



Joy Community Church  
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## WORSHIP WHEN YOU ARE NOT WITH US

### THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP WITH JOY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Worship attendance is very important to our Christian life, but sometimes we all have to miss a Sunday because we are out of town or because we are ill. Now you can join Joy's worship three different ways even when you can't be with us.

**BY PHONE:** "Joy Nation" conference call! The music may be hard to hear but the sermon comes through loud and clear. Simply dial 218-862-1300 and enter the conference code: 845612.

**BY RADIO:** Joy is on the radio Sunday mornings at 9:30am on 94.1FM. We have a 30 minute spot that will feature the previous week's message from Pastor Dave and an invitation to come to Joy. Share it with your friends!

**BY INTERNET:** Watch our live broadcast on [joycommunity.com](http://joycommunity.com). We will also have a link to past weeks broadcasts. Share it with your friends!

Share these resources with your friends and family too!

# Joy Community Connections

December 2011

## From The Pastor



Welcome to the month of December! All of us at Joy are fairly tuned into the fact that, in the spiritual realm, December is all about the birth of our Savior. Even though many of us get side tracked, at the end of the day we come back to the reality that Christmas really is all about Jesus. But what is December about in the natural realm? For many people, December is all about over indulging, shopping, family time, parties and fun. December is generally the polar opposite to the month of January. December is month twelve, while January is month one. December is the last month of the year and January is the first month of the year. January is the time for new beginnings and December is the time for "out with the old."

We love January because it is a month for new beginnings. We tend to start off strong with new convictions, new resolutions, new ways of doing things, and a great deal of hope. Our challenge is that most of us tend to be strong starters, but weak finishers. Some of us gave up on our New Year's resolutions by the first week of February. This year we have an opportunity to change this paradigm. We have all of December to focus on finishing 2011 strong. The message for the month of December is that God wants us to finish strong. There is still time in 2011 to tend to neglected and broken relationships. There is still time in 2011 to offer forgiveness, to say "I am sorry," to make things right, and to say "I love you." Imagine how much better you'll start the year if these broken relationships are healed because you made the decision to finish strong.

God also desires for us to finish strong spiritually. There is still time in 2011 to make worship attendance a high priority. There is still time in 2011 to make a commitment to read God's word every day or to get involved in a Bible study. There is still time in 2011 to become a person who is rooted in prayer and to start to serve. There is still time to finish strong spiritually.

God desires Joy to finish strong in 2011. This means that we still have time to radically and unselfishly bless our community. We still have time to share the Good News of Jesus with as many people as we can throughout the world. We still have time to make a local and global impact in 2011. We are up for the challenge. We started 2011 strong and our resolve is to finish even stronger. I pray that you will also resolve to finish strong in your relationships, in your spirituality and in your love for God. As we bring this year to an end, and begin to focus on the coming of 2012, I am certain that as we commit to finishing strong, the very best is just on the horizon.

Wishing You God's Very Best,  
Pastor Dave



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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Sunday, December 18, 10:00am**  
Please join us in worship as our children Sunday's School presents the characters from the Nativity.

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Saturday, December 24, 6:00pm**  
Join us for a special candle light Christmas Eve worship at Francis Howell Middle School as we welcome the new born King!

### CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

**Sunday, December 25, 10:00am**  
Christmas falls on a Sunday this year so we will be celebrating with our regular 10:00am worship at the school. There will be no children's or adult's Sunday School at 9:00am on Christmas.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



### H.O.P.E. FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP

December's focus item is toilet paper. They also have a big need for **paper** grocery bags. Bring your items to the altar with your offering during worship on H.O.P.E. Food Pantry Sunday, December 18th (the 3rd Sunday of the month). Let's fill the altar with our donations! You can also make donations of food anytime in the H.O.P.E. cart in the lobby.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Thanksgiving Meal fund. H.O.P.E. was able to provide meals for all their clients because of the donations from Joy!

For more info on H.O.P.E contact Gayle Hampson.



### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who took ornaments from the giving tree. Joy is going to really be able to bless these two Humantri families! All gifts should be wrapped with the original ornament attached and returned to church by Sunday, December 11. If you didn't get an ornament, you can donate gift cards to either Shop-N-Save or Walmart to help the families get what ever else they need. Contact Patsy Cesare with any questions at 636-294-1306 or [patsycesare@yahoo.com](mailto:patsycesare@yahoo.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND KIDS

### JOY COMMUNITY TEENS (JCT) THE JUNCTION

**Sun, December 11, 11:30pm – 5:00pm**  
**Christmas & Ice Skating Party**  
We will be meeting right after church and then going to the Rec-Plex in St. Peters for an afternoon of ice skating, eating and swimming. We will be having a party to celebrate the great year that we have had. The cost for this event is \$8.00. This covers the admission into the Rec- Plex and ice skate rental. We will be back at the Francis Howell Middle School parking at 5:00pm. Friends are welcome.

