

Home Run!

Reasons for Joy / Philippians #9 (Philippians 3:12-4:1)



*To know authentic joy is to feel God's pleasure,
and to feel God's pleasure we must run.*

Paul's Goal: Not personal pleasure or religious accomplishment
but **Knowing Christ**.

Paul's Confession: ***I have not arrived yet.*** I must keep "pressing
on, straining forward, running the race" of life
in Christ as a good "citizen of heaven."

Paul's Concern: People forget to **Run**.
People forget where **Home** is.

Our challenge: **RUN!**

Our comfort: **HOME!**

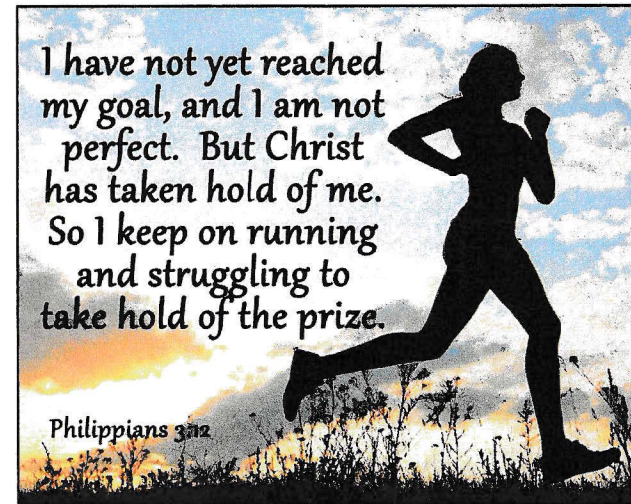
I. **RUN!**

- A. Be a **pilgrim**, not a **settler**!
- B. Avoid the trap of **perfectionism** (We don't ever arrive
here on earth)
 - 1. Forget past **failures**.
 - 2. Forget past **successes**.
 - 3. RUN!...
 - a) toward the goal
 - b) listening for God's direction
 - c) always forward in intention and effort

II. **HOME!**

- A. Not here on earth
- B. Our citizenship is in **heaven**!
- C. Our citizenship is **solid**!

**Life in Christ is like the Run Home
after the winning Home Run!**



Socrates, being asked what countryman he was, answered, "I am a citizen of the whole world." But ask a Christian what countryman he is, and he will answer, "I am a citizen of all heaven."
- William Secker

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

June 29, 2025

Service for The Lord's Day

June 29, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

- Philippians 3:20-21

As Citizens of Heaven, We Gather Here on Earth

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Welcome and Church Family News

Commissioning Our New Youth Dir. Bobby-Gospel Bertrand

Commissioning Our 2025 VBS Team

Call to Worship Jenny McNeely

Proverbs 18:10; 1 Cor. 9:24-26; Heb. 12:1-2

Leader: The name of the Lord is a strong tower;

People: The righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Leader: Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.

People: The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

People: Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: The name of the Lord is a strong tower;

People: The righteous man runs into it and is safe.

We Worship Jesus Christ Who Makes Us His Own

***Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord" & "Praise the King"

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***Time of Greeting**

Children's Prayer Time

Katie Guerrero

Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & King of Kings

Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one.

God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

Time of Offering

Special Music "Every Step" Covenant Praise Band

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God's Word Calls Us to Keep Running After Jesus

***Hymn of Preparation** "Be Thou My Vision" #642

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 3:12-4:1 (p.)**

Message: Home Run! Pastor Jay Hull

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We Depart to Keep Pressing on Toward Resurrection

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" #600

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Nancy Tedford, organ

* indicates to stand if you are able