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NEW GROUP LISTINGS, JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

JOY CHRISTIAN CENTER | 770 21ST AVE NE, ST. CLOUD, MN 56304 | GREATJOY.ORG

Join us for
GROUPS
 Better Together

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IN PERSON
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2 THESSALONIANS - BALANCING WORKING & WAITING | 24 WEEKS

We will continue our verse by verse video and discussion study of 2 Thessalonians. Topics covered include: the son of perdition, Israel’s coming temple, the works of the Holy Spirit at the end of the church age and in the Tribulation, intimacy with God, Church purity and discipline.

WHEN: **Option 1:** Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00pm
 January 14–July 8 (no group 4/15 & 7/1)

Option 2: Thursdays, 1:00–2:30pm
 January 16–July 10 (no group 4/17 & 7/3)

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

TIME: 6:30–7:30pm

LEADERS: Mike Redmond | 320-292-1867

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

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: Wednesday, January 22

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 students grades 9 & up

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY | 9 WKS

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: Tuesdays, January 14–March 11

TIME: 6:30–7:30pm

LEADERS: Ben & Krysta Potter | 701-426-0222

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and students grades 9 & up

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 7–May 12

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: Wednesday, January 29–March 19

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 10

COST: book - *Ten Steps Towards Christ* by J. 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:** Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30pm
 January 28–March 18 at Joy Christian Center
 Leaders: Brad & Jane Messner | 612-750-7943

Option 2: Wednesdays, 1:00–2:30pm
 January 29–March 19 at Joy Christian Center
 Leaders: Brad Messner | 612-750-7943

Option 3: Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30pm
 March 26–May 14 via VIRTUAL (Zoom)
 Leaders: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and teens grades 10 & up

KNIT TOGETHER | 8 WEEKS

A group for lovers of crafting. Whether you crochet, knit, cross stitch or enjoy other crafts, bring your current project and connect with others. All skill levels welcome. Megan is able to assist beginners with crocheting.

WHEN: Mondays, January 27–March 17

TIME: 6:00–8:00pm

LEADERS: Megan Stiles | 605-809-5489

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and teens grades 6 & up

M.O.M.S. - MAKING OUR MOTHERING SIGNIFICANT | 11 WEEKS

MOMS is a local group that seeks to encourage women in their mothering and in their relationships by pointing them to Jesus through building community with moms of all ages and stages. This group is hosted at Calvary Community Church. Learn more: facebook.com/moms.saintcloud/

WHEN: Tuesdays, January 14–April 22
 (no group 2/4, 2/25, 3/4 & 4/1)

TIME: 9:00–10:30am

LEADERS: Kelly Gully | 952-201-3565

WHERE: Calvary Community Church

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: moms

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

OOLA FOR CHRISTIANS INTRODUCTION | ONE DAY

Are you wanting to 'write your vision' yet you're not sure where to start? Come learn the basics of the Oola principles and process and how it's helped thousands of Christians balance and grow the 7 key areas of their lives. Oola also reminds us that God designed everyone for greatness and purpose. The sooner we're aware of and honest about our present path, the sooner we can correct our direction to be making progress toward our greatness and purpose!

WHEN: *Intro Class Options:*
Monday, 2/3, 6:00–8:00pm
Wednesday 2/5, 6:30–8:30pm
Saturday, 2/8, 10am–noon

LEADERS: Laura Neu | 320-492-0560

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults

OOLA FOR CHRISTIANS | 9 WEEKS

Are you ready to 'write the vision' to balance and grow the 7 key areas of your life and experience more of the greatness and purpose God's designed you for? I'd be honored to share the Oola principles with you and guide you through the complete process that has helped thousands of Christians live a more balanced, stress free and focused life.

WHEN: Mondays, February 10–April 7

TIME: 6:15–7:45pm

LEADERS: Laura Neu | 320-492-0560

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: \$10 - fee

OPEN TO: adults

PLANNING YOUR SUMMER GARDEN | 1 WEEK

Gather with others to talk about your plans for your summer garden. Whether it's your first garden or you've gardened for years, come and enjoy some great fellowship as we share and learn from each other.

WHEN: Tuesday, 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

REACHING YOUR WORLD | 6 WEEKS

Full of true stories about walking with Jesus as He finds the lost, *Looking for the One* is your invitation to follow the Good Shepherd to natural, authentic interactions with people who are ready to meet Him. It's an opportunity to exchange awkward conversations for organic, supernatural encounters. It's a front-row seat to experience the power of the gospel in your own life—as alive today as it was in the New Testament.

WHEN: Mondays, February 24–March 31

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Sherry Finneman | 320-224-8751
Cindy Slivnik | 320-267-6511

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: book - *Looking for the One* by David McIver

OPEN TO: adults

SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY | 8 WEEKS

In this group we will be taking a look at the spirit, soul and body. We are a spirit, who has a soul and dwells in a body. Discussions include: how the three parts we are made up of effects our lives on earth, which part of us is born again, the importance of renewing our mind to God's Word and how this allows us to live by the spirit and not our emotions. **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE.**

WHEN: Thursdays, January 30–March 20

TIME: 6:30–8:00pm

LEADERS: Jan Hince | 320-224-2478

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: book - *Spirit, Soul & Body* by A. Wommack

OPEN TO: adults