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A family church teaching people to reach their world

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LET'S get
TOGETHER
& Grow
With *Joy*

in this issue

NEW GROUP LISTINGS, CONNECT AND GROW THIS FALL

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

Join us for GROUPS Better Together

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

YOU CAN LEAD A GROUP



You CAN lead a Winter Group. Start considering now.
Development Plans due November 8

THE CHOSEN | 5 WEEKS

What does it actually mean to be chosen? To answer that question, we will look through the eyes of those who met Jesus. Join us as we view and discuss the latest season of *The Chosen*.

WHEN: Wednesdays, November 18–December 16

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819
Sandra Brakstad | 320-267-1396

WHERE: Sandra Brakstad's home

GROUP SIZE: up to 8

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, October 14

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 (grades 9 & up)

FOURTH STEP | 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 5–November 9

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

GROWING IN YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK | 4 WEEKS

Join us as we explore the aspects of faith and clear steps we can take that are fundamental to our spiritual growth. 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 16–October 7

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 8

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults & teens (grades 9 & up)



HEALING UNIVERSITY - 1A | 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!

- OPTION 1:** Mondays, September 14–November 2
6:00–7:30pm
- OPTION 2:** Wednesdays, September 16–November 4
1:00–2:30pm
- LEADERS:** Brad Messner | 612-750-7943
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** up to 12
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** adults and teens (grades 10 & up)



LADIES GAME NIGHT | 8 WEEKS

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

- WHEN:** Thursdays, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/10 & 12/17
- TIME:** 6:00–8:30pm
- LEADERS:** Karen Rekowski | 320-333-8934
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** up to 6
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** women



MARRIAGE BUILDING 101 | 2 WEEKS

You don't find a great marriage...you build one! The reason most people get frustrated is because they don't understand God's plan for marriage. During these two weeks Joe will share (via video) on how to build a great marriage and how to enjoy the journey! For married and engaged couples or people just wanting to learn.

- WHEN:** Tuesdays, October 6 & 13
- TIME:** 6:00–7:30pm
- LEADERS:** Brad & Jane Messner | 612-750-7943 or 612-750-9021
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** up to 12
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** adults

MEN'S JAVA WITH JESUS | ONGOING

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 (no group 11/28, 12/26 & 1/2)
- TIME:** 8:00–10:00am
- LEADERS:** Randy Piechowski | 320-267-4793
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** unlimited
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** men



I have Decided

Water Baptism

Never been water baptized?
Have questions? Want to learn more?
Stop by the I Have Decided Kiosk!

Baptism consummates our formal commitment to Christ with a tangible outward action.

It is a public declaration that we have placed our faith in Jesus Christ and desire to follow Him.

Baptism does not save us or make us a Christian. Rather, it is an act of obedience that visibly identifies us with Christ, His death, burial and resurrection.

If you have trusted in Christ but have not yet been baptized, baptism is an opportunity to publicly profess your faith, identify with Christ and His church, and take this meaningful step of obedience.

THE STUDY OF DANIEL - PART 1 | 11 WEEKS

Part practical and part prophetic, this study reveals how to face difficult times with courage, grace and hope while also giving us key details that unlock prophetic mysteries. Through Daniel's stories and prophecies, discover God's faithfulness, uncover biblical truths and see His eternal plan unfold. Includes video teaching and group discussion.

OPTION 1: Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30pm Sep 15–Dec 8
(no group 11/3 & 11/24)

OPTION 2: Thursdays, 1:00–2:30pm Sep 17–Dec 10
(no group 11/5 & 11/26)

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

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults



THE TRUTH PROJECT | 13 WEEKS

What is truth? In a world filled with competing ideas and beliefs, *The Truth Project* helps us develop a biblical worldview by exploring how God's truth applies to every area of life. This study will examine topics such as God, humanity, science, history, family, society and culture. It is designed to help believers understand what they believe, why they believe it and how to live out their faith with confidence.

WHEN: Tuesdays, September 15–December 15
(no grp 11/3)

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Gordy & Gwen Spengler | 320-493-4973
or 320-492-3481

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults & teens (17 & up)

HOME IS CALLING

Connect
Engage
Belong with *Joy*



Membership
inquiry course
★ in-person connect

Next fellowship
with Pastor Brian & Shelly
Sunday, September 27
following service



WOMEN'S MIDLIFE WELLNESS | 4 WEEKS

This welcoming group is for women navigating the many transitions of midlife. Together, we'll explore topics such as hormones, sleep, stress, nutrition, energy, emotional well-being, relationships and spiritual growth. A retired physician with a special interest in functional medicine will join us to answer questions and share evidence-informed insights. Find encouragement, practical wisdom and hope for every season of life.

WHEN: Tuesdays, September 15–October 6

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Karen Davis | 320-224-4283
Julie Zwiener | 320-309-4247

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: up to 9

OPEN TO: women

THE WORKING HOMEMAKER | 4 WEEKS

Whether you work full-time, part-time, or you wear many hats, join us for a four-week study of *The Working Homemaker: Employed Christian Moms Desiring a Thriving Homelife*. Together we will discuss and explore biblical encouragement, practical rhythms and Christ-centered homemaking while balancing work, family and everyday life. Childcare will be available.



WHEN: Thursdays,
October 1–22

TIME: 6:30–7:30pm

LEADERS: Madalyn Kihne | 320-492-6478

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: book - *The Working Homemaker*
by Charity Gibson

OPEN TO: moms



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you said, yes!

to follow Christ
to be **Water Baptized**
to get **Involved at Joy**



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