

Monday, March 21, 2016
7/2 Prayer

WE ARE A FAMILY CHURCH

Joy Christian Center is made up of many different people. As a family church we have two goals. The first is to minister effectively to every age group and the second is to create a family or community of those who call Joy their home church. Today's time of prayer will center on two topics: prayer that we as a church will remain strong and united in heart, mind and purpose and for the many families that make up Joy.

Prayer for Unity

Heavenly Father this is the confidence that we have in you; that if we ask anything according to your will you hear us and since we know that you hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we desire of you.

Lord we come into your presence and we thank you for Joy Christian Center. We believe that you have called us to be lights in Central Minnesota, as well as around the world. So Lord, we lift our voices to you in one accord recognizing that everything was made by you and for you.

Lord help us to all speak the same thing, so that there will be no division among us, that we would be perfectly joined together in the same heart and mind. Lord grant to us, as your representatives here, that we would have a boldness to speak your Word and that you will confirm that word with signs following.

Heavenly Father help us to be of one and the same mind (united in spirit), loving each other as brethren, being compassionate and courteous. Help us to be tenderhearted and humble-minded. We'll never return evil for evil or insult for insult, but instead we'll give a blessing! Lord we know that we've been called to this, that we may ourselves inherit a blessing as heirs of God.

We pray as members of the Body of Christ that we'll live in a way that honors you; with complete humility, being teachable, unselfish and gentle. Lord help us to operate with patience as we endeavor to keep the harmony and oneness of the Spirit in the binding power of peace.

We thank you Father that within our church we have the ministry gifts that will edify this body for you. We also believe that we will all come into the unity of faith, into the knowledge of the Son of God and that we will grow to become a mature follower of Christ. None of our people will be children who may be tossed to and fro or get carried about with any wind of doctrine. We believe that each department will function with excellence and that there will be an abundance of people operating with the gifts you have given them.

We believe that we're a growing and witnessing body of believers and that every need is abundantly supplied for. Therefore, we're able to meet the needs of the people who come; spirit, soul and body. Lord we thank you in advance for the wisdom of God in meeting these needs. Father, we thank you for the ministry facilities that will more than meet the needs of the ministry you have called us to do. We believe that our church is prospering financially and that we have more than enough to meet every need and situation that arises. We believe that we have everything we need to carry out the Great Commission in reaching central Minnesota for Jesus.

We believe that Joy Christian Center is a supernatural church, full of supernatural people, doing supernatural things. We declare that because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit we are a people of love and we thank you that the Word of God is living big in all of us.

Exodus 35:33; Psalm 63:4; Acts 4:24-29; Ephesians 4:11-15; Philippians 4:19; Romans 4:17, 5:5; 1 Corinthians 1:10, 3:9

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Prayer for Families and Their Homes

Lord God, we believe that your divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of you, who called us by your own glory and goodness. Father, we believe that you delight in the prosperity of your people and we thank you that wealth, riches and honor are in our house and that your righteousness will endure forever.

Lord you have said that through skillful and godly wisdom that the house (my life, my home, my family) is built and that by understanding it is established on a sound foundation. By knowledge shall the chambers (every area of my life) be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Lord you have said that the house of the uncompromisingly righteous shall stand. Prosperity and welfare are in my house in the name of Jesus.

We believe that the families, the homes of the people of Joy are founded on a rock—on the revelation knowledge of your Word. We believe that Jesus is our cornerstone.

We believe that whatever our task may be, we'll work at it heartily as something done for you, Lord and not for men. We love each other with the God kind of love and we dwell in peace. We trust that each home is deposited into your charge, entrusted to your protection and care.

Father we believe that the people of Joy will declare that, "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord." We believe that our homes and our church will be a place of your power and presence. Lord we pray that each and every leader in the home will be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Lord we declare your power and authority over our homes and over our church and we believe that the people who follow you will be mighty in this land and that the generation of the upright will be blessed in everything they do.

Joshua 24:15; Psalm 112:2-3; Proverbs 12:7; Proverbs 15:6; Proverbs 24:3-4; Matthew 18:20; Luke 6:48; John 4:23; Acts 4:11; Acts 16:31; Acts 20:32; Ephesians 1:3; Philippians 2:10-11; Colossians 3:14-15; Colossians 3:23; 2 Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
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TEACHING PEOPLE

The ministries of Joy Christian Center are specifically designed to inspire, challenge and encourage people in their walk of faith. Because we believe a life of faith can begin as early as a child begins to physically walk, we value every type of teaching from our Nursery rooms all the way to the Sanctuary. Today's time of prayer will center on two topics; prayer for people to have an open receptive heart and for the many ministries of Joy.

