

GROWING *together* WITH *Joy*

5 STONES



Joy

And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 ^(MSG)

In February of 2022 we laced up our sneakers and began running with the 5 Stone vision. These five simple vision statements have kept us on track and guide us as we make decisions about ministry.

The written vision is a witness that points to what is to come!

Three years ago, we wrote down that vision pointing to what we believed was coming.

- In our **Second Mile internship**, we had a dream of creating a “bridge” which would be a safe place for young people to explore whether or not a formal full-time ministry might be a next step that God has for them.
- We had a vision to **BLESS Every Home**.
- We saw increased opportunities for an online presence, so we set out to **Expand our Digital Outreach**.
- We knew that all of this would cost money, so we set our faith to believe God for **one million dollars**, the first of which would go to eliminate our debt.
- We also knew that a big vision would require a great God, so we **Increased our Prayer** life.

You have to see it, before you see it...

Since that Sunday in February we have seen growth in each of these 5 Stones. In September of 2024, we reached a huge milestone when we made our last mortgage payment (3+ years early) and today Joy Christian Center is debt free!!

However, we’re still running...

I’d like to ask you to join us as we continue to run with the 5 Stone vision in 2025. What we do matters because time is short and eternity is closer than it’s ever been. Get in the race and run...the vision **IS** coming!

Thank you for choosing Joy as your church home. It is with great honor that Shelly and I get to pursue this vision before us with each of you. Thank you for running this race so well!



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Pastor Brian and Shelly

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Then the Lord told me: “I will give you my message in the form of a vision. Write it clearly enough to be read at a glance.”
Habakkuk 2:2 ^(CEB)

SECOND MILE Internships

Second Mile is a program where young people with ministry potential receive both practical training and spiritual development. So far, we’ve seen two young people complete Second Mile—one is actively contributing in a leadership role in kids’ ministry at their church, while the other is currently attending Bible School. We’re excited to see this program expand in 2025!

BLESS every home



As we begin 2025, our focus will be on expanding prayer for our neighbors and providing resources and tools to support this effort. We invite those who are committed to “stand in the gap” for their neighborhoods and to join us in this initiative.

PRAYER Increase Prayer

Prayer is never our last resort—it’s our first response! Besides the increased prayer through Bless Every Home, we plan to incorporate members of our Healing University groups into our Sunday morning prayer time.

SAVE THE DATE
Week of Prayer April 14–17

EXPAND Digital Outreach

We currently minister to an average of 150 people through our weekly broadcasted services. In 2025, we believe God will provide unique ways for us to reach even more people in need of ministry. Especially those unable to attend church in person.

FUNDING Raise A Million +

On November 17, 2024, we celebrated eliminating our debt by burning our mortgage. In 2025, we will continue with the vision of “Raise a Million +” to fund the mission of 5 Stones and to preach Christ throughout central Minnesota.

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BLESS *every home*

JOIN THE GOAL
use the link below



PRAYER *prayer event*

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OUR FAITH AND COMMUNITY, BECOMING A POWERFUL
TESTIMONY OF HOPE THAT ANTICIPATES GOD'S TIMELY
FULFILLMENT OF HIS PROMISES. *Together.***



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