

## PRAYER

*“We long to be a church rooted in prayer.”*

### For your prayer needs:

- During Communion at our Saturday evening & Sunday morning worship services there are Joy Prayer Partners located in the back of the church to pray with you.
- In the worship bulletin there is a Connection card, complete the card with your prayer request and drop it in the offering basket. Our Joy Partners will lift your concerns up in prayer for you. Mark it confidential and a special team will pray for you.
- Email your prayer request to Maggie Conkle, [maggie@joycommunity.com](mailto:maggie@joycommunity.com), and we will send it out to our Joy partners for prayer.

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## February 2018

### From The Pastor

February is sometimes called the “love” month. With the “love” holiday falling smack dab in the middle of February, many people tune into the concept of love. The stores are filled with Valentines Day knick knacks screaming for consumers to buy and give to that special person. Historically, this used to be one of my favorite Holiday’s. I loved giving Cathy gifts, and Valentines day was one more opportunity to express love by giving. This past week I wrote an article for my Marriage Coaching blog posing the question, “Does true love exists?” Within the first three days of posting the article, the blog received over a thousand likes and well over 100 comments. Most of the comments were positive and the sentiment that many had is that true love does indeed exist. One of the comments that made me sad was a women named Susan who wrote these words, “I do not believe that true love exists because I have never experienced it”. I wonder how many people feel the same way this woman does. At our congregational meeting last month, I had to summarize 2017. There were so many positive things that I could have pointed to in terms of greatest accomplishments. I could have pointed to worship attendance being up. I could have pointed to the number of new partners who partnered with us in 2017. I could have pointed to the fact that giving was up close to 13% over a year ago. I could have pointed to the fact that there were more people involved in discipleship opportunities, mission and service than ever before in the life of Joy.



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All of these achievements and indicators were worthy of celebration, but they pale in comparison to Joy's most defining characteristic. The most significant thing about Joy is the love that marks us as a community. We truly are a congregation who has been radically changed by the true love of Jesus. As a congregation we radically share this love with strangers and with one another. If you are a guest reading this newsletter today the one thing that you need to know about Joy is that we are not a perfect church, but we are a loving church. In fact, Joy may be one of the most incredibly loving congregations that you will ever experience in your life. I know because in 2017 that love carried me through the most difficult challenge of my life. This February, let's be certain to be looking for people who are in need of that love and share it. I pray that the woman who wrote the comment on my blog comes to Joy and finds the love of a savior whose love is true and constant. I have invited her. Do the same with the Susans in your own life and let's continue to share this crazy love with everyone we can. Thank you so much for being a part of Joy and making it the truly loving place that it is.

Wishing You God's Very Best,

Pastor David Rispoli

## CHURCH@THE BAR BREWSKEEZ

Sports Cafe

We meet every Wednesday at 7pm for a message of encouragement and an evening of fellowship. Church at the Bar is held at BrewskeeZ Bar located at 4251 Keaton Crossing on Hwy K in O'Fallon. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us.

### Save the Dates

**Ash Wednesday Services  
February 14**

@ Church at the Bar - 7:00pm

**Mouse Races for Missions  
April 21**

## Opportunities for Youth and Adults To Grow and Learn

### Sunday Mornings - TEEN TALK

Every Sunday our teens meet during the Sunday School hour at 8:30am for a discussion of current topics & Bible study. All are invited! Contact Gary Dixon for more info at 636-357-7775.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all kids 4 years old through 5th grade! Sunday School continues all summer! Please join us at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. We have games, crafts & stories all while we learn about Jesus and how much he loves us.

#### Class Groups:

K-2nd grade - Bill Sumner

3rd-5th grade - Sandy Bowles

### Joy Kids—3rd, 4th, 5th Grade

Kids meet the 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Bible lesson, activity, food & drink provided. For location see Kids Leader—Jen Cruse 314-803-2035

### Elevate—Student Ministry

Youth grades 6th thru 12th meet every Wednesday, 6pm-8pm at Joy Church. Bring a friend!!  
Joy Youth Minister—Pastor Jace Meints  
217-801-0389

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

#### Men's Bible Study:

All men are invited to join us Saturday mornings at 7:30am for Bible study and fellowship at Cappuccino's on Hwy K and Mexico Rd by Walmart. For more info contact Glenn Lodge at 636-544-8984.