**Sunday, January 8, 5:00-7:00pm**  
Sunday Night Live at Pastor Dave's house. Topic to be announced. Dinner provided.

**Saturday, January 21**  
Winter Jam! Cost will be \$10. More details to come. Mark your calendars.

**TEEN TALK:**  
Every Sunday our teens meet during the Sunday School hour at 9:00am for a discussion of current topics and Bible study. All are invited!

**JCT BLOG:**  
And check out the youth blog at [youthofjoy.blogspot.com](http://youthofjoy.blogspot.com).

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all kids 3 years old through 5th grade! We are saving a seat for you in Sunday School. Please join us at 9am on Sunday mornings. We have singing, games, crafts and all while we learn about Jesus and how much he loves us.

#### Class Groups:

Juniors for Jesus: 3-5yr old - Tracy Schaff  
Jesus and Me: K-2nd grd - Debbie Lodge  
Life Lines: 3rd-5th grd - Jean Moorman

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE

There's still time to register! All Middle School youth are invited to the Youth Encounter Youth Quake downtown St. Louis on January 20-22, 2012. This is a great weekend of bands, speakers, and discussion with other Christian youth from around the area. Cost is just \$50 plus food! We need your registration form ASAP. See Patsy Cesare for more info.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our next Confirmation Retreat will be January 6-7. Students should meet at Matt and Patsy Cesare's house, 38 Roland Ln, St. Peters, at 7pm on Friday and be picked up at 2:00pm on Saturday. Please bring your Bible, a snack to share, change of clothes, pillow and blanket, and \$10 to cover food. For more information, see Patsy Cesare.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

### **“How to get hired, when no one is hiring” Job Skills Training Seminar**

Saturday, December 17th  
9:00am – 10:30am  
Living Lord Lutheran Church

John Jennings is the former Human Resource Director of Harrah's casino and is currently the HR person for the Missouri Department of Transportation. He has over 15 years of HR experience and has helped hundreds of people navigate employment and transition issues. John has a passion for HR management and knows from both sides of the desk what it takes to get hired in this new economy. His humor, love for people, and love for the Lord is contagious. Participants will leave this seminar with the tools to get hired and renewed sense of hope.

#### **Topics Covered Include:**

- The paradigm shift of the new economy
- Start with a plan
- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- How to build a resume that will get noticed
- Navigating the Interview
- Where to find who is hiring, when no one is hiring



### **BRUNCH CLUB**

December's Brunch Club will meet at Sherlock's Restaurant on Hwy N in Cottleville right after worship on Sunday, December 11. They have a buffet. Have some food and fellowship with your Joy family! Everyone is welcome!



The Bridge is a Christian fair trade market and coffee house located in New Town, sponsored by Hope Lutheran as a Christian establishment in the new community. The Bridge not only sells fair trade goods and coffee, but also has Bible studies for members of the community. "Fair Trade" means that the products made by impoverished workers of the 3rd world countries will receive a living wage for their work, instead of making pennies a day. This ministry will be at Joy on Dec 11 with a sampling of their merchandise and a chance to learn more about their mission in New Town. Be sure to check them out.

### **FINANCIAL COMMITMENT CARDS**

Thanks to everyone who returned a financial commitment card in November! We are asking every partner family to fill out and return a 2012 card. Please place your completed card in the offering basket. We are also asking each family to consider making an end of year financial gift to the church. If you are behind in your giving for 2011, this is a chance to catch up and if you are on track, it is an opportunity to honor God with how He has blessed you this year.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We've saved you a seat in Sunday School! Please join us at 9:00am each Sunday. Whether you are a new Christian or have been one for years, there is room to grow in Sunday School. There are two different classes to choose from. Don't be shy, join a class today.

### **BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION**

Pastor Paul Beahmann leads a discussion based study of the New Testament

### **OUR DAILY BREAD**

Cathy Rispoli and Don Telge lead a discussion group using the devotional Our Daily Bread.

