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A family church teaching people to reach their world

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NEW GROUP LISTINGS, CONNECT AND GROW THIS FALL

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Sign ups at Joy:
August 17, 24 & 31

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- 6:30 – 8:30pm – Practicing the Way

SATURDAY

- 8:00 – 10:00am – Men's Java with Jesus

35 BELOW | 10 WEEKS

This group exists for young adults to meet like-minded people, going through similar stages in life. Making friends as an adult isn't always easy. Our focus will be on fellowship, as well as spiritual subjects, with some good old-fashioned hangout time. All young adults are welcome whether single or married. JoyCare is available, for those with kids. We'd love for you to join us!

WHEN: Sundays, 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/26, 11/2, 11/16 & 12/14

TIME: 7:00–8:30pm

LEADERS: Ashton Sahlstrom | 320-241-2290
Megan Stiles | 605-809-5489

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults ages 18–35

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. The main purpose of this group is to show other alcoholics precisely how we have recovered. Join us to learn how this 12-step study can transform your life.

WHEN: Thursdays

TIME: 6:30–7:30pm

LEADERS: Mike Redmond | 320-292-1867

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults



REFRESH *Loading*
COMING THIS FALL

CHRISTIAN FICTION BOOK CLUB | 4 WEEKS

We will meet once per month to discuss different types of Christian novels. Purchase the books online, read and be ready to discuss. Our books for this season will be:

9/14 — *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate

10/12 — *Secondary Target* by Angela Carlisle

11/9 — *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant

12/7 — *Voice of the Ancient* by Connilyn Cossette

WHEN: Sundays, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9 & 12/7

TIME: 6:30–8:00pm

LEADERS: Jessica Rhode | 320-282-7585

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: cost of books purchased

OPEN TO: women



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: Wednesday, September 3

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and teens grade 9 & up

FAMILY MEALS MADE EASY | 5 WEEKS

Tired of asking “What’s for dinner?” This group is all about making mealtime easier, more affordable and way less stressful. Learn how to plan, prep and cook simple, budget-friendly meals your whole family will enjoy. Each meeting includes a recipe to sample and take-home tips, ideas and prep hacks designed for real-life families and busy schedules—so you can leave with more confidence at the dinner table.

- WHEN:** Thursdays, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23 & 11/6
- TIME:** 6:30–7:30pm
- LEADERS:** Madalyn Kihne | 320-492-6478
Samantha Jose | 763-244-4391
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** up to 10
- COST:** fee - \$15/person or married couple
- OPEN TO:** adults

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 6–November 10
- 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 of week 6*)
- OPEN TO:** adults

GOD GAVE US TWO EARS & ONE MOUTH | 4 WEEKS

The secret to stronger relationships is simple: all you have to do is listen. With warmth and humor, personal coach Becky Harling shares practical listening tools that will help you to be fully present, ask good questions and become a person others are drawn to. When you listen well, you’ll be amazed how your relationships flourish.

- WHEN:** Sundays, September 14–October 5
- TIME:** 6:00–7:00pm
- LEADERS:** Kelly Gully | 952-201-3565
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** up to 12
- COST:** book - *How To Talk So People Will Listen* by Becky Harling
- OPEN TO:** adults

GRACE REVEALED: PAUL’S MYSTERY OF SALVATION | 5 WEEKS

Unlock hidden truths in Paul’s revolutionary salvation message! Five weeks of exploring how the “but now” dispensation transformed everything—diving deep into original Greek, contrasting biblical period and discovering why Adam’s failure led to Christ’s permanent victory and the stunning mystery revealed for Gentiles through unshakeable grace.

- WHEN:** Wednesdays, September 10–October 8
- 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 and teens grades 10 & up



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: Wednesdays, September 10–October 29

TIME: 6:30–8:00pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 10

COST: book - *Ten Step Towards Christ*
by Jimmy Evans

OPEN TO: adults and teens grades 10 & up



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—spirit, soul and body. Learn how to pray effective and powerful prayers and be equipped to put this knowledge into practice. Get ready to receive what God has provided!

WHEN: Mondays, September 8–October 27

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Brad Messner | 612-750-7943

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and teens grades 10 & up

JOYCARE CREW | 4 WEEKS

Looking to make a difference in the lives of families at Joy? Join the JoyCare Crew - a group dedicated to building a community of support through intentional childcare and engaging activities for little ones. We'll meet to plan, pray and prep for ways to serve families during events and programs. Let's create a team that makes kids feel safe, parents feel supported and everyone feel connected.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8 & 10/22

TIME: 6:30–7:30pm

LEADERS: Michelle Jose | 320-828-1373

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and teens grades 10 & up

LADIES DIVING DEEPER | 8 WEEKS

Each week we'll look deeper into Sunday's sermon and discuss how to apply it in our daily lives—all while building friendships with other women that are founded through God's Word.

