

SPRING 2023



COMMUNITY
LIFE GROUPS

WELCOME

Welcome to Community Life at Century! The Bible tells us the church Jesus is building is to live life together...in community. The first church ever (Acts 2:42-47) did just that!

As part of our church family there are a couple things we desire for your spiritual growth: corporate worship and community. Fleshed out, that looks like weekly participation in a corporately gathered worship service and being part of a small group: Community Life, Missional Community or Bible Study.

At Century we believe the church doesn't really begin to be the church until we are in community with others. The church is not a building; it is a community of people living life together in a group. We believe spiritual life and growth happens most effectively in groups; that is why Community Life Groups and Missional Communities are the DNA of Century: it is who we are and how we make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Community Life Groups (CLG) are 10-15 people meeting together each week to grow in your faith, pray with others, build new, healthy relationships and intentionally serve others on mission. Missional Communities (MC) are groups of 15-25 gathering together, sharing a meal, studying Scripture, praying and living on mission together. We aim to have people develop intentional relationships with those who are far from God, walking with them through the rhythms of their life, living out Jesus' mission for the church.

I invite you to peruse this catalog, choose a group to participate in and sign up. Remember, your commitment is for this semester only – 15 weeks (you'll have opportunity to sign up for another group next semester). Let me know if there is anything I can do to help you get connected to God, others and on mission, building the Kingdom of God.

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FAQ

How long are the groups each week?

Each week you need to plan on 1 ½ to 2 hours for your CLG. You will spend time talking and catching up with each other's lives, praying with and for one another and studying God's Word together looking for personal, practical application to your life.

What is the length of a semester?

A typical semester runs for 12-15 weeks. The 2023 Spring semester begins the week of January 15 and runs through the week of April 23 – 15 weeks. CLGs with a different start date will be noted in their description.

What about childcare?

Each group operates independently of all other CLGs and that includes how they handle childcare. Contact your Group Leader as to how childcare will be handled.

What is the Childcare Reimbursement Form?

This form is to be filled out each week and turned into the church office if you have a need in covering the cost of childcare for your child(ren) while you are at your CLG.

How much does it cost to join a CLG?

The only incurred cost would be for a book and/or study guide. However, we do not want anyone to miss out because they can not afford it, so we'll cover the cost (book, study guide, childcare, etc.) if you are unable.

What kinds of CLGs are there?

We have groups for men, women, young adults, young families, newly married, support groups and more. Note: Not all kinds of groups are offered every semester.

MONDAY

#MON-01 Homeschool Moms' Fellowship

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Homeschool moms

Leaders: Heidi Johnson

701.934.4830

Sarah Wonnenberg

701.471.9475

Location: Room 136, Century Baptist Church

Come meet with other homeschool moms for encouragement, fellowship and prayer as we raise our children to follow Christ. Moms in all stages of homeschooling are welcome!

Please Note: this group meets the second Monday of the month: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8.

*Some months the location may change, so please check with one of the leaders before coming to the group that month.

TUESDAY

#TUE-01 Revelation

Time: 6:30am

Type: Men's Bible Study

Leaders: Barry Schumaier

701.391.4829

Troy Barber

701.400.3422

Dave Mason

701.425.8584

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

This men's Bible study is held at a time of the day convenient for those that can't make weeknights or weekends, but for early risers. We pick a book of the Bible and spend several months studying deeply into God's word, and connecting with each other. If you are looking to learn more about the Bible, connect with other men in our area that will provide you a support system, we would love to see you each Tuesday morning!

Bring your Bible; if you don't have a Bible, come anyway and we will get you one.

TUESDAY

#TUE-02

12 Extraordinary Women

Time: 9:00am

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leaders: Lisa Rhodes

701.226.2152

Margo Kolbo

701.426.3125

Location: Century Baptist Church

Celebrated for their courage, vision, hospitality, and spiritual giftedness, it's no wonder women were so important to God's plan revealed in the Old and New Testaments. It wasn't their natural qualities that made these women extraordinary but the power of the one true God whom they worshipped and served. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages.

More than fascinating information about these women, you will discover the unmistakable chronology of God's redemptive work in history through their lives. These women we're not ancillary to His plan, they were at the very heart of it. This book includes their amazing accounts of Eve, Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, the mother of Jesus, Anna, The Samaritan woman, Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Lydia.

Book & Workbook: \$27

#TUE-03

A Life Beyond Amazing

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leader: Janelle Dick

701.226.7820

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

Living a life of joy and purpose, despite discouraging circumstances and worrying news, is possible and that is precisely what this study explores. We don't need to wait for eternity to live a remarkable life. God's blessings of fulfillment and peace can be lived right here, right now. Focusing on nine qualities based on the fruit of the Spirit, you'll explore what God believes the character of an amazing life displays.

Book & study guide: \$15

*This group meets every other week

WEDNESDAY

#WED-01 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Time: 2:45pm

Type: Multigenerational

Leaders: Darcy Ehmann

701.210.2827

Jerry Fischer

701.667.2076

Vernel Schneider

701.399.6517

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

Starting with coffee and fellowship at 2:45pm to catch up on life, we move to a time of spiritual growth through the sharing of personal prayer requests as well as interceding for the ministry of Century Baptist Church. Our study of Scripture is focused on the previous Sunday sermon using the sermon-based study guide.