### **NEW PARTNER CLASS**

Pastor Dave will be conducting a new partner class for anyone interested in learning more about Joy and becoming a partner. This is a two session class that meets from 9:00am-9:45am on Sundays, December 11 and 18. Please see Pastor Dave if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

### **FREE BIBLES AVAILABLE**

If you or someone you know needs a Bible, then please take one of the FREE yellow Bibles available each week in the lobby.

### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **NEW: Wed Morning Bible Study**

Pastor Rispoli will be starting a Wednesday morning Bible study on December 14th at 7:00am. It is open to men and women and will be meeting at Farmers Insurance on 240 Mid Rivers Center. The group will be going through the Gospel of Luke. Regardless of your experience with the Bible, this is going to be a great study for people desiring to learn more about Jesus and how he still moves in our lives today. Plan on joining us for this great time in God's word! For more information call Pastor Rispoli at 314-606-4272.

#### **Young Adult Ministry Bible Study**

The young adult ministry meets every week on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm at Matt and Melissa Placatka's house, 411 Morningside in St. Peters. If you would like to join us, contact Lauren Miller at 636-875-0664 or Melissa Placatka at 636-262-0140.

#### **Men's Bible Study**

All men are invited to join us every Saturday morning at 7:30am for fellowship and Bible study. We meet at the McDonald's at Hwy K & N in front of Dierbergs. For more info contact Glenn Lodge at 636-544-8984.

## SERVING THIS MONTH

### NURSERY

Contact Tracy Schaff: 314-541-7872  
 Dec 4: Dillion Fox & Matt Sumner  
 Dec 11: Amy Kilz & Maryanne Griffin  
 Dec 18: Wendy Wilkerson & Christina Hiatt  
 Dec 25: Sheila Watts & Debbie Lodge

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Contact Luanne Waring: 636-379-9793  
 Dec 4: Bruce Fox & Craig Aronson  
 Dec 11: Barb Chatman & Debbie Stygar  
 Dec 18: Chad Humphreys & Gayle Hampson  
 Dec 25: Sandy Bowles & Matt Hiatt

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Contact Bev Jensen: 636-447-9844  
 Dec 4: Marianne Graham & Don Telge  
 Dec 11: Jennifer Cruse & Peggy Humphreys  
 Dec 18: Sheri Maddox & Michele Scott  
 Dec 25: Lela Zimmer & Sam Chatman  
 Sandi Bowles & Annette Ravens

### OFFERING COUNTERS

Contact Annette Ravens: 636-272-2498  
 Dec 4: Amy Kilz & Renee Fox  
 Dec 11: Phillip Morse & Annette Ravens  
 Dec 18: Leslie Marino & Tim Carlson  
 Dec 25: Joni Porter & Marianne Graham

### LEVITES: SET UP AND TAKE DOWN TEAMS

Contact: Scott Bowles: 636-279-0465  
 Dec 4: Brad Scott, Bruce Fox, Kilz Family, John Szuba, Ted Lindner  
 Dec 11: Matt Hiatt, Paul Rosemann, Glen Lodge, Rick & Adam Berge, Craig Clark, Scott Bowles  
 Dec 18: Nate Cruse, Sam Chatman, Jimmy Frost, Chad Humphreys, Dave Humphreys, Dave & Leslie Marino, Josh Conoyer  
 Dec 25: Jim Ottomeyer, John Buckley, Terry File, Randy Schmidt, Jeff Stygar, Tim & Deanian Gosset, Josh White



# DECEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3  Men's Bible Study: 7:30am
4  Sunday School: 9:00am Worship: 10:00am	5  FPU 6:30pm	6  Young Adult Ministry 7:30pm	7  Celebrate Recovery 7:00pm	8	9	10  Men's Bible Study: 7:30am
11  Sun School: 9:00am New Partner Class 9:00am Worship: 10:00am Youth event: 11:30am Brunch Club: noon	12  FPU 6:30pm	13  Young Adult Ministry 7:30pm	14  Bible Study 9:00am Celebrate Recovery 7:00pm	15	16	17  Men's Bible Study: 7:30am Job Training Seminar 9:00am
18  Sunday School: 9:00am New Partner Class 9:00am Worship: 10:00am	19	20  Young Adult Ministry 7:30pm	21  Bible Study 9:00am Celebrate Recovery 7:00pm	22	23	24  Men's Bible Study: 7:30am Christmas Eve Worship 6:00pm
25  Worship: 10:00am	26	27  Young Adult Ministry 7:30pm	28  Bible Study 9:00am Celebrate Recovery 7:00pm	29	30	31  Men's Bible Study: 7:30am