

Dear JOY Family and Friends,



JOY Church Newsletter
August 18, 2021

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

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DIRECTORY

We have updated our member directory. Copies are available at the church. Let us know if you'd like us to mail you a copy.

Given our growth, we plan on doing updates in February of 2022.

NEW MEMBERS

Are you or others you know considering making JOY your church home and family? Of becoming a member of JOY? Rather than new membership classes, you can have a conversation with Pastor Clayton in which you can ask any and all questions you might have.

And, as we did several months ago, it would be great to have a New Member Sunday towards the end of September in which all new members are warmly and "officially" welcomed into the joy of JOY.



**A Church to call Home
A Family to Belong
A Place to Grow**

SISTERS OF JOY – LUNCH AND DINNER DATES

Sisters of JOY is monthly meeting for the women of JOY. It's about food, fellowship and fun.

Because not everyone is able to attend a luncheon, a dinner date has been scheduled as well. Come to one or both! 😊

Luncheon

Monday, September 13

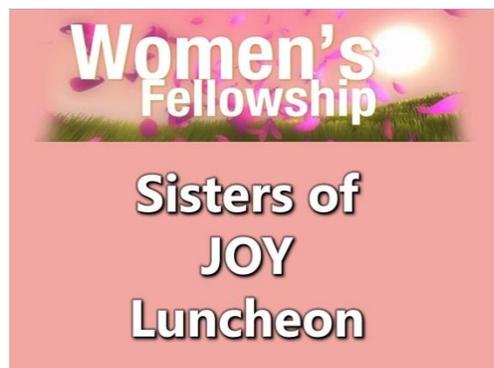
11:30 a.m.

DC Bar and Grille

10440 N Indian Wells Dr,

Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

(480) 837-1561



Dinner

Tuesday, September 21st

5:30 p.m.

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13207 N La Montana Dr,

Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 ·

(480) 837-2418

PROJECTS

We have a number of projects that are upcoming. *It's been wonderful in that people have been stepping forward to cover the expense of the projects. Thank you!* Here are three current projects.

Hospitality We will be putting holders on the back of every other chair for Visitor Cards, JOY brochures, Sermon Notes and pens easily accessible. This will make it easier for both visitors and members of JOY. On the bottom of the chair will be a rack to hold a bible.



Bibles If we say that we are Bible-based, it would be good to have Bibles available. Especially, when Pastor Clayton says, "Please open your Bible to..." 😊 We are looking to purchase 60 Bibles. *If you'd like to help purchase the Bibles, they cost approximately \$11.60/each*



Shades/Blinds Currently, we've been putting black plastic to cover the windows for movie nights. While it has been a short-term fix, it's never been desirable for long-term use. So, near the end of September, we will be having roller shades/blinds installed on all of the windows in the sanctuary. This will allow us to darken the sanctuary for Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, and for any other occasions such as movie nights.

MOVIE NIGHT

We've had two movie nights so far: Facing the Giants and War Room. They have been good not only for family and friends of JOY but also as outreach to those who are unfamiliar with JOY.

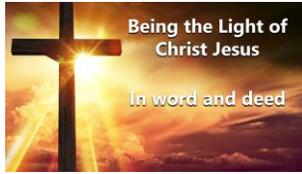
As soon as the shades are installed, we will have our next movie at the end of September or beginning of October.

Most likely, we'll be able to have two more movies yet this Fall before the beginning of the Holiday season.



TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) started meeting at JOY in June. They liked meeting here so much (actually, the love being here!) that they requested to make JOY their permanent meeting place. We gladly said, "Yes!" They meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meetings are open to all.

BEING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST JESUS IN WORD AND DEED



Please take a look at the opportunities below to be the light of Jesus! More details and sign-up sheets in the near future.

Also: Would you be willing to be a coordinator for one of the below?

Make a Difference Day Each year, the town of Fountain Hills sponsors a “Make a difference Day.” It a day in which volunteers help those in need. This year, the projects will be outdoor or exterior homes projects. Some examples are: Yard clean up, removal of dead landscaping, building a wheelchair ramp on the exterior of home, exterior fence painting, minor exterior home repairs, weed control, trimming and pruning. Look for a sign-up sheet.



Make a Difference Day 2020

Saturday, October 23rd
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Do you know of anyone who needs others to make a difference in their lives? If so, please let Pastor Clayton know.



Spooky Blast (formerly, Halloween in the Hills) This year, Sami’s Jewelry is not sponsoring Halloween in the Hills. So, the town is trying something different. It’s called Spooky Blast and will be held at:

Four Peaks Park
Saturday, October 30th
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Just as we did with Halloween in the Hills, we’re participating to be the light of Jesus.

Operation Christmas Child

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan’s Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

As a church, our project is to make/fill shoeboxes that go to children throughout the world.

We will also be the collection point for the town of Fountain Hills.





Thanksgiving Day Parade

This is a great and easy way to let people know about JOY Church! Come and throw out candy to all of the parade goers.

Date: Thursday, November 25, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

SHARE JOY TO THE WORLD!

During these difficult times, people more than ever need to hear God’s word and the gospel message. You can invite people to be renewed and uplifted in worship, song, and messages at JOY. The easiest is to let them know about our website: JoyChurchAZ.com. We’re also on Facebook and YouTube. Your personal invitation to them means more than you know. Share the joy of JOY.



ONLINE GIVING

One of the easiest ways to contribute to the ministry of JOY is to give online. Through our [website](#) you can setup weekly or monthly contributions. And, as we say every week, we give because God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good! Amen!

NEWSLETTERS, EMAILS

Rather than bulletins for communication, we’re using newsletters (about every other month, also posted on our website under the [Announcements tab](#)) and emails as needed. **If you know of someone who would like to be added to the list, please let us know**



THANK YOU!

My continued thanks to each and everyone of you who is part of the JOY family. It is wonderful to see the new growth, to see us being filled by His mercy, grace and love for in Christ Jesus. Pastor Clayton