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# CONNECT with *Joy*

A family church teaching people to reach their world

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## the gift of community with *Joy* groups



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**NEW GROUP LISTINGS, PLUS WAYS TO CONNECT**

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Join us for  
**GROUPS**  
*Better Together*

# Find & Register for your group

*3 Options for registration & payment*

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 CHURCH CENTER APP



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 ONLINE  
[greatjoy.org](http://greatjoy.org)



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 IN PERSON  
 Sign ups at Joy: Aug 18, 25 & Sept 1, 8

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8:00 – 9:30am – Men's Fellowship at Rock Creek

9:00am – 12:00pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golfing with the Guys

### VARIES

Make a Difference Team.

### 2 THESSALONIANS - BALANCING WORKING & WAITING | 14 WEEKS

How do we handle deceptive/false information? What are the five biblical conditions required before the tribulation can begin? What is the departure of 2 Thessalonians? In part 1 of 3 of this video led Bible study, these questions and many more will be answered.

**WHEN:** **Option 1:** Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00pm  
 Sept 10–Dec 17 (no group 11/26)

**Option 2:** Thursdays, 1:00–2:30pm  
 Sept 12–Dec 19 (no group 11/28)

**LEADERS:** Pastor Tim Lambert | 320-253-7819  
 Bill Slininger | 320-217-3138

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** up to 14

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults and teens grades 10 & up

### AA THE OLD FASHIONED WAY | ONGOING

We, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more than 100 men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. Join us to learn how this 12-step study can transform your life.

**WHEN:** Thursdays, (no group 11/28)

**TIME:** 6:30–7:30pm

**LEADERS:** Mike Redmond | 320-292-1867  
 Doug Wilhelm | 320-217-5949

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** unlimited

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults

### THE BIBLE FROM A HISTORICAL & CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE | 5 WKS

Join us for a study of selected scripture passages as we unwrap the historical and cultural context as provided from a variety of theologians. We will consider its relationship to the rest of the scriptures and explore present-day applications.

**WHEN:** Mondays, September 16–October 14

**TIME:** 6:30–7:30pm

**LEADERS:** Kelly Gully | 952-201-3565  
 Jessie Curry | 218-316-1624

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** up to 12

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults & teens ages 16 & up

### THE CHOSEN - SEASON 4 | 8 WEEKS

What does it actually mean to be chosen? To answer that question, we will look through the eyes of those who met Him. Jesus is love and mercy, He extends both to us and invites us to be a part of the family of God. Bring someone with you who needs to meet Jesus...it will be a great way to introduce someone to a life of faith.

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, September 11–October 30

**TIME:** 6:30–8:00pm

**LEADERS:** Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

**WHERE:** Off-site (address given when signing up)

**GROUP SIZE:** up to 10

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults



### DISCOVER YOU! | 1 DAY

Join us for this interactive group designed to help you discover more about yourself. We'll be doing a gift inventory and personality assessment with time to explore what this means for your life and relationships.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 24

**TIME:** 6:30–7:45pm

**LEADERS:** Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** unlimited

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults and students grades 9 & up

# We invite you to deepen your connection with *Joy* community by registering for a small group.

These gatherings provide an opportunity to build meaningful relationships, explore your faith in greater depth and receive personalized support and encouragement. In a small group setting, you can share your experiences, pray together and study the Bible in a more focused and engaging environment. By joining a small group, you'll find a close-knit family within the larger church, helping you grow spiritually and forge lasting friendships.

Sign up today and experience the transformative power of doing life together in Christ.

## EPHESIANS - AN IN-DEPTH STUDY | 7 WEEKS

Are you ready to dive deep into the powerful teachings of the book of Ephesians? Join us for the transformative 7-week journey as we explore each verse of this profound epistle. This study is designed to help you read, believe and align your life with the Word of God in its proper context.

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, September 11–October 23  
**TIME:** 6:00–7:30pm  
**LEADERS:** Kadir Mullings | 612-407-6938  
**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center  
**GROUP SIZE:** up to 12  
**COST:** none  
**OPEN TO:** adults

## EVERY MAN A WARRIOR: WALKING WITH GOD | 9 WEEKS

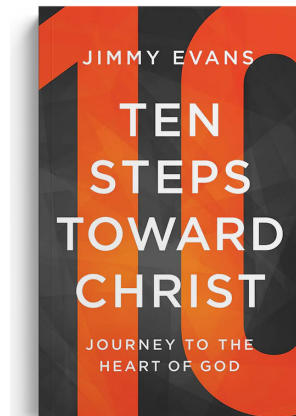
*Walking with God* teaches the skills of quiet time, meditating on Scripture, Prayer and Application. It helps men identify those issues that keep them from growing in their Christian faith. Each lesson tells the stories of real men dealing with real-life problems and how God offers solutions.