Bring your Bible.

#WED-02

Is Genesis History?

Time: 6:30pm

Type: All adults

Leaders: Andrew & Christie Weixel

701-220-1034

Location: Room 134, Century Baptist Church

What did Jesus and the New Testament writers say about Creation and the Flood? How do our views about Genesis affect how we look at the world today? And how might we make sense of dinosaurs, rock layers, and evolution in light of the Bible? This study explores what the Bible teaches concerning Creation, Adam & Eve, and the Flood. It also looks at six key doctrines introduced in the first chapters of Genesis. Jesus Himself was there at the beginning, forming everything according to His purpose. The hope is that you will better understand how the first chapters of Genesis are related to His plan of salvation.

This 9-week study is limited to 16 individuals.

Study guide: \$9

WEDNESDAY

#WED-03 The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You **(a study of the Book of Acts)**

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Ladies

Leaders: Andra Marquardt

701.426.5591

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

Miracles...boldness...courage to preach the Word of God. Do you want this power, power to witness for Christ in hostile circumstances-your workplace, maybe even your home? Learn how to depend on the power of the Spirit from the Lord's dynamic work among first believers. This 13-week Kay Arthur study includes six days of guided lessons, 20-30 minutes long, and will help and teach you how to discover God's precepts, purposes and promises on your own. Questions for group discussion or individual study are also included with closing commentary.

Book & study sheets: \$15

#WED-04 Women's Bible Journaling

Time: 6:20pm

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leaders: Amy Burke

808.366.2043

Gayle Geiger

701.202.3334

Missy Herman

701.426.3413

Location: Room 136, Century Baptist Church

Come join us every other Wednesday night to dig deeper into the Sunday Sermon. We will be using the S.O.A.P. Scripture Journaling Method: Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer. Whether you've been journaling for years or this is your first time, we are excited to invite you to come learn with us as we journal with the hope of writing God's word on our hearts. This will be a relaxed time of learning and sharing. If you have any questions about joining this study contact one of the three leaders listed above.

*Journals provided; bring your Bible

THURSDAY

#THUR-01

JOY Group

Time: 9:30am

Type: Ladies

Leader: April Zimmerman

701.516.3207

Location: Room 134, Century Baptist Church

All ladies are welcome to a time of encouragement from the Word of God, fellowship with one another and prayer together for our church family, community and the Kingdom of God.

Note: This group meets the 1st Thursday of the months of April through December

SATURDAY

#SAT-01

Romans

Time: 7:30am

Type: Men's Bible Study

Leader: Vaughn Rhodes

701.471.0362

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

This Bible study is for men of all ages to gather together in community for an in depth study of God's Word. Each week we start with prayer to focus our minds, hearts, and souls on God. Our study leader will guide us through verses with Biblical insight urging discussion and interaction from the men. The Bible study has been developed to enrich and grow men in all stages of their walk with Christ from the seasoned veteran, who is full of Biblical knowledge, to the new, growing man seeking further understanding of the Word. We welcome and encourage all men to come and join us on Saturday mornings. Bring your Bible; if you don't have a Bible, one will be provided.

SUNDAY

#SUN-01

Prayer

Time: 8:30am

Type: All adults

Leaders: Pastor Paul Herr 701.471.780

Location: Room 141, Century Baptist Church

With a focus on bringing our requests to God (1 Thessalonians 4:6), interceding for one another (Galatians 6:2), our church and our world, this group applies casting our cares on God because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Gathering to share with one another and develop community (James 5:16) to be sharpened by one another (Proverbs 27:17) and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

#SUN-02

The THING

"Transformed Hearts in the Next Generation"

Time: 11:30am

Type: College Students/Young Adults

Leaders: Pastor Jason DuPaul

701.891.1290

Kristin DuPaul

Location: Room 200 – the Basement, Century Baptist Church

College students and young adults, have you been looking for a place to find community? Then come check out The THING. We'll eat things, we'll talk about Bible things. It'll be this whole thing. This College/Young Adult Ministry brunch and Bible study is focused on the Sunday sermon. We will interact with the message, parallel passages to the message and wrestle with personal application of the Scriptures in an encouraging and supportive environment.

ADULT **SUNDAY** BIBLE CLASSES

#SUN-11

JAMES

Time: 8:30am

Type: All Adults

Leader: Brandt Dick

701.220.3176

Location: Room 172, Century Baptist Church

An expositional study through the Book of James concerned with the practical aspects of Christian conduct telling how faith works in everyday life. James' purpose was to provide concrete ethical instruction for the follower of Jesus Christ. In the 108 verses of this epistle there are references or allusions from 22 books of the Old Testament and at least 15 allusions to the teachings of Christ as embodied in the Sermon on the Mount. Among the key subjects discussed are faith and works, the use of the tongue, and prayer for the sick.

