

SPRING 2024



**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 (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 – 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 2024 Spring semester begins the week of January 14 and runs through the week of April 28 – 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?

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 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.

None of the groups listed work for me?

Give Robyn or Pastor Paul a call and we will try to find a group that works for you. Many times we have groups not listed in the catalog that may have space for one or two people.

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 are studying the Minor Prophets beginning with Hosea; when finished we will study Joel. 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 End is Near?

Time: 9:00am

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leader: Lisa Rhodes

701.226.2152

Location: Century Baptist Church

Visions of the future abound in film, fiction, and fine art, but none compares to the vision the apostle John recorded in Revelation. Still, of the 404 passages in the Apocalypse, 360 quote or reference the Old Testament. From the very beginning, the Lord communicated a great deal about the future to His people, yet eschatology remains a mystery to most believers. In this teaching series, Skip Heitzig explains the theology of the end times and the differing conclusions biblical scholars have reached. The end may be nearer than you think.

Bring your Bible

[*This group will start meeting January 9](#)

TUESDAY

#TUE-03

The Great Disappearance

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Ladies Bible Study

Leader: Janelle Dick

701.226.7820

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

In the midst of all the pain and heartbreak we face, there is real hope for those who follow Jesus. The Bible gives us a powerful promise - the prophesy of the return of our King Jesus. The apostle Paul describes the Second Coming of Christ: "The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NIV).

In this seven-session Bible study, trusted Bible teacher and pastor Dr. David P. Jeremiah unfolds the Second Coming of Christ in stunning clarity. He unfolds decades of research to bring understandable answers to key questions. In doing so, Dr. Jeremiah gives us 31 ways to be ready for the rapture and shows us how we can live in the here and now on earth.

Book & study guide: \$28

*This group meets every other week, starting January 9

**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

What is Yet to Come
an inductive study of Ezekiel

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Ladies

Leaders: Andra Marquardt

701.426.5591

Esther Grupp

701.399.9895

Location: Room 134, Century Baptist Church

As readers learn and practice the exciting principles of inductive Bible study, they will discover for themselves the meaning and relevance of well-known but seldom understood images from the book of Ezekiel, including the wheel in the wheel, the valley of dry bones, and the watchman on the wall. As they become adept at observing the text, interpreting its meaning, and applying it to their lives, they will follow the story of Ezekiel from the heartbreak of the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity to the inexpressible joy of worship in the heavenly tabernacle.

Book & study sheets: \$15

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

James

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 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 for you.

SUNDAY

#SUN-01

Prayer

Time: 8:30am

Type: All adults

Leaders: Rob Herman

701.202.9304

Pastor Paul Herr

701.471.7808

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). This group gathers to share with one another, 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).

SUNDAY

#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. One 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.

ADULT **SUNDAY** BIBLE CLASSES

#SUN-12

MARRIAGE TODAY

Time: 8:30am

Type: Adults

Leaders: Mike Martin

701.934.3628

Mitch Nelson

701.425.6190

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.

#SUN-13

Colossians

Time: 10:00am

Type: All Adults

Leader: Jack Noble

Location: Room 172, Century Baptist Church

Type: Adults

Just as a child needs proper instruction early in life, so the early believers needed to be set on the proper path with correct teaching. The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the saints at Colossae to deal with a doctrinal heresy that was creeping into the Colossian Church. Although we are not told specifically what this heresy was, we can pick up clues from Paul's response. The error was probably a mixture of Judaism and an early form of Gnosticism. The Colossian church was experiencing the same problems other early churches had encountered. Certain members were teaching that the observance of Jewish rules about food, the Sabbath, and special festivals would help believers to earn their salvation. At Colossae, however, some of the Gentile members were apparently also promoting a form of mysticism that claimed that Jesus was a higher being, but not God. Paul refutes these false doctrines by pointing to Christ. Jesus had been the focus of Paul's preaching from the beginning. In Colossians, Paul reiterates the supremacy of Christ. It was because Jesus is divine that His death reconciles believers to their Creator.

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 robyn@centurybaptist.org or 701-223-0478 ext. 215.

We offer a Baptism Seminar for all adults who desire to understand what the Bible teaches about baptism. This 60 minute seminar explains what baptism is, why one is to be baptized, when one should be baptized, why we baptize by immersion, and how to write and share one's personal faith testimony.

Baptism Seminar Dates:

Sunday February 11, 8:30am Room 136

Sunday March 3, 10:00 am Room 136

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, January 28, 11:30am, Room 134

Sunday, March 17, 11:30am, Room 134

***Lunch provided, RSVP to robyn@centurybaptist.org**

Please contact Robyn or Pastor Paul Herr in the church office for more information about church membership. 701.223.0478 ext. 215

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

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 Wonnemberg, Adult Ministry Assistant, 701-223-0478 ext. 215 to assist you in serving at Century.

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 2024. Contact Pastor Paul Herr for more information.

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Prophecy Pros Pop Up One Day Conference

This one-day conference is to help equip you in the basics of Bible prophecy. In this world of chaos and confusion, Jeff Kinley and Todd Hampson sift out the lies and conspiracy stuff (think tinfoil hat) and get down to what the Bible actually says. Saturday, March 23, 2024 Jeff and Todd will be at Century Baptist Church for a one-day Bible Prophecy Conference, 9:00am – 3:00pm. To learn more and/or to register

<https://ndbibleprophecy.weebly.com/>

For more info on Jeff and Todd <https://www.theprophecypros.com>

This 4 minute video summarizes what the Prophecy Pros Pop-Up Conference is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1m9CJSaTAt0>

Cost: \$45; \$55 after February 29. Lunch included.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Church League Basketball

Anyone age 16 and older interested in playing in the Men's Church Basketball League, Saturday mornings, January - March 2024, will need to sign up at the information desk or email Robyn, Adult ministry Assistant by January 3. 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 (fathers and sons), 20th Anniversary 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 food, stay for the fire, enjoy the fellowship! Registration forms available at the Boys to Men table in the lobby.

Cost: Men \$75; Boys (18 and under) \$45

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 22, 2024. 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 on Sunday, January 28.

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 www.centurybaptist.org/CLG**
- 2. Sign up on the Century Baptist Church app:
More > Community Life Groups > Register Now**
- 3. Write the Community Life Group # of the group of your choice in the space provided on the back of the Connect Card – “Additional Information”**
- 4. 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.

8 Characteristics of Discipleship



For the City



Community



Spiritual Gifts



Gospel Fluency



Identity



Imitation



Word



Worship

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