#### Wed Morning Bible Study:

Pastor Dave Rispoli leads a Wednesday morning Bible study at 7:00am at First Watch restaurant located at Mid Rivers Mall Dr & Suemandy next to Barnes and Noble.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us at 8:30am each Sunday. Whether you are a new Christian or have been one for years, there is room to grow in Sunday School. There are 3 classes to choose from.

- **BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Pastor Paul Baehmann and Pastor Don Moorman each lead a discussion based study of the Old and New Testaments.

- **COFFEE TALK SERIES**

We are wrapping up a 5 study based on The Shack. Starting 02/18, we will begin a 40 days of prayer challenge with Mark Batterson for 5 weeks during lent Contact Erin Lechner for more information

## JOY Ministries & Events



### **CrAzY CaRdS - Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>**

No experience is necessary for the next Women's Event, only the desire to have fun! Bring a drink of your choice and a snack to share. You'll learn an exciting and fast-paced card game while making new friends. 6:30 pm in the church café!

Women's events for the next 5 months have been planned! Please save the dates....details will follow as we get closer. Events will typically be on the fourth weekend of the month! The actual day may change but plan on the fourth weekend. Pick up a pocket-size calendar with information in the lobby.

### **Upcoming Events**

Crazy Cards - Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at the Church

Lunch & Blessing Bags for Mission - Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> immediately following church service

Laugh Your Socks Off - Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD

Spring Plant Night - Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the church

Missouri Botanical Garden Tram Tour (\$21 cost) - Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Muny Backstage Tour/Show, Gypsy - Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Women's Ministry Moments**

Nineteen women gathered for a cozy evening of cocoa and a movie last Friday evening. Our favorite movie memories were shared, friendships were made and Christ's love was present. If you weren't able to make this event please plan on attending the next women's event on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> at Joy.

If you haven't completed the Women's Ministry survey there is still time. Hard copies may be picked up on the table in the lobby or follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFPL3FR> to complete the survey on line.

## Uno Mas Ministry



Thanks so much for all of your support and prayers this past month. We have been doing some great things together. First I want to thank all those who contributed used to the book fund. We have received the books via pdf and have been able to print enough copies for all of our students to have copies. What a tremendous blessing!

As many of you know, I will also be moving this month from one part of town to a location more central to our work. The new ministry center has two bedrooms and a beautiful patio. More than enough room for me and ministry. Also if one of you decides to come and visit me, we won't have to get a hotel.

Thanks again to all of you. I am planning to be home for the mouse raises which is a very important part of fundraising for our ministry. I hope you are planning to come and say hello!

Dios te bendiga  
Jeff

Check out our website at [www.unomasministry.com](http://www.unomasministry.com)

### **Opportunities to Serve @ Joy**

- \* **Children's Church:** Adult to lead class on the 3rd and 4th Saturday during Worship. Luanne Waring 314-783-1252
- \* **Hospitality workers:** Saturday or Sunday Services Sharon Placatka 314-691-6535
- \* **Treat bringers:** Saturday or Sunday Fellowship Time. Sharon Placatka 314-691-6535
  - \* **Tech Team:** for Saturday or Sunday Worship. John Eckenfels 314-604-2507 or Jim Ottomeyer 636-734-6003
  - \* **Set Up Team:** 4th Saturday Looking for 2 people. Rick Berge 314-341-1164
  - \* **Lobby Set Up:** Saturday, once a month Susan Adamski 636-398-0090
  - \* **Greeter / Usher Team:** Saturday service Stacy Johnson 636-795-2339 or Carrie Johnson 636-448-1053

## Joy Events & Activities

### Sunday Morning Brunch Club

February 18 @11:00am  
Location TBD

Everyone is invited to join us following worship for great food, fellowship and an opportunity to get connected with other Joy partners.