#SUN-12

MARRIAGE TODAY

Time: 8:30am

Type: Adults

Leader: Larry Kolbo

701.226.3654

Location: Room 134, Century Baptist Church

With a focus on various relationship facets necessary for building strong marriages, this study looks at how following Jesus as our Savior and Lord is to impact our speech, attitudes and actions in the husband and wife relationship.

ADULT **SUNDAY** BIBLE CLASSES

#SUN-13

Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther

Time: 10:00am

Type: All Adults

Leader: Jack Noble

Location: Room 172, Century Baptist Church

Type: Adults

Chronicling the lives and conflicts of ordinary men and women who faced overwhelming situations charged with fear and fraught with discouragement, they built their faith in God to weather the storms of life. While each of us will face fears and experience discouragement, studying the lives of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther will reveal ways, manners and life decisions to conquer fear and not be crippled by the discouragements that come into your path.

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Baptism

Baptism is the public declaration of one's faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. At Century we celebrate the ordinance of believer's baptism. If you would like to be baptized or have questions about baptism, contact Robyn Wonnenberg, Adult Ministry Assistant.

We offer a BAPTISM SEMINAR for all adults who desire to understand what the Bible says about baptism. This is a 1 hour seminar that explains what baptism is, why one is to be baptized, when one should be baptized and how to write and share one's personal faith testimony.

Baptism Seminar Dates: January 29, February 26, March 26

Church Membership

If you desire to partner with us in making disciples and join the Century family by becoming members of our church, we require you attend our church membership seminar. This 2.5 hour seminar includes our theological beliefs, philosophy of ministry, core values, history and discipleship strategy.

Church Membership seminar dates:

- **Sunday, February 12, 11:30am, Room 134**
- **Sunday, March 26, 11:30am, Room 134**

Please contact Robyn or Pastor Paul Herr in the church office for more information about church membership.

Serving At Century

Are you interested in serving at Century Baptist? We would love to get you connected to a ministry area that is encouraging, challenging and fulfilling while utilizing your skills, passions and spiritual giftedness. Please contact Pastor Paul Herr or Robyn Wonnenberg, Adult Ministry Assistant, to assist you in serving at Century.

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

GOSPEL FLUENCY

Even if they want to, many Christians find it hard to talk to others about Jesus. Is it possible this difficulty is because we're trying to speak a language we haven't actually spent time practicing? Is it possible we have neglected to understand for ourselves how the Good News of Jesus impacts every facet of our own lives? Challenging us to cultivate this counter-cultural mindset, Jeff Vanderstelt offers readers wise biblical insights, practical advice, and compelling stories aimed at encouraging and equipping Christians to speak the truths of Jesus into the everyday stuff of life.

Gospel Fluency is not currently scheduled for Spring 2023. Contact Pastor Paul Herr for more information.

Starting Point

A small group conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. This Community Life Group is designed for seekers, new believers and returners to church; however, it is valuable for all believers as it walks through the Bible in 10 weeks providing people an opportunity to see where they are exposed to God's story and see how they fit into His story.

Starting Point is not currently scheduled for Spring 2023. Contact Pastor Paul Herr for more information.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Church League Basketball

Anyone age 16 and older interested in playing in the Men's Church Basketball League, January 7-March 18, 2023, needs to sign up at the information desk or email Robyn, Adult ministry Assistant by January 4. Century Baptist will have two teams again this year. All games played at Bismarck Baptist Church. For more information contact team captains:

- Jonas Carlisle 218.230.3881
- Jordan Wahl 701.471.0717

Boys to Men

When: Friday & Saturday, February 3-4, 2023

Where: Crystal Springs Baptist Camp

What: This overnight adventure is designed by men, for men, and includes a lack of sleep, a greater variety of snacks than most small town grocery stores, activities in the frozen tundra of ND and thought provoking challenge and encouragement from the Bible for fathers and sons- Proverbs 4:20-22. Come for food, stay for the fire, enjoy the fellowship!

Registration forms available at the Info Desk.

Cost: Age 19 and Up \$65, Age 18 and Under \$35

Contact: Vaughn Rhodes 701.471.0362

The BANQUET

The Banquet is a free meal served at The Dream Center, 1805 Park Ave., to the lonely, homeless and needy of all ages in our community. Century Baptist Church is sponsoring and serving the meal for The Banquet Thursday, February 23, 2023. You are invited to join in this opportunity to serve a meal for those in need of food, community, and friendship by assisting in the preparation and serving of the meal. Sign-up sheets will be available for cooks, servers, musicians, set-up and clean-up teams at the Information Desk by Sunday, January 29.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A COMMUNITY LIFE GROUP (CLG)

We work hard to make it easy to sign up. You have three options:

- 1. Sign up online at <http://centurybaptist.org/connect/community-life-groups>**
- 2. Write the Community Life Group # of the group of your choice in the space provided on the back of the Connect Card – “Additional Information”**
- 3. Sign up at the Information Desk in the lobby.**

It really is easy! If you have questions email us at groups@centurybaptist.org or contact Robyn Wonnenberg or Pastor Paul Herr.

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