**SPRING 2018** 



# 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 worship service and being part of a Community Life Group.

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. Which 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. 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 – 16 weeks, January 21-April 29 (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.

Pastor Paul Herr pherr@centurybaptist.org

# **FAQS**

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 approximately 14 weeks. The Spring 2018 semester begins the week of January 21 and runs through the week of April 29. 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/babysitting 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 not be in a group 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.



### #GROUNDED Grounded

Time: 7:30pm

Type: Young Adults

Leaders: Isaac Stiltz 701-202-4770;

Tiffany Stiltz 605-641-1834; Miles Ean 701-425-9097

Location: Century Baptist Rm 200

Grounded is a ministry designed by young adults and for young adults (ages 18-29). The core components are building friendships, Bible study, prayer and intentionally developing relationships with those far from God. As such, Grounded has partnered with non-profits serving and actively living out our faith in our community. Stay current with Grounded updates and events on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cbcgrounded

**#MON-01** 

#### **Radical - David Platt**

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Women's Bible Study

Leader: Deb Burke 701-391-0504

Location: Century Baptist Connecting Place

Platt invites you to encounter what Jesus actually said about being his disciple, and then obey what you have heard. He challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated a Godcentered gospel to fit our human-centered preferences. Combining the messages of Radical and Radical Together, this resource will help your congregation discover what could happen if the message of Radical were lived out by every member of your church. Land.

Workbook: \$14.00

\*This study starts January 8th.

Upcoming Studies: Follow Me by David Platt starting February 19

# **TUESDAY**

**#TUE-01** 

### **Sermon-based Study**

Time: 7:00pm

Type: Adults

Leader: Michael Mart 701-721-0439

Location: South Bismarck

Our sermon-based groups focus their Biblical study on the previous Sunday's sermon. Each Sunday the questions are provided in the worship bulletin and available on our website. 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.

**#TUE-02** 

### **Sermon-based Study**

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Adults

Leader: Mitch Nelson; Pastor David Gallagher 701-693-5049

Location: East Bismarck

Our sermon-based groups focus their Biblical study on the previous Sunday's sermon. Each Sunday the questions are provided in the worship bulletin and available on our website. 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 groups meets every other Tuesday

### **TUESDAY**

#TUE-03 Gospel of Luke

Time: 6:30am

Type: Men's Bible Study

Leader: Sam Gietzen 204-3435

Location: Century Baptist Cafe

This study probes the critical mandate of spiritual leadership and what it means to be a spiritual leader.

The only book you need is your Bible.

### **#TUE-04** Lord Change my Attitude - James McDonald

Time: 9:00am

Type: Women's Bible Study

Leaders: Megan Giesler 701-471-4569;

Lisa Rhodes 701-226-2152; Jana Wisthoff 701-425-2498

Location: Century Baptist Connecting Place

What does God think about attitudes? This updated study from James MacDonald uses examples from the Israelites' journey out of Egypt to show that attitudes can affect whether someone stays in the wilderness or enjoys the blessings of the Promised Land.

Workbook: \$16.00 \*This study starts January 9th.

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Workbook: \$14.00

Child care is provided

# **TUESDAY**

**#TUE-05** Lord Change my Attitude - James McDonald

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Women's Bible Study

Leader: Janelle Dick 701-226-7820

Location: Century Baptist Connecting Place

What does God think about attitudes? This updated study from James MacDonald uses examples from the Israelites' journey out of Egypt to show that attitudes can affect whether someone stays in the wilderness or enjoys the blessings of the Promised Land.

Workbook: \$16.00 \*This study starts January 9th. Note: this Bible study meets every other Tuesday

# WEDNESDAY

**#WED-01** 

### **Financial Peace University**

Time: 6:30pm

Type: All adults

Leader: Sara Christianson 701-214-8069

Location: Century Baptist Rm 152

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! The average family taking FPU pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700 in the first 90 days!

Membership Kit: \$100

# WEDNESDAY

**#WED-02** 

### **Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**

Time: 2:45pm

Type: Senior Adults

Leader: Pastor David Gallagher 701-223-0478

Location: Century Baptist Rm 172

Start with coffee and fellowship at 2:00pm followed by a time of spiritual growth through the sharing of personal prayer requests as well as interceding for the ministry of Century Baptist Church. Then systematically study a book of the Bible as a group. Bring your Bible!

