews 12:1b

... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...

We celebrate Jesus when we...

2. **FIX OUR GAZE UPON HIM WHO LOVES US**

Hebrews 12:3

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross...

Mark 10:32

[Jesus & the disciples] were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way...

Luke 22:15

[Jesus] said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

We celebrate Jesus when we...

3. **RUN THE RACE THAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US**

Hebrews 12:1c

... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Philippians 3:10-14

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.