

**FALL 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 – read about its beginning in 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 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 (same group of people are served by the MC). 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 – 14 weeks (you'll have opportunity to sign up for another group next semester or your group may choose to stay together 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 semester runs for 12-15 weeks. The 2023 Fall semester begins the week of September 10 and runs through the week of December 10 – 14 weeks. CLGs with a different start date will be noted in the 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?**

Nothing; well, sort of. The only incurred cost would be for a book and/or study guide if one is listed in the specific group. However, we do not want anyone to miss out because they can't afford it, so we'll cover the cost (book, study guide, childcare, etc.) if you can't.

## **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.

# TUESDAY

## #TUE-01

## The Minor Prophets

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. We will be studying the Minor Prophets beginning with Hosea. 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.

## #TUE-02

## The Gospel on the Ground

Time: 9:00am

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leaders: Lisa Rhodes

701.226.2152

Margo Kolbo

701.426.3125

Location: Connecting Place, Century Baptist Church

Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts. Seven studies show how the kingdom of God is always on the move - always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

Book: \$27

# TUESDAY

## #TUE-03

## The Reason for God

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leader: Janelle Dick

701.226.7820

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

How could a loving God send people to hell? Why does he allow suffering? Can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"? Responding to the questions of open skeptics and ardent believers, Keller draws from literature, philosophy, reason, and real-life conversations to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief.

Book & discussion guide: \$22

\*This group meets every other week

\*\*Please contact Janelle for availability in this group.

# WEDNESDAY

## #WED-01

## Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Time: 2:45pm

Type: Multigenerational

Leaders: Darcy Ehmann

701.210.2827

Jerry Fischer

701.667.2076

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.

# WEDNESDAY

## #WED-02

### **Experiencing the Power of Life-Changing Faith: Romans**

Time: 6:15pm

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leaders: Andra Marquardt

701.426.5591

Esther Grupp

701.399.9895

Location: Room 134, Century Baptist Church

Discover the truth of God's Word for yourself! The Book of Romans is Paul's clearest presentation of the gospel – and includes answers to some of life's most important questions: How can I have peace with God? How can I know God's will? Does being religious make me a Christian? This 13-week inductive Bible study by Kay Arthur includes 13 sessions answering these questions while helping you to discover God's precepts, purposes and promises on your own.

Book & study sheets: \$16

## #WED-03

### **Women's Bible Journaling**

Time: 6:20pm

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leaders: Hannah Chumley

701.390.6400

Gayle Geiger

701.202.3334

Location: Room 136, Century Baptist Church

Sermon-based Bible Journaling for Women 18+. As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, we seek to encourage in heart and unite in love all women. Coming alongside each other through any season of life, studying God's word. Specifically utilizing the SOAP Journaling method: scripture, observation, application, and prayer. Bring your Bible.

S.O.A.P. Bible Journal: \$5.00

\*This group meets every other week

# 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

## Hebrews

Time: 7:30am

Type: Men's Bible Study

Leaders: Vaughn Rhodes 701.471.0362

Mike Pitkin 701.590.6426

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 exegetically through the book of Hebrews 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 for you.

# SUNDAY

## #SUN-01      **Gospel Fluency**

**Time: 8:30am**

**Type: All adults**

**Leader: Pastor Paul Herr                      701.471.7808**

**Location: Room 136, Century Baptist Church**

**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 Handbook: \$25.00**

**This group begins September 17 and is limited to 7 individuals.**

## #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

## 1 CORINTHIANS

**Time:** 8:30am

**Type:** All Adults

**Leader:** Brandt Dick

701.220.3176

**Location:** Room 172, Century Baptist Church

An expositional study through the Apostle Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, a seriously troubled church. Infected with sexual immorality, split by factions that dragged each other into court, and crippled by abuse of the spiritual gifts, this church was in need of radical spiritual surgery. While true believers in God and Jesus, the Corinthian saints had a lot of growing up to do. They had to stop following the immoral, selfish, and contentious ways of their pagan neighbors in Corinth, the leading immoral city of that time. Once can sense the disappoint of a hurt father in Paul's stern word for the Corinthians. Yet Paul, like a surgeon, diagnosed the problem and aimed his efforts straight at the source: pride and a lack of true love in the church.

## #SUN-12

## MARRIAGE TODAY

**Time:** 8:30am

**Type:** Adults

**Leaders:** Larry Kolbo

701.226.3654

Rick Becker

701.426.9976

**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**

**PHILIPPIANS & COLOSSIANS**

**Time: 10:00am**

**Type: All Adults**

**Leader: Jack Noble**

**Location: Room 172, Century Baptist Church**

**Type: Adults**

**In studying these two prison epistles, the themes of encouragement and lordship come to the forefront. The Apostle Paul writes to the believers in Philippi encouraging them to live as citizens of a heavenly colony, as evidenced by a growing commitment to service to God and to one another. In writing to the saints at Colossae, the Apostle brings out the theme of Christ being Lord over all of creation, including the invisible realm. Jesus has secured redemption for His people enabling them to participate with Him in His death, resurrection, and fullness.**

# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## **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, September 28, 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, August 27.

## **Church League Basketball**

Anyone age 16 and older interested in playing in the Men's Church Basketball League, January – March 2024, will need to sign up at the information desk beginning late November or email Robyn, Adult Ministry Assistant [robyn@centurybaptist.org](mailto:robyn@centurybaptist.org) by January 3. Century Baptist will have two teams again this year. All games played at Bismarck Baptist Church. Look for more information coming in November.

## **Boys to Men (father and sons retreat)**

**When:** Friday & Saturday, February 2-3, 2024

**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 the food, stay for the fire, enjoy the fellowship!

Registration forms will be available at the Information Desk in January.

**Cost:** tba

# 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.

## CARE MINISTRY VISITATION TEAM

God has gifted and equipped many to encourage others. We are continually seeking to help people use their giftedness in this area by visiting people in their home or the hospital. Please contact Robyn Wonnenberg 701-223-0478 ext. 215 or [robyn@centurybaptist.org](mailto:robyn@centurybaptist.org) to get involved or for more information.

## WHITE CROSS

The White Cross ministry is housed at For The City Center, 1112 South 12th St Suite A. White Cross is a 101 year old ministry of the North American Baptist Conference of which Century Baptist Church is a member. Through White Cross NAB churches across the United States and Canada are able to partner with medical staff and NAB missionaries in Cameroon filling a critical gap in tangible medical needs.

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We are looking for volunteers for two kinds of assistance: processing medical mission supplies and preparing pallets for shipment to Cameroon. To learn about these opportunities or get involved in the White Cross ministry contact Robyn Wonnenberg 701-223-0478 or [robyn@centurybaptist.org](mailto:robyn@centurybaptist.org) or Pastor Paul Herr 701-223-0478, [pherr@centurybaptist.org](mailto:pherr@centurybaptist.org).

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

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

- 1. Sign up at <https://centurybaptist.org/new-here/community-life-groups/>**
- 2. Sign up on the Century Baptist Church app:  
More > Community Life Groups > Register Now**
- 3. Write the Community Life Group # of your choice on the "additional information" lines on the back of the Connect Card.**
- 4. Sign up at the Information Desk in the lobby.**

**See, it really is easy! If you have questions, email us at [robyn@centurybaptist.org](mailto:robyn@centurybaptist.org)**



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