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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ  
 Greater Hartford Chapter  
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update: Fellows program; 9/21-25 conference in FL
- **Today's topic: *Are you joyful at work?***

***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. –Galatians 5:22-23***

This week is the 15th annual Joy At Work Week launched by Northeast Christians At Work in 2000. It's one thing to be joyful at church on Sunday morning, another thing to be joyful at home or pursuing recreational hobbies. But what about being joyful in the trenches of everyday worklife? If we interviewed your staff, suppliers, customers and the general public, would you be characterized as being a "joyful" business owner?

Joy means "gladness of heart," and scripture tells us we have much to joyful about:

- Christ's birth - good tidings of great joy in Luke 2:10-11
- Christ's resurrection - the empty tomb in Matthew 28:7-8
- Salvation - the lost sheep being found in Luke 15:5, 10
- Forgiveness of sins - that divine cleansing in Psalm 51:8-12
- God's Word - in which Jeremiah found joy in Jeremiah 15:16
- Your name written in heaven - Luke 10:20
- True faith in 1 Peter 1:8

- If you are joyful at work, it will be expressed by:
- Your countenance - as in the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22
  - Music - as with the women celebrating David in 1 Samuel 18:6
  - Praises - as with the Levites in 2 Chronicles 29:30

Do you really want to do business with grumpy people? In "The Noticer," the author writes that *"a life filled with opportunities and encouragement finds more opportunities and encouragement, and success becomes inevitable."* **Joy is contagious, and makes doing business much more enJOYable!**

CELEBRATE THE 15th ANNUAL  
**JOY AT WORK WEEK**  
 APRIL 13-20, 2014



**Your glow  
 should show  
 Who you know!**

A consistently grumpy, crabby Christian is a contradiction of terms. Is the joy of the Lord your strength, even at work?  
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Evaluate yourself from 1 (bad) to 10 (good) in terms of being joyful at work?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being more joyful at work?										
What specific actions can you take to be more joyful at work?										

- Upcoming meetings on May 7 and 21, next This Is My Story breakfast on June 4
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer