



A Word From Our Senior Pastors

Happy Fourth of July! We are so glad you've joined us today as we welcome our guest speaker Pastor Matt McCarty. With the start of our new series "Full Throttle: Powerful Prayer," Pastor Matt will be talking about how the prop on a boat relates to the power in prayer.

Through prayer we can leave a mark on this world, and we pray that you are inspired today.

With Love,
Pastors Jeff and Beth

Meet a Volunteer

Taukir Gill

Family: Husband Irfan; son Amiq, 18; daughter Maheen, 16; son Ezer, 11.

Favorite snack: Apples and walnuts.

Your day job: Office assistant at Park Village Pines.

I can teach you: Indian/Pakistani cooking.

Do you volunteer at VFC? Yes, in the Info Center.

Best advice anyone ever gave you: Delayed obedience is disobedience.

If you could have been told one thing as a teenager, what would you like to have heard? Marriage is a lifetime of learning.

Something you might not know about me is: I was a school teacher back home in Pakistan.

What person in the Bible do you most closely identify with? A combo pack of Martha and Mary (Lazarus' sisters).

When was the last time you did something for the first time? When I gave an insulin injection.

Is there a story behind your name? My name is from the Urdu Bible. My name means "honor."

What Internet site do you visit the most? Yahoo! Mail.

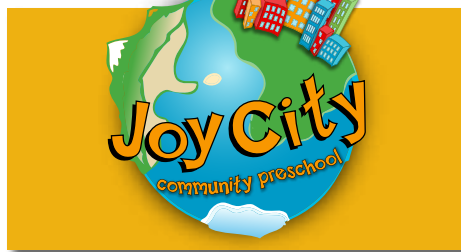
What takes you out of your comfort zone? Driving to unknown places in the dark.

I still can't believe I once: Went on the Corkscrew roller coaster.



My Declaration Water Baptism

Water baptism is a public profession of your heartfelt faith in Jesus Christ. If you'd like to be water baptized, please complete the application online. You will be notified by someone in our Pastoral Care Department to confirm the dates you requested and water baptism details.



Joy City Community Preschool Opens New 4's M-W-F Class

Joy City Community Preschool is pleased to announce a new class for four-year-olds on M-W-F for the 2010-11 school year. Stop by the Info Center or go online to register. In addition to the new four-year-old class, there are still a few openings in the three-year-old classes on M-W-F and T-Th. Don't delay in registering your child!

Get a Grip 101: Basics

Starts Sun Jul 11 | 5-7:30pm | Kidamazoo Auditorium



Join us for a special seven-week, accelerated Grip Basics class held on Sunday nights in the Kidamazoo Auditorium at 2500 Vincent Avenue. It will be a unique version using both live teaching and video from Pastor Beth's recent Grip Basics class. For more information or to sign up, go online or to the Info Center. No childcare is available during this class.

Get a Grip 201: Serving

Starts Sun Jul 11 | 5-7:30pm | VFC Sanctuary



In this six-week class you will discover God's plan for your life and how to identify your God-given talents and gifts. Take this class to prepare for EPIC School of Ministry classes this fall. Sign up online or at the Info Center. No childcare is available during this class.



EPIC Commission Accepting Applications for Fall

If you want the God-saturated college experience, then EPIC Commission is for you! EPIC Commission is a life-changing discipleship program that empowers college students to be the leaders and world changers of this generation. EC is a mix of four core elements: encounters with God, personal mentorship, intern experience, and college courses. Pick up your application at an Info Center or online at valleyfamilychurch.org/EPIC-commission. Spots are filling up quick so apply today!

Adults

55+ Dinner Club

Fri Jul 