Prayer for Open Hearts

Lord God, we pray that people would open up their lives to receive from you. May you soften their spirits and give them a new heart as they turn to you in this desperate time. May they be eager to hear what you have to say through your written Word and by the Word as it is preached and sung at church. Lord, there are things in your Word that are difficult to hear—warnings about the need for purity and the need for repentance from sin. Let those who come to this place have a willingness to hear those words and act upon them.

Ephesians 1:18; Ezekiel 36:26; Jeremiah 24:7

Prayer for the Ministries of Joy

Lord God, we believe in the power of teaching people your Word. We believe that your Word is living and active and we pray that the life-giving message of the Bible would infiltrate the lives of people who come to Joy. May the teaching of your grace, love, peace and forgiveness be at the heart of every Scripture read and illustration or story used reaching from the oldest down to the youngest.

Lord, we lift up the children and youth in our church to you. May the little ones remain humble examples of what it means to be a child of God. Let their conduct always be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember you. Teach them to declare your marvelous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace.

Matthew 18:3-4; Proverbs 20:11; Psalm 71:17; 2 Timothy 2:22

Lord, we lift up the women in our church to you. May they be encouraged, strengthened and refreshed. Teach our women to be virtuous—women with gentle and quiet spirits who put their hope in you. Let the ministries of our church produce women who feel your passion for them and who choose to spend time at your feet.

Proverbs 31:10; 1 Peter 3:4; Psalm 45:11; Luke 10:38-42; Philippians 4:3

Lord, we lift up the men of our church to you. We pray that you will use the different ministries of our church to build them in their faith. Teach them to be in right relationship with you and each other, to love sacrificially, to be patient and to speak the truth in love even when it's hard. Encourage them to hold each other accountable as they carry each other's burdens.

Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Timothy 5:1; Ephesians 5:25, 6:4; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:15;
Proverbs 27:6

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
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REACHING OUR WORLD

Joy Christian Center exists in Central MN to make a difference in the world. As we have said often, that begins right here where you and I are (St. Cloud, Waite Park, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, Foley and surrounding communities). We believe that as the Word of God is sown into each of our lives (from children to seniors) that we then carry the light, love and story of God with us, wherever God puts each one of us. In our neighborhoods, in our work places, in our classrooms, in the market place, in hospitals, in nursing homes, on the trails and sidewalks of our community. WE WILL SPREAD THE LOVE OF CHRIST and there will be GREAT JOY in our city.

Prayer for Boldness

Today, God, we will step out in faith and not fear. We will boldly profess the victory in our lives through Jesus. We will not let shyness get the better of us. We have been placed exactly where we are, for such a time as this. We thank you Father that you have broken every chain that would hinder our confidence in Christ in US, the hope for our world. We pray that whenever we speak words are given, so that we will fearlessly make the Gospel known.

Today, we proclaim with boldness that we have been redeemed, set free and healed by you and through the work that you have already done. We know we can depend on you, for you always stand by your Word. Help us to build our confidence as we draw near to you. Teach us to spread the message that you have written on our hearts boldly across central Minnesota, that Jesus Christ is Lord. We will confidently declare that you Lord are our helper and we will not fear man.

We thank you that the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, and we know that your perfect love casts out fear. Restore our bravery to stand in front of crowds and minister to people, if it be your will. We thank you that no matter where we are, we do not have to worry about what to say, we know that you will give us the words to say, Restore hope, love and peace in our land today. In Jesus' name, we pray that the boldness that we long to have will arise.

In Jesus Name.

Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 6:19; Hebrews 13:6; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 4:18; Psalm 124:8

Prayer for Ministries We Support

Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)—Kevin & Bre Steinhaus
Helping Hurting Children Haiti—Rod Baker
Kenneth Hagin Ministries
MN Adult and Teen Challenge
Organization Christiana (Spanish)
Pregnancy Resource Center
The Salvation Army
Tony Cooke Ministries
United Nations Kona- Trevor and Maria Hilman
World Compassion - Kevin Bjorklund
Youth for Christ

Father we thank you for strategically placing us in relationship with other people and ministries. We are sure Lord, that you have called us as a people of Joy and part of the body of Christ, to BE a Family Church Teaching People to Reach Their World. We thank you that through the people of Joy

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Christian Center, more and more people will KNOW you, they will find FREEDOM through you and relationship with other believers, they will discover the PURPOSE you have placed in them and will make a DIFFERENCE everywhere we are.

