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From The Pastor

I Corinthians 9:24 “Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!”



The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves lost to the Philadelphia Phillies. For the Cardinals, the “win” meant the National League Wildcard and a possible vie for the World Series. For the Braves, the “loss” meant the season was over. It sure is good to win! The apostle Paul was encouraging the Christians in Corinth to live their lives in such a way that they win. He say's “run to Win.” Are we winning or are we loosing? How can we tell and what difference does it make?

Several weeks ago at one of our Sunday morning men's Bible study meetings, one of the guys asked if the church was growing. This individual was talking about numerical growth. In his mind, he was thinking that if the church was growing numerically then the church is winning. The implication was if the church was not growing numerically, then the church is losing. When I heard about the conversation, I was pleased to report that the church is clearly growing numerically. We have more people in worship and more partner families than ever before in our congregations history. While this is a great indicator that we are “winning,” I am not sure that it is the best indicator. I find it far more significant that we had nine men getting up on Saturday morning to come to a 7:30am Bible study. I find it more significant that we had 17 youth at our youth event the week before last. I find it more significant that we had over 85% of our partners make a commitment to serve Joy in at least one Sunday morning ministry in our latest time and talent survey. I find it more significant that as a congregation we have given thousands of dollars away to other area ministries like Habitat for Humanity and H.O.P.E. Food Pantry. I find it far more significant that our small groups are growing and are Sunday School classes are getting bigger. Are we winning? What do you think? Probably more important, what do you think God thinks?

See you in the winners circle, Pastor Dave

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

CELEBRATE RECOVERY SMALL GROUP

Joy is forming a new small group for anyone who is or has in the past struggled with any kind of addictions: drugs, alcohol, food, gambling, etc. Celebrate Recovery is a Bible based program based on the Beatitudes as well as 12 step recovery programs. Whether you have been in recovery programs before or you are new to dealing with your addictions, this program is a Biblical approach to helping you overcome your addictions. The course is free. For more information or to register, please contact Rick Brooke at 636-240-8939. Participation in the small group will be completely confidential.



3rd SUNDAY BRUNCH CLUB

October's Brunch Club will meet at the Hog House Restaurant across from the school at O'Fallon Rd and Hwy 94 right after worship on Sunday, October 16. It's kid friendly and they have a buffet. Have some food and fellowship with your Joy family! Everyone is welcome!

MARRIAGE RETREAT NOVEMBER 4-5

Mark your calendars for the next Marriage Retreat on November 4-5. This retreat will be an opportunity for couples to get away and focus on building a stronger marriage. More details to come. See Sandi Dixon with any questions.

? TRIVIA NIGHT NOVEMBER 18

Don't miss our annual Trivia Night on Friday, November 18 at Quail Ridge Park Lodge in Wentzville. Doors open at 6:00pm and play begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 each or \$150 for a table of 10. We are looking for silent auction donations. You can also sponsor a round for \$100! All proceeds go to fund the youth program. For more information, see Tim or Amy Kiltz.

TOWN HALL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

We will be having a congregation "town hall" meeting on Sunday, November 6 immediately following worship. We will discuss Joy's current ministry, the LCMC move, and church finances. Join us as we seek to close 2011 with positive growth and gear up for a great start to 2012.



HERMANN WINERY TRIP

The Men's Ministry will be sponsoring a trip to the Hermann Wineries again this year. Join us on Saturday, October 22 for a fun outing with your friends at Joy! This event is for men and women. We will be renting a bus and there will be a small fee to cover the cost. Watch for more details and a sign up sheet to come. See Glenn Lodge or Bill Helt for more info.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND KIDS

JOY COMMUNITY TEENS (JCT) THE JUNCTION

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9 CORN MAZE, HAY RIDE, BONFIRE

We will be meeting at Rita's farm on Highway N in O'Fallon for an early evening hay-ride, corn-maze and bon fire. We will be roasting hotdogs and light snacks. This will be some outrageous fun. Be dropped off by 4:00pm and plan on being picked up at 6:00pm. There is no cost for this event.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

We will be talking about our need to "Dare to Share" during this Sunday night Live. The Middle School and Senior High Groups will be divided for this event as we explore what it means to share our faith with our friends, neighbors and relatives without being a freak or pushing Jesus down people's throats. Dinner will be provided. There is no cost for this event.

