God's Surprising Witness NELSON AVE. CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH – August 6, 2017

"Yet He [God] did not leave Himself without a **witness** ... " ACTS 14:17 (ESV)

Some of God's Witnesses

"How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done! Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next. No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth." PSALM 19:1-4 (GNB)

"God ... has planted **eternity in the human heart**." ECCLESIASTES 3:11 (NLT)

"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it." PSALM 139:14 (NLT)

"For since the creation of the world **God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have** been **clearly** seen, being **understood** from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." ROMANS 1:10 (NIV)

God's Witnesses in ACTS 14:17 (NIV)

•	"… [God] has not left Himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven … "
	" [God] has not left Himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you crops in their seasons "
	" [God] has not left Himself without testimony: He provides you with plenty of food "
	" [God] has not left Himself without testimony: He fills your hearts with joy."
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Personal notes on joy in my own life:	

Our greatest witness of joy: Knowing

Jesus: "I have told you these things so that you will be **filled with**My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"

JOHN 15:11 (NLT)

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FAITH AT HOME QUESTIONS: If you are under 35 years old, find at least one episode in each of the five years of your life that might be a witness to God's presence. If you are over 35, try to find at least two such episodes in each decade of your life. Share them with someone. In prayer thank God (together) for these times.

How is Christ your greatest joy? Why is He our greatest