We believe Father God that also includes putting us into relationships with those who are called to carry out a mission and vision that you have uniquely called them to; different in process, yet clear in purpose than that which we are compelled to. We thank you, Father, that you have placed within us deposits that will assist and aid other's in fulfilling their calling. That through prayer, encouraging words, involvement, relationship and financial giving that you will use us to bring increase blessings to those we are in relationship with.

Father we pray for the leaders of each of these organizations and ministries. May you continue to strengthen them on the inside by your Spirit. We thank you that there is not a single weapon that the Enemy can form that will have any success against them. Give each of them a Spirit of Wisdom and a revelation in the knowledge of you and let them rest knowing the hope of the specific calling, anointing and provision you have provided for them in Christ.

We thank you, Father, that you Lord God are building your church and the gates of hell will not prevail in any way against us. To you be the glory, power and honor.

In Jesus Name.

Isaiah 54:17; Ephesians 4; James 5:16; Luke 11:2

Thursday, March 24, 2016
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KNOWING GOD IS OUR DESIRE

Everyone has the potential to grow in their knowledge of God. For the unchurched, Sunday services are a great starting place. Each week the opportunity is presented to make a decision to follow Christ and fellowship with other believers. For the church, Sunday services provide the continuance of building faith, with inspiration to live a life that displays the character of Christ to the world we seek to reach. Today's time of prayer is devoted to effective Sunday services and especially for our upcoming Easter Sunday service.

Prayer for Effective Sunday Services

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, we come into your presence thanking you for Joy Christian Center. You have called us to be saints living and serving in central Minnesota, but we understand with technology and media our services have many options for impact. We recognize the urgency of our day and the importance of reaching our generation with Your Word. As we lift our voices in one accord, we acknowledge that you are God and everything was made by and for you. We too, through faith in Your Word and trust in your call into being those things that be not as though they were.

We desire that every service we provide be a life-giving force and a light that shines in the darkness. As we come together in services, we thank you that we all speak the same thing, with no division among us; that we are perfectly joined together in the same mind. Grant unto us, your representatives, the boldness to speak Your Truth, which you will confirm with signs following. We thank you that we have workmen in abundance and all manner of cunning people for every manner of work. We pray that every department operates in the excellence of ministry and intercessions speaking the truth in love.

We ask you to guide and direct our services as we endeavor to meet the needs of the people who come — spirit, soul and body. We ask for the wisdom of God, Your Wisdom, in service planning, promoting and implementing. Grant us creative ideas that help present Your Word in simplicity and plainness, understandable to all. Keep us from anything that would hinder Your Spirit from moving on the hearts of individuals who have had bad experiences elsewhere.

Prayer for Easter Sunday

Father, we thank you for the ministry facilities, equipment and those serving that you have blessed us with, to accommodate the many who attend weekly and special services. We ask that even more laborers be sent into the harvest field you have called us to. We pray that our upcoming Easter services would be fruitful and reach all hearts through the love that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and through the messages presented on that Sunday.

Prepare our hearts to cheerfully receive those yet to know you and prepare their hearts to receive you, when knowledge is gained. Every person is loved by you; therefore every service is special to you. Help us to do our part to help make every service special for everyone who comes.

Acts 4:24; Ephesians 4:11-15; Romans 4:17; Philippians 4:19; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Romans 5:5;
Acts 4:29; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Mark 16:20b; Psalm 63:4; Exodus 35:33

Friday, March 25, 2016
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FINDING FREEDOM

At Joy we believe that the discipleship journey is a process. We understand that we don't start out as finished products, but instead by the application of truth in our lives we're transformed by the Word of God into who we are in Christ. God wants us to be transformed and one of the main ways we accomplish this growth in our lives is through small groups. Today's time of prayer will center on two topics; first to pray for our small groups and their leaders and secondly prayer for those who are struggling to break free from the past or from habits and addictions.

Prayer for Small Groups and Their Leaders

Heavenly Father we thank you that your ears are open to our prayers today. You said that we're to ask and receive, so that our joy would be full. Lord, today we pray for our small groups and the leaders of those groups.

I thank you Lord for sending us the Holy Spirit to teach us and lead us into truth. Jesus we recognize that Your Word is truth. We believe that the Word of God that is spoken is alive and full of power, making it active, operative, energizing, effective and being sharper than any two-edged sword. I thank you that Your Word will cause us to grow up in every way and in all things unto Him, who is the Head, even Christ. Lord I thank you that you're giving us ears to hear what the spirit is saying to the church. I thank You Father that because we hear Your Word the people at Joy are no longer children, tossed around like ships in the water but instead are growing up into you in love.