**WHEN:** Sundays, September 15–November 10  
**TIME:** 6:30–8:00pm  
**LEADERS:** Karl Larsen | 612-219-4602  
**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center  
**GROUP SIZE:** up to 8  
**COST:** book - *Every Man a Warrior* - Book 1 by Lonnie Berger  
**OPEN TO:** men

## FOURTH STEP WORKSHOP | 6 WEEKS

Freedom is available! You will learn the tools to let go of your hurts, bitterness, resentments and fears. You can have peace and happiness like God intended you to have when you find out how to let go and let God heal you.

**WHEN:** Mondays, October 7–November 11  
**TIME:** 6:30–8:00pm  
**LEADERS:** Mike & June Redmond  
320-252-2481 or 320-292-1867  
**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center  
**GROUP SIZE:** unlimited  
**COST:** none (Donations accepted for printing, rent and celebration meal on week 6)  
**OPEN TO:** adults



## GROWING IN YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK | 8 WEEKS

Join us as we explore the aspects of faith that are fundamental to spiritual growth as well as ten clear steps for you to take as you move toward Christ. This group is for everyone, from people exploring a commitment to Jesus, to those who wish to remind themselves of the basis of their faith.

**WHEN:** Thursdays, September 12–October 31  
**TIME:** 6:00–7:30pm  
**LEADERS:** Jan Hince | 320-224-2478  
Joyce Townsend | 320-309-7205  
**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center  
**GROUP SIZE:** up to 10  
**COST:** book - *Ten Steps Towards Christ* by Jimmy Evans  
**OPEN TO:** adults

## HEALING UNIVERSITY - PART 1 | 8 WEEKS

In this video-based study from Charis Bible College (including Andrew Wommack), you will gain a deeper understanding of what the Word of God says about healing, learn how to pray effective and powerful prayers and be equipped to put this knowledge into practice.

Lessons include: *God Wants You Well, God's Love for You, Healing - Spirit, Soul and Body, The True Nature of God, He came to Destroy the Works of the Enemy* and more. Get ready to receive what God has provided!

**WHEN:** **Option 1:** Mondays, 6:00–7:30pm  
Sept 9–Oct 28  
Leaders: Brad & Jane Messner | 612-750-7943  
**Option 2:** Tuesdays, 1:00–2:30pm  
Sept 10–Oct 29  
Leaders: Brad Messner | 612-750-7943  
Pastor Tim Lambert | 320-253-7819

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center  
**GROUP SIZE:** unlimited  
**COST:** none  
**OPEN TO:** adults

## HELPING MEN SUCCEED | 8 WEEKS

Walk together as we go through 10 lessons that bring scriptural application to the issues of money, sex and moral purity, work, going through hard times and how to make your life count.

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, September 11–October 30  
**TIME:** 11:45am–12:45pm  
**LEADERS:** Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819  
**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center  
**GROUP SIZE:** up to 10  
**COST:** book - *Every Man a Warrior* - Book 3 by L. Berger  
**OPEN TO:** men and teens age 17 & up

let's grow together with community

# DEBT FREE



PROCESS...

## LIVING FREE FROM DEBT | SEE 3 OPTIONS BELOW

Today's culture is designed to take you down. Credit cards, car loans, student loans...they'll keep you paying way too much money for way too long. But there is a way out of the mess. By applying the principles of Financial Peace University you can take control of your money and change your future.

**WHEN:** **Option 1:** Mondays, 6:00–7:00pm  
Sept. 16–Nov. 11 (no group 10/14)  
*Leader:* Cheryl Cathey | 320-333-6631

**Option 2:** Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm  
Sept. 10–Nov. 19 (no group 10/15)  
*Leader:* Ben & Krysta Potter | 701-426-0222

**Option 3:** Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30pm  
Sept. 11–Nov. 6 (no group 10/16)  
*Leader:* Randy Forcier | 612-802-0224

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** up to 10 per option

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults and teens grades 10 & up

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE TEAM | VARIES

Do you enjoy serving others in our church and community? If so, this group is for you! The team encourages family involvement, so bring the kids. Sign up if you'd like a call from Carol and Lori with more information about getting involved.

