

FALL 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 – 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 (the 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.

We 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 or your group may choose to stay together next semester). Let us know if there is anything we 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 2024 Fall semester begins the week of September 8 and runs through the week of December 15 – 15weeks. 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 cannot afford it, so we'll cover the cost (book, study guide, childcare, etc.) if you cannot.

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 cannot 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 do not have a Bible, 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: Connecting Place, 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.

Please Note: This study is a continuation of this study which began in the 2024 Spring Semester. Ladies are welcome to join this group even if you did not attend in the spring.

Bring your Bible

TUESDAY

#TUE-03

The Gospel of John

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Ladies' Bible Study

Leader: Janelle Dick

701.226.7820

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

Life seems to move at break-neck pace. Days are filled with noise, screens, and appointments. Sometimes worry and fear are constant companions. The chaos can leave you looking for a place to be still, but that resting spot always seems to be an elusive destination. Jesus offers a different kind of life. He offers peace. Jesus is peace.

In this 7-session study on the Gospel of John, Melissa Spoelstra will encourage you to slow down and linger with the living Word. You'll appreciate the pace of the Savior who never hurried but completed all that the Father called Him to accomplish. As you turn the pages of John's Gospel, you'll be challenged to take on the posture of a learner—understanding that the peace Jesus offers is not an ease of circumstances, but a stillness of the soul. As a result, you'll grow in intimacy with Jesus and learn to live, serve, and rest in His peace.

Book & discussion guide: \$25

***This group meets every other week beginning September 10**

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.

WEDNESDAY

#WED-02 What Is Yet To Come, an inductive study of Ezekiel

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Ladies' Bible Study

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

#WED-03 Every Man A Warrior

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Men's Group

Leader: Rick Backes

701.260.6029

Location: Room 138, Century Baptist Church

Every Man a Warrior helps men succeed in life! Recounting the stories of real men dealing with real life struggles and revealing how God has solutions, this study is designed to equip men with the essential skills to fight and win the battles of life. This course runs from September through May and is limited to 6 men.

NOTE: Please contact Rick (phone number above) to learn more and [you must inquire of Rick if there is room](#) in the group for this session.

THURSDAY

#THUR-01 Sermon-Based Study

Time: 5:00pm

Type: All Ages

Leader: Ryne Jungling

701.202.1861

Location: Northwest Mandan

Gathering to share praises and prayer requests around a meal, followed by a time of prayer before beginning to study God's Word together. The study is focused on the Sunday sermon. Each Sunday the questions are provided to you in the worship service, as well as available on our app. A sermon-based study affords the opportunity to interact with the message, parallel passages to the message and wrestle with personal application of the Scriptures in an encouraging and supportive environment.

***This group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month**

#THUR-02 JOY Group

Time: 9:30am

Type: Ladies' Group

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.

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

SATURDAY

#SAT-01 1 & 2 Thessalonians

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 Apostle Paul's two letters to the Thessalonian Church 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 do not have a Bible, one will be provided for you.

#SAT-02 Songs & Scripture

Time: 6:00pm

Type: Families

Leaders: Aaron & Rachel Johnson

Location: Northwest Bismarck

Bring your instrument and/or your voice to join with other families for a time of worship at our house. We will sing hymns and worship songs, read scripture, and spend time together in prayer.

[*This group meets every other Saturday](#)

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). 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

DWELL

Time: 11:30am

Type: College Students/Young Adults

Leader: Pastor Jason DuPaul

701.891.1290

Location: Room 200 – The Basement, Century Baptist Church

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.

This is the place for College students & young adults to find community, share a meal together, and dwell in God's Word. We meet upstairs in the Basement and cannot wait to hang out with you.

SUNDAY

#SUN-03 **Outlive Your Life**

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Adults

Leaders: Brent Bogar

701.770.3048

Kris Bogar

701.770.3303

Location: Northwest Bismarck

Walking through the first 12 chapters of Acts, we see firsthand how a few faithful people can change the world. You were made to make a difference that will last beyond your years on this earth. You will be encouraged and challenged to change the world around you by getting off your knees, rolling up your sleeves, and performing works God has created you to do. You will be prompted you to spread God's love as you learn more about ministering to your neighbors.

