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WINTER/SPRING 2024



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NEW GROUP LISTINGS, CONNECT AND GROW THIS WINTER

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Sign ups at Joy: January 7, 14, 21

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- 6:30 – 7:30pm – Financial Peace University
- 6:30 – 8:00pm – 1 Thessalonians – Living for Christ's Return

WENESDAY

- 11:45am – 12:45pm – Biblical Citizenship – Lunch Version
- 1:00 – 2:30pm – Healing University
- 6:00 – 7:30pm – Healing University
- 6:30 – 7:30pm – Biblical Citizenship – Lunch Version
- 6:30 – 8:00pm – 40 Days of Prayer for Men
- 6:30 – 8:00pm – I'm That Girl

THURSDAY

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- 6:30 – 7:30pm – AA the Old Fashioned Way
- 6:30 – 8:00pm – 40 Days of Prayer for Adults
- 6:30 – 8:00pm – Good Boundaries & Goodbyes

SATURDAY

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

VARIES

Make a Difference Team

1 THESS. PT 2 - LIVING FOR CHRIST'S RETURN | 19 WEEKS

Video teaching by Pastor Andy Woods from Sugarland Bible Church followed by discussion of the video and prophetically significant current events. Themes include: Pure living, Rapture and After the Rapture.

WHEN: **Option 1:** Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00pm
 January 9–May 21 (no group 1/23 & 3/26)

Option 2: Thursdays, 1:00–2:30pm
 January 11–May 23 (no group 1/25 & 3/28)

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 & teens grades 9 & up

40 DAYS OF PRAYER | 7 WEEKS

Life doesn't always go as planned. But when uncertainty comes your way, God wants you to experience breakthrough and that happens when you seek Him through prayer. In this series, by Rick Warren, you will learn to cultivate a powerful prayer life and experience breakthrough in all areas of life.

WHEN: **Option 1:** *open to men only*
 Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00pm
 January 31–March 20 (no group 2/14)
 Leader: Randy Piechowski | 320-267-4793

Option 2: *open to adults*
 Thursdays, 6:30–8:00pm
 February 1–March 14
 Leader: Karl Larsen | 612-219-4602

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: Study Guide - *40 Days of Prayer* by Rick Warren

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

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

BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP-LUNCH VERSION | 5 WEEKS

Being Biblical Citizens and bringing “salt & light” requires knowledge of the culture we are attempting to preserve as we fulfill the Great Commission to “make disciples.” We’ll learn important Biblical principles and how to apply them to the world around us. You can be the catalyst for restoring Biblical values in your neighborhood, State and Nation.

WHEN: **Option 1:** Wednesdays, 11:45am–12:45pm
January 31–February 28

Option 2: Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30pm
January 31–February 28

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 10

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY | 8 WEEKS

Credit cards, car loans, student loans...they’ll keep you paying way too much money for way too long. There’s one way out of the mess of debt and it starts right here with you. Now is the time to take back control of your money.

WHEN: Tuesdays, February 13–April 2

TIME: 6:30–7:30pm

LEADERS: Randy Forcier | 612-802-0224

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 16

COST: none

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, April 1–May 6

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

GOOD BOUNDARIES AND GOODBYES | 7 WEEKS

Relationships are wonderful...until they’re not. Join us for this video study by Lysa TerKeurst as she helps us understand how to stop the dysfunction of unhealthy relationships by showing the biblical ways to set boundaries, and when necessary, say goodbye without losing the best of who you are.

WHEN: Thursdays, February 8–March 21

TIME: 6:30–8:00pm

LEADERS: Alyssa Euteneuer | aeuteneuer@gmail.com

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: book - *Good Boundaries & Goodbyes*
by Lysa TerKeurst

OPEN TO: adults

HEALING UNIVERSITY | 8 WEEKS

For healing to be available, you must first believe God wants you well—that healing is for everyone—it’s physical as well as spiritual and that God does not teach us through sickness. 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 and be equipped to put this knowledge into practice. Get ready to receive what God has provided!

WHEN: **Option 1:** Mondays, 6:00–7:30pm
January 29–March 18

Option 2: Wednesdays, 1:00–2:30pm
January 24–March 20 (no group 2/14)

Option 3: Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30pm
January 24–March 20 (no group 2/14)

LEADERS: Brad & Jane Messner | 612-750-7943

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults

let's **GROW**
TOGETHER
with community

I'M THAT GIRL | 9 WEEKS

Have you ever found yourself questioning who you are? What happened to the person I used to believe I was, not just my husband's wife or child's mother? Join us as we discover our identities as God sees us. Learn how our thoughts and words impact our lives daily. Come ready to redefine your identity!

WHEN: Wednesdays, January 31–April 10
(no group 2/14 & 3/20)

TIME: 6:30–8:00pm

LEADERS: Joyce Darisay | 320-733-2057

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 11

COST: book - *I'm That Girl* by S. Allison & P. Barrett

OPEN TO: women

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TEAM | VARIES

Do you enjoy serving others in our church and community? The team encourages family involvement, so bring the kids. Sign up for more information and someone will contact you.

WHEN: dates and times vary

LEADERS: Carol Johnson | 320-266-0052
Lori Kampa | 952-303-4120

WHERE: varies

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and kids with parents

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT ROCK CREEK | 16 WEEKS

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, January 27–May 18 (no group 2/3)

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

OUR WEAKNESS, HIS STRENGTH | 7 WEEKS

The life of Gideon will encourage you to see your weaknesses in a whole new way in this 7-week study by Priscilla Shirer. Instead of ignoring, neglecting or trying to escape them, you will learn to see your weaknesses as the God-given gifts that they are, and the key to unlocking the full experience of His strength in your life.

WHEN: Tuesdays, January 30–March 12

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Maria Zimmerman | 320-291-0630

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: book - *Gideon* by Priscilla Shirer

OPEN TO: adults

PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENT LIVING- GARDENING | 1 EVENING

Gather with others to talk about what each is planning to grow in their garden. Whether it's your first time or you have gardened for decades, come fellowship and learn from each other.

WHEN: Monday, March 25

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