We thank you for teachers who are full of the Word and Spirit of God. We believe that you will fill them with wisdom, knowledge, understanding and ability. Lord we ask you to anoint each small group leader and that by the Holy Spirit you would empower them to communicate the Word of God in simplicity, with boldness and accuracy. We believe that those who hear will not be able to resist the wisdom and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that will be ministered in each small group. We believe that as your word is taught, you'll cause the spiritual eyes and ears of your people to be opened and flooded with light.

We believe that the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, and the spirit of knowledge will be made manifest within each group. We commend our leaders and groups to God and to the word of His grace, which we know is able to build us up and give us an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

John 16:24, 17:17; Acts 6:10; Acts 20:32; Ephesians 1:18; Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 3:22

Prayer for Those Struggling with Addictions

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus and I thank you that the weapons of my warfare are not the mere physical weapons of flesh and blood, but they are mighty in you and they have great power to overthrow and destroy strongholds in the lives of people.

I speak to the devil, to the principalities and powers, to the rulers of the darkness of this world. I have been given authority to tread over serpents and snakes and I take authority over you and demand you to release them in the mighty name of Jesus. You will loose them and let them free in the name of Jesus. Satan I remind you that you are a defeated foe.

Father I speak freedom over those that are in bondage to their past and those who suffer from addictions. I thank you that Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil and that the

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Enemy has been utterly defeated. I believe that whom the Son sets free is free indeed and because of that I believe that every yoke of bondage is broken in their lives.

I pray that you would strengthen them with all might by the Holy Spirit on the inside. I pray that they would no longer desire to be the slave of wrong habits and behaviors and they would no longer be brought under its power. In the name of Jesus I pray that they would withstand the devil and that they would be firm in their faith against the Enemy. I believe they'll continue to be rooted, established, strong, immovable and determined.

Father, I thank you that your presence goes with them and that you'll give them rest. I thank you Lord that they will not fret and their heart won't be troubled and neither shall they be afraid. I pray Lord that they would put their hope in you and learn to wait expectantly for you.

Matthew 11:28; Luke 10:19; John 14:1; Ephesians 3:16-18, 6:10-17; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; James 4:7

Saturday, March 26, 2016
7/2 Prayer

DISCOVERING PURPOSE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Each of us comes into the world with unique purpose that is both personal and progressive. We all have God plans to fulfill; plans that bring satisfaction and joy when we understand and embrace the talents and gifts within. Any church that equips it's attenders with the means to locate purpose and provides avenues to utilize their abilities, will not only please God, but in addition will achieve the most vigorous goals with enthusiasm and involvement. Pray today for everyone who calls JCC "Home" to enjoy knowing purpose and even greater yet, enjoy doing purpose.

Prayer for People Knowing

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray and confess that the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge, shall rest upon the people of Joy Christian Center.

We ask that you in your infinite knowledge and unmatched power will make us of quick understanding because you, Lord, have anointed and qualified us to preach the Gospel to the meek, the poor, the wealthy and the afflicted. You have sent us with Your Word, by Your Spirit, to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound.

We pray and believe that no weapon formed against us shall prosper and that any tongue that rises against us in judgment shall be shown to be in the wrong. We pray Lord that you prosper every family abundantly—physically, spiritually and financially.

We confess that Joy Christian Center holds fast and follows the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching in all faith and love, which is for us in Christ Jesus. We desire to always guard and keep with the greatest love the precious and excellently adapted truth, entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit who makes His home in our hearts.

Prayer for People Doing

Lord, we trust and believe that each and every day freedom of utterance is given as we fulfill the plans, purposes and pursuits you direct us in. We pray that we will open our mouths boldly and courageously as we ought to do, to get the Gospel to the people. Thank you Lord, for the added strength which comes superhumanly that you have given us. May the gifts and talents you placed in us be used to bring you glory. Help those seeking to know, that they might find and those who find, that they might do. We understand that good gifts come only from you and you withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly.

We confess that we shall stand behind the families of Joy and undergird them in prayer. We will say good things edifying each other and we will honor the talents you've placed at Joy Christian Center. We will not allow ourselves to judge others, but will continue to intercede for our church and speak and pray blessings over other's abilities that are reaching central Minnesota and beyond. It's in you and you alone, that we find our place and give our best for we have purpose.

Isaiah 11:2-3; 2 Timothy 1:13-14; Isaiah 61:1-6; Ephesians 6:19-20; Isaiah 54:17; 1 Peter 3:12