

Dear JOY Family and Friends,



JOY Church Newsletter

February 24, 2021

Blessings to you! Here are the topics in this newsletter:

**All Congregational Meeting \* Flowers for Easter \* Baby Bottle Drive \* Sharing JOY \* Whack-a-mole**



## All Congregational Meeting

According to state law for non-profits, we need to have an all congregational meeting each year by the end of February.

Our meeting is this Sunday, February 28 immediately following worship. The meeting should be pretty brief, maybe 20 minutes or so.

The agenda is:

1. Call to Order - Gerald Whiteman
2. Opening Prayer – Pastor Clayton Wilfer
3. Pastor’s Report – Pastor Clayton Wilfer
4. Budget – Debi Reed
5. Restructuring of Board/Board Elections – Gerald Whiteman
6. Closing Prayer – Pastor Clayton Wilfer

## Flowers for Easter

Easter Lilies are beautiful, aren't they? They are especially beautiful around the altar as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus! Jean Duke (who introduced herself this past Sunday) is coordinating the flowers for this Easter. The intent is for members to bring them for Easter Sunday and then take them after worship to provide that beauty in their own home.



- A sign-up sheet is available on the church table
- Drop-off of flowers will be on Saturday, April 3. Hours are TBD.
- To ensure that you get the same flowers back, please put your name on a small note on the flower container.
- If you have any questions, you please contact Jean Duke through the church's email: [joychurchaz@outlook.com](mailto:joychurchaz@outlook.com)



## Baby Bottle Drive

Choices Pregnancy Centers make it possible for women to say “YES” to life by applying the gospel of Jesus Christ to difficult and complex situations related to an unintended pregnancy. They provide hope and education as they model unconditional love – the kind of love that changes hearts and lives.

**Choices dropped of 60 bottles and it would be wonderful if we could fill all 60!**

**You can pick up your bottle(s) at church or you can “fill up your bottle” by making an on-line donation.**

Choices even created our own site for donations! [www.choicesaz.com/bbd/bbd-joy-christian-community](http://www.choicesaz.com/bbd/bbd-joy-christian-community)

**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**  
**Choices**  
 Your Change, Changes Lives

**Your donations to Choices Pregnancy Centers helps meet the needs of your community by providing:**

- Free Pregnancy Testing
- Free Ultrasounds
- Low Cost STD Testing
- Abortion Risks Info
- Adoption Info
- Parenting Classes
- Post-Abortion Recovery Programs

**JOY**  
 Christian Community Church

Thank you JOY Christian Community Church for demonstrating and sharing a Greater Love for women, men and babies across the Greater Phoenix area.

**Pick one or both!**

- Fill a bottle with change, cash or checks
- Visit [ChoicesAZ.com/bbd-joy-christian-community](http://ChoicesAZ.com/bbd-joy-christian-community)

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## Sharing JOY to the World!

Over the past year, we have grown through our on-line presence. This means that we are reaching more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!

 <b>YouTube</b>	 <b>Facebook</b>
<p><b>In one year, we have gone from 18 to 78 subscribers! That’s a 400% increase!</b></p> <p>When people subscribe to our YouTube channel, they are notified whenever we live stream or post videos.</p>	<p><b>In one year, we went for 131 to 237 Facebook Page Likes. That’s an 87% increase!</b></p> <p>Facebook likes mean that people will get notified when we post anything.</p>
<p>Remember, less than 3 years ago we didn’t have a YouTube channel or Facebook page!</p>	

You can help spread the JOY by letting people know about our website JoyChurchAZ.com, leaving Facebook and Google reviews, having people subscribe to our YouTube Channel. We even have a YELP page as well!

**Yet, above all, a personal invitation to worship with us in-person or online is the very best thing you can do.**

So, let’s continue to Share JOY to the World!



## Whack-a-Mole and Live Streaming

One of my favorite games at the Minnesota State Fair was Whack-a-mole (not me in the picture, but it could've been!)

One of my least favorite games right now is live streaming whack-a-mole.

From a home user point of view, it's pretty simple – you turn on the computer, phone, TV, etc. and JOY Church is there.

From our end, there are a lot of different components that can go wrong. For the most part, it's because of a Windows or Dell update that needs to be installed or didn't install properly. Sometimes it's different software that we're using or some hardware connection gone awry, or.... Well, you get the picture – technology whack-a-mole. We've created as many back-up plans as possible but even then, a mole will pop up that we can't fix during worship.

### So, what can you do in the case of a mole attack?

1. Pray. Really, no kidding! We pray every time for worship to be filled by the Spirit and that technology works. Interestingly, the last two times that there were larger issues were on Christmas Eve and Ash Wednesday. Hmm...

2. Remember that there are three different ways to get our live streaming:

- a. Through our Website
- b. YouTube
- c. Facebook



All of the links are listed on our website under the Live Streaming Tab.

- Also, you do *not* need an account for YouTube or Facebook to watch from those sources.

3. If a mole pops up, you can email me at [pastorclaytonwilfer@outlook.com](mailto:pastorclaytonwilfer@outlook.com).

- a. Please note that we can't answer texts or emails during worship. Also, I don't keep my phone in my pocket during worship on the off-chance that it will ring during worship (as it did one time.)
- b. I do promise to do what I can after worship – if it's something on our end. Sometimes, it's various quirks from things outside of our ability to correct (e.g., Cox internet slow-downs, etc.)

4. Remember that we also record on the cameras so we can post a video later on if needed.

- a. Please note that editing has to be done with the video from the cameras so it might take a day or so before it's posted.



### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who is a family and friend of JOY. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit working in and through us – all to the glory of God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Clayton Wilfer