WHEN: Mondays, September 8–October 27

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Joyce Darisay | 320-733-2057
Wendy Galanius | 320-339-2699

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 10

COST: none

OPEN TO: women

let's
**GROW
TOGETHER**
with community

LADIES GAME NIGHT | 3 WEEKS

Escape the stresses of life and enjoy some great fellowship filled with fun and laughter. We'll meet monthly.

WHEN: Thursdays, 9/11, 10/9 & 11/13

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Karen Rekowski | 320-333-8934

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 6

COST: none

OPEN TO: women



MEN'S JAVA WITH JESUS | 8 WEEKS

Come grow in your relationship with God and other men of faith. We start with a short message based on a Bible topic or building on Sunday's current sermon series. After brief introductions, the guys will have an opportunity to share testimonies of God's work in their lives. We end with a time of encouragement and prayer for any concerns we may have.

WHEN: Saturdays, September 6–December 13
(no group 9/27, 10/4, 11/1 & 12/6)

TIME: 8:00–10:00am

LEADERS: Randy Piechowski | 320-267-4793

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: men

MIDDLE EAST MELTDOWN - PART 1 | 14 WEEKS

What does the Bible say will happen in the Middle East at the end of the Church Age? This video and discussion group will study the conflict using Ezekiel 36–38. We will look at the cause of the hatred of the Jewish people and the Nation of Israel by the surrounding countries and the World. God predicted the Middle East Meltdown and the solution over 2500 years ago.

WHEN: **Option 1:**

Tuesdays, September 9–December 16
6:30–8:00pm (*no group 11/25*)

Option 2:

Thursdays, September 11–December 18
1:00–2:30pm (*no group 11/27*)

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

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and teens grades 10 & up

A graphic with a pink background featuring a subtle pattern of concentric circles. At the top center is a white circle containing a pink heart. Below this, the text "Joy Care" is written in a large, white, serif font. Underneath that, "Now Available!" is written in a white, cursive script font. Below that, "during Thursday evening" is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word "GROUPS" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Joy Care
Now Available!
during Thursday evening
GROUPS

OUTING AT GREAT RIVER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM | 1 DAY

Let's play, learn and explore together at the new Great River Children's Museum! They have eight hands-on exhibits to climb, splash, build and explore made for kids and their grownups.

WHEN: Sunday, October 26

TIME: 11:30am–5:00pm

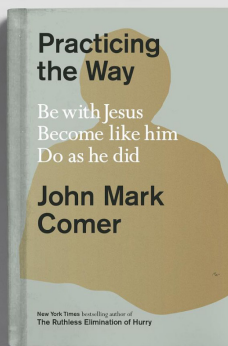
LEADERS: Kelly Gully | 952-201-3565

WHERE: Great River Children's Museum
110 8th Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: \$14/person paid at museum
(under 1 yr, free)

OPEN TO: all ages



PRACTICING THE WAY | 10 WEEKS

This course is a primer designed to get you started on the journey of spiritual formation, help you get unstuck if you've stalled out, or just guide you into taking your next step. Ultimately, its goal is to train you to live as an apprentice of Jesus: to be with Jesus, become like Him and do as He did.

WHEN: Thursdays, September 11–November 13

TIME: 6:30–8:30pm

LEADERS: Kim Weekes | 320-493-3894

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 10

COST: book - *Practicing the Way*
by John Mark Comer

OPEN TO: adults

UNDERSTANDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE | 4 WEEKS

(THROUGH A LENS OF WONDER, WISDOM & THE WORD)

Explore the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as we take a thoughtful, faith-filled look at what it means for our lives today. The Wonder - See how AI is revolutionizing creativity, productivity and innovation. The Warning - Consider the real risks: deep fakes, bias, impact on kids and more. The Word - What does Scripture reveal about wisdom, technology and being human? Bonus: One week we will welcome a guest who brings real life insight as someone who engages AI in their field. Come curious—leave discerning.

WHEN: Wednesdays, September 17–October 8

TIME: 5:15–6:15pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults

A WOMAN WHO DOESN'T QUIT - STUDY OF RUTH | 7 WEEKS

Every woman may face the temptation to give in and give up. But something transformative happens when we decide to persevere in the face of difficulty and pain. Join us as we explore five habits from Ruth's story that help women persevere, focusing on refinement, commitment, faith and maintaining a God-centered perspective.

WHEN: Thursdays, September 11–November 6
(no group October 23)

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Katy Ahlstrom | 503-717-2608

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: book - *A Woman Who Doesn't Quit*
by Nicki Koziarz

OPEN TO: women

THRONE NIGHT

Sunday Night October 26 - 6:00-7:30pm

Nursery & Pre-School rooms staffed

Throne Night is a special night of worship where we gather to honor Jesus as King. Through music, prayer and Communion, we fix our eyes on the throne and respond with surrendered hearts. This is a space to kneel, lift your voice, pour out our hearts in worship and to encounter the presence of God. We're setting aside distractions and creating room for reverence and adoration. Come expectant. Come hungry. Come ready to worship before the Throne.

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