**WHEN:** VARIES

**TIME:** VARIES

**LEADERS:** Lori Kampa | 952-303-4120  
Jessica Scheuer | 320-282-7585

**WHERE:** varies

**GROUP SIZE:** unlimited

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults and kids with parents

## THE MAN CODE | SEE 2 OPTIONS BELOW

Scripture provides a code of godly manhood that emboldens you to become all God designed you to be. Our sessions will be packed with useful insights, authentic stories and engaging study questions that will inspire you to embrace your true calling and serve God with courage, conviction and hope; as men, husbands and leaders.

**WHEN:** **Option 1:** Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30pm  
October 2–December 11  
*Leaders:* El Statz | 320-470-0464  
Jim Johnson | 320-266-2557

**Option 2:** Thursdays, 6:45–8:00pm  
September 12–October 17  
*Leaders:* Jesse Jose | 320-339-6671  
Ashton Sahlstrom | 320-241-2290

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** up to 12

**COST:** book *The Man Code* by Mark Henry

**OPEN TO:** men



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT ROCK CREEK | ONGOING

Join us Saturday mornings, as our only agenda is to encourage one another to be the men that God has called us to be and we'll enjoy some coffee too!

**WHEN:** Saturdays

**TIME:** 8:00–9:30am

**LEADERS:** Randy Piechowski | 320-267-4793  
Jesse Spaeth | 320-290-8650

**WHERE:** Rock Creek Coffeehouse  
214 2nd Ave N, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

**GROUP SIZE:** unlimited

**COST:** cost of food & beverages purchased

**OPEN TO:** men

## PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENT LIVING - EXTENDED GRID DOWN | 2 WKS

Gather together with others to share resources and fellowship related to being prepared and living resiliently. Our main focus will be extended power outages. Topics covered include: fall/winter heating, access to clean water and access to food. Come to learn and share as we build community with other believers.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, Nov 5 & 12

**TIME:** 6:30–8:00pm

**LEADERS:** Karl Larsen | 612-219-4602

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** up to 12

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** adults and students grades 9 & up

## 2ND ANNUAL GOLFING WITH THE GUYS | 1 DAY

Join us for some fun and friendly competition on the golf course. We'll be playing a two person scramble with a shot-gun start. Stick around to congratulate our winning group and enjoy some lunch. Open to men and boys of any skill level.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 21

**TIME:** 9:00am–12:00pm

**LEADERS:** Andrew Messner | 612-364-5391

**WHERE:** VA Golf Course

**GROUP SIZE:** 20

**COST:** \$30 - (includes green fees, cart & lunch)

**OPEN TO:** men and boys grades 7 & up

## THE TRUE NATURE OF GOD | 7 WEEKS

What is the real nature of God? Is he harsh as viewed through many Old Testament instances, or meek and gentle, as Jesus portrayed? Using Andrew Wommack's book, *The True Nature of God*, we will trace God's dealings with man from the Garden of Eden to the present and show the consistent nature of God through it all. You will discover a much greater faith in the goodness of God.

**WHEN:** Thursdays, September 12–October 24

**TIME:** 7:00–8:30pm

**LEADERS:** Randy Piechowski | 320-267-4793  
Jesse Spaeth | 320-290-8650

**WHERE:** Joy Christian Center

**GROUP SIZE:** up to 12

**COST:** none

**OPEN TO:** men



# Local community resources

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW, CONNECT, AND SERVE.

## BSF (Bible Study Fellowship)

BSF offers free, in-depth Bible studies in community for people of all ages around the world.

[bsfinternational.org](http://bsfinternational.org)

## Celebrate MN

Celebrate Minnesota is led by a group of local business, civic and church leaders who are passionate about the vitality of Central Minnesota and serving in a way that brings hope, fosters community and changes lives. A community-wide effort to connect, serve and impact the lives of people in our community because of our love for God.

[celebratemn.org](http://celebratemn.org)

## Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability and gain solid support each step of the way.

[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

## Central MN Christian Business Leaders

[facebook.com/CentralMNCBMC](https://facebook.com/CentralMNCBMC)

## Pregnancy Resource Center

Pregnancy resource center offers free pregnancy testing and support.

[preghelp.com](http://preghelp.com)

## Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry is for anyone that eats! There is no income or residency requirement and Ruby's Pantry is for anyone looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. Each guest donates a \$25 donation and receives an abundance of grocery items.

[rubyspantry.org](http://rubyspantry.org)

## Addiction Recovery

Joy is currently hosting AA & the Fourth Step. See group listings for more information.

## Questions?

We'd love to connect!