# **THURSDAY**

#THUR-01 Care & Share

Time: 11:30am

Type: Widows & Singles

Leaders: Lorraine Wonnenberg 701-663-4243;

Carol Grenz 701-222-4191

Location: Varies, communicated through the Sunday bulletin

Being alone doesn't have to be lonely. Care & Share is a group providing encouragement, support and fellowship for those who have lost their mates or are single. A great opportunity to journey through life together with others who have and are experiencing the same things you are.

Note: This group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month

# **SATURDAY**

#SAT-01 Acts

Time: 7:30am

Type: Men's Bible Study

Leader: Vaughn Rhodes 701-471-0362;

Larry Kolbo 701-226-3654

Location: Century Baptist Cafe

A verse-by-verse discussion of the Book of Acts along with great discussion, Prayer and encouragement in Godliness. Bring your Bible!

# **SUNDAY**

**#SUN-01** 

### **Sermon-based Study**

Time: 7:00pm

Type: Adults

Leader: Ryne Jungling 701-202-1861

Location: Mandan

Our sermon-based groups focus their Biblical study on the previous Sunday's sermon. Each Sunday the questions are provided in the worship bulletin and available on our website. 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.

**#SUN-02** 

### **College Bible Study**

Time: 7:00pm

Type: College Students

Leader: Pastor Jason DuPaul 701-891-1290

Location: Century Baptist Rm 200

Come and join us every Sunday evening for worship and Bible Study!



#### **Boys to Men**

When: Friday & Saturday, February 2-3 2018 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

Registration forms available at the info desk.

Cost: 19 and Up \$50, 18 and Under \$25

#### Men's Night of Worship & Prayer

Sunday, February 11, 5:00pm, the Connecting Place Men joining their voices for an evening of worship and their minds and hearts in prayer for our nation, our church, our city and our personal growth as a disciple of Jesus.

#### The BANQUET

The Banquet is a free meal served to the lonely, homeless and needy of all ages in our community. Century Baptist Church is preparing and serving the meal for The Banquet Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church. You are invited to join in this opportunity to serve a meal for those in need assisting in the preparation and serving of the meal. Sign-up sheets will be available at the info desk February 18.

### Men's Conference-Protecting Integrity

Coming Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, 2018 is the men's discipleship conference focused on 1 John 1:5-10: set an example in speech, conduct, love faith and purity. Early Bird rate: \$25; registration begins February 4.

Conference materials and meals included in registration.

### **Church League Volleyball**

Spend Sunday Evenings this summer (it is winter now, but summer is coming!) playing sand volleyball. Signup sheets will be available at the information desk beginning of May.

Cost: \$6.00

#### **NEXT**

NEXT is a one-time, 20 minute introduction to Century and conversation with one of our pastors where you can acquaint yourself with who we are, where we're going and find out how you can join us on the journey.

NEXT occurs at 9:45am and 11:15am in Rm 136 on the following Sundays: March 4 and April 15 (more are added throughout the year).

#### 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 exploration of the Bible's grand story and where they fit into His story.

Starting Point is not currently scheduled for spring 2018. Contact Pastor Paul Herr for more information.

#### **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 contact Becky in the church office at 223-0478.

We offer a **Baptism Seminar** for all adults who desire to understand what the Bible says about baptism. This is a 1 hour session that explains what baptism is, who one is baptized, when one should be baptized and how to write and share one's personal faith testimony.

#### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

For those who desire to join the Century family by becoming members of our church, we require you to attend our church membership seminar. These 90 minutes include our theological beliefs, philosophy of ministry, core values, history and discipleship strategy.

Church Membership seminar dates: Sunday, March 11, 11:45am, Rm 152
Please contact Becky in the church office 223-0478 to sign
up for the church membership seminar.

#### CHILD DEDICATION

Recognizing children are a gift from God, many parents want to have their children dedicated to God in a manner like Hannah dedicated Samuel (see 1 Samuel 1:27-28). The time of dedication is a commitment by parents who believe in Jesus Christ as the Savior for their sins, to raise their child(ren) according to the truths of the Bible.

The next Child Dedication service is May 6, 2018.

The next Child Dedication seminar is Sunday, April 15 at 8:45am, Rm 136.

Applications are available online at centurybaptist.org/connect/next-steps

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

We work hard to make it simple and easy to sign up. You have 3 options:

- 1. Sign up at centurybaptist.org/connect/community-life-groups
- 2. Write the Community Life Group # of your choice on the "additional information" lines on the back of the Connect Card
- 3. Sign up at the info desk in the foyer

See, it really is simple and easy! If you have questions, email us at groups@centurybaptist.org.

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