### HOPE Food Pantry

The items for February are:

**Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper or  
Chicken Helper**

God has blessed H.O.P.E. Food Pantry so much and we are excited. Instead of losing our ministry we now own it!!! We still need a volunteer for a once a month pick up and now that we have a building that needs maintenance and repairs please let me know if you have any "handy man" skills and would be willing to help with any of the upcoming projects.

Thanks! Gayle 636-240-8939

### NEW Fellowship Opportunity

#### Saturday Night Dinner Club

February 17 @6:30pm  
at Mattingly's Sports Bar & Grill  
1048 Wolfrum Road

Everyone is invited to join us following worship for great food, fellowship and an opportunity to get connected with other Joy partners.

### Grief Group

Have you lost a loved one?  
You are not alone.

Pastor Dave and Gayle Hampson will co-lead a 5 week support group for anyone who has lost a loved one.

The group will meet at Joy Church starting Saturday, February 17 from 9:30am-11:00am.

For more information see Gayle 636-240-8939 or Pastor Dave 314-606-4272.

## Joy Youth

### Joy Youth Event

From Pastor Jace:

- Feb. 7th: Valentine's Day party, invite your friends. There will be pizza, games, prizes and more. The person who brings the most friends will get to pie me in the face!!
- Feb 10th: Youth will be going to Steinberg's. Leaving Joy around 11:30 and returning @ 3. Cost is \$7 for admission and \$6 for skates. Also bring money for food or a sack lunch.
- Feb. 11th: Parent Info meeting. After the service there will be a meeting to discuss the 2018 season ahead, look at deadlines for summer camp money and questions that you parents may have are encouraged
- Feb 14th: No Youth Group meeting at Joy, instead we will be meeting at Church @ the Bar to observe Ash Wednesday.

### Youth Confirmation Class

The next session for Middle School Confirmation will include the following dates:  
February 4th, February 11th, February 18th, and February 25th  
at 8:30am



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### 3 WAYS TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

Want to keep up on your offering when you are not able to with us in worship? There are 3 ways to give electronically:

- 1) Sign up for Simply Giving, an automatic deduction program from your checking account. See Tim Kilz for additional information.
- 2) Go to [www.joycommunity.com](http://www.joycommunity.com) and click on "give online" on the left side of the page.
- 3) Give electronically using Tithe.ly. Download the app or go to [www.tithe.ly.com](http://www.tithe.ly.com)

### WAYS TO WORSHIP 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. You can join Joy's worship even when you can't be with us.

- **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!

### JOY PARTNER CARE SYSTEM

Joy Community Church is a family and we want to make sure that we care for all of our partners in times of crisis or change such as a death in the family, sickness or injury, hospitalization or the birth of a baby. We have a system to make sure that your family receives the help and care you need during these times. Please contact Pastor Dave at 314-606-4272 when you have a care need AND then contact Maggie Conkle at 314-600-1633 to begin our partner care process.

**Need Prayer?** Email your prayer request to [maggie@joycommunity.com](mailto:maggie@joycommunity.com) and we will send it out to the Joy partners for you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Bible Study 7:30am Worship 5:00pm
4 Sun School 8:30am Worship 9:30am	5	6	7 Bible Study 7:00am Youth Meeting 6pm-8pm @ Joy Church @ the Bar 7:00pm	8	9	10 Men's Bible Study 7:30am Youth Ice Skating at Steinberg's Worship 5:00pm
11 Sun School 8:30am Worship 9:30am  Youth Parent Info Meeting after church	12	13  Prayer Shawl 7pm @ Joy	14 Bible Study 7:00am Ash Wednesday service and Youth Meeting will be held at Church @ the Bar 7:00pm	15	16	17 Men's Bible Study 7:30am Grief Group 9:30am @ Joy Worship 5:00pm Saturday Dinner Club 6:30pm Youth Quake Event
18 Sun School 8:30am Worship 9:30am  Brunch Club 11am	19	20	21 Bible Study 7:00am Youth Meeting 6pm-8pm @ Joy Church @ the Bar 7:00pm	22	23	24 Men's Bible Study 7:30am Grief Group 9:30am @ Joy Worship 5:00pm CrAZy CaRdS 6:30pm @ Joy
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