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

November 13: City Museum
November 27: Sunday Night Live

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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our first confirmation retreat will be Oct 7-8. 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE

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 and fee by Sunday, Oct 9. See Patsy Cesare for more information.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



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

H.O.P.E. Food Pantry is still struggling to keep their shelves stocked. They are serving more clients than ever before and simply cannot keep up without extra donations coming in. In September, H.O.P.E. served 442 families or 1,663 individuals! Let's continue to help H.O.P.E. feed the hungry by having another big grocery donation this month!

October's focus item is Pasta Sauce. Bring your items on H.O.P.E. Food Pantry Sunday, October 16 or place them in the shopping cart in the lobby any time. Even though we have one focus item this month, please see the list of "most needed" items and consider buying one or more of them this month as well to help restock the pantry shelves.

Most Needed Items:

- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Pasta/Noodles
- Jelly
- Granola Bars
- Saltine Crackers

SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION DUE OCT 2

There is still time to join the mission trip to South Africa on February 16-28, 2012. We are seeking donations and fundraisers to cover most of the cost, but each participant will be asked to pay \$500 due by October 1st. Please pray about participating. You can also go to www.blessmanministries.org for more info. See Pastor Dave or Matt Cesare if you have any questions or would like to make a donation to the trip.

CHURCH WIDE TITHE UPDATE

Each month Joy gives a tithe, or 10% of our offerings away to other ministries. In 2011 we have increased our tithe to 13%. Because of the offerings that our Joy partners give each week, we have been able to give approximately \$10,000 to help support Habitat For Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, H.O.P.E. Food Pantry, Dare 2 Share Ministries, Humanitri, and the LCMC Mission Fund. We also give monthly support to Scott Ryll, missionary to Hungary and two chaplains serving full time in the St. Louis County and City Jails, Matt Weis and Vince Stanley. September's tithe will go to Grace's Place, a new Crisis Nursery opening in Franklin County.

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. We will also have a link to past weeks broadcasts. Share it with your friends!

Share these resources with your friends and family too!

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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 Sat. 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

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.

SERVING THIS MONTH

NURSERY

Contact Tracy Schaff: 314-541-7872

Oct 2: Dillion Fox

Oct 9: Maryann & Amy Kilz

Oct 16: Wendy Wilkerson & Christina Hiatt

Oct 23: Debbie Lodge & Jamie Haalboom

Oct 30: Annette Ravens & Sandi Dixon

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Contact Luanne Waring: 636-379-9793

Oct 2: Bruce Fox & Craig Aronson

Oct 9: Barb Chatman & Debbie Stygar

Oct 16: Chad Humphreys & Gayle Hampson

Oct 23: Sandy Bowles & Matt Hiatt

Oct 30: Matt & Patsy Cesare

COMMUNION SERVERS

Contact Bev Jensen: 636-447-9844

Oct 2: Marianne Graham & Don Telge

Oct 9: Jennifer Cruse & Peggy Humphreys

Oct 16: Sheri Maddox & Michele Scott

Oct 23: Lela Zimmer & Sam Chatman

Sandi Bowles & Annette Ravens

Oct 30: Steve & Shelly Freant

OFFERING COUNTERS

Contact Annette Ravens: 636-272-2498

Oct 2: Amy Kilz & Renee Fox

Oct 9: Phillip Morse & Annette Ravens

Oct 16: Leslie Marino & Tim Carlson

Oct 23: Joni Porter & Marianne Graham

Oct 30: Annette Ravens

LEVITES: SET UP AND TAKE DOWN TEAMS

Contact: Scott Bowles: 636-279-0465

Oct 2: Brad Scott, Bruce Fox, Kilz Family, John Szuba, Ted Lindner

Oct 9: Matt Hiatt, Paul Rosemann, Glen

Lodge, Rick & Adam Berge, Craig Clark, Scott Bowles

Oct 16: Nate Cruse, Sam Chatman, Jimmy Frost, Chad Humphreys, Dave Humphreys, Dave & Leslie Marino, Josh Conoyer

Oct 23: Jim Ottomeyer, John Buckley, Terry File, Randy Schmidt, Jeff Stygar, Chris Stygar,

Tim & Deanian Gosset, Josh White

Oct 30: D Team



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Men's Bible Study: 7:30am Family Fall Fest 4:00pm
2 Sunday School: 9:00am Worship: 10:00am	3 FPU 6:30pm Kent's Small Group: 7:00pm	4 Young Adult Ministry 7:30pm	5	6	7 Confirmation Retreat	8 Men's Bible Study: 7:30am
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