Study Guide: \$10

***This group meets every other Sunday**

ADULT **SUNDAY** BIBLE CLASSES

#SUN-11

Isaiah

Time: 8:30am

Type: All Adults

Leader: Brandt Dick

701.220.3176

Location: Room 172, Century Baptist Church

An expositional study through the prophet's book bearing his name. The themes of Isaiah's utterances reach back to the eternal counsels of God and the creation of the universe (42:5) and look forward to the time when God will create new heavens and a new earth (65:17; 66:22). No other prophet has written with such majestic eloquence about the glory of God. All the nations of the earth come within the scope of Isaiah's predictions. Whereas there are in Isaiah many important prophecies concerning Jerusalem as well as prophecies about Israel, Judah, and the nations of the earth, the book sets forth the great Messianic predictions in which are foretold Christ's birth, His Deity, His ministry, His death, His future millennial reign, among other predictions.

#SUN-12

Marriage Today

Time: 8:30am

Type: Adults

Leaders: Rick Becker

701.426.9976

Mike Martin

701.425.0997

Mitch Nelson

701.319.8204

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

Psalms

Time: 10:00am

Type: All Adults

Leader: Jack Noble

Location: Room 172, Century Baptist Church

Psalms is a title derived from the Greek psalmos, denoting a poem sung to the accompaniment of musical instruments.

The Psalms include a vast body of Messianic prophecy which describes Christ's suffering, His Kingship, His second advent, and His position as the Son of God and Priest in the order of Melchizedek. This study through the Book of Psalms includes the various genres, authors, theological truths of God, the cry of the psalmist' soul and the historical context of the psalms.

#SUN-14

One Perfect Life

Time: 10:00am

Type: All Adults

Leader: Vernel Schneider

701.399.6517

Location: Room 170, Century Baptist Church

The Holy Spirit gave us four gospels and, specifically, three of them are synoptic so that the truth concerning our Lord and Savior might be established on the basis of two or three witnesses (cf. Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1). Because each writer emphasized different themes from His life, the four historical testimonies provide a powerful and profound composite picture of the Son of God and Son of Man. One Perfect Life is the study of the complete story of the Eternal Christ from Genesis to Revelation. Using Matthew as the base text, the gospels and other biblical material about Jesus are blended into one continuous story that will help you better understand Scripture and grow stronger in your faith.

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 26, 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 by Sunday, September 1.

Church League Basketball

Anyone age 16 and older interested in playing in the Men's Church Basketball League, January – March 2025, will need to sign up at the information desk beginning late November or email Robyn, Adult Ministry Assistant robyn@centurybaptist.org by January 2. 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 7-8, 2025

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 (approximate): \$75 (ages 19 and up); \$45 (18 and under)

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 Wonnemberg 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 is a 90 minute seminar explaining what baptism is, why one is to be baptized, when one should be baptized, why we baptize by immersion, and how to write out and share one's personal faith testimony.

Baptism Seminar dates:

Sunday, September 29, 11:30am, Room 134

Sunday, November 3, 11:30am, Room 134

***Lunch included; please RSVP to robyn@centurybaptist.org**

Church Membership Seminar

If you desire to join the Century Baptist Church family by becoming members and partnering with us in the Great Commission of obedience to Jesus command to make disciples, 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, October 6, 11:30am, Room 134

Sunday, November 10, 11:30am, Room 134

***Lunch included; please RSVP to robyn@centurybaptist.org**

Please contact Robyn 701.223.0478 ext. 215 or robyn@centurybaptist.org or Pastor Paul Herr in the church office 701.223.0478 ext. 204 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. Being a follower of Jesus and part of a church family includes giving of your time and ability to serve others building up the body of Jesus Christ, the church. Please contact Pastor Paul Herr or Robyn Wonnenberg, Adult Ministry Assistant, 701.223.0478 ext. 215, to assist you in serving at Century.

If you would like to take a Spiritual Gifts assessment:

<https://centurybaptist.org/new-here/next-steps/spiritual-gifts-inventory/>

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 (NAB) 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.

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:

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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.**

If you have questions, email us at robyn@centurybaptist.org or call Robyn at 701.223.0478 ext. 215

8 Characteristics of Discipleship



Identity



Imitation



Word



Worship



Gospel Fluency



Spiritual Gifts



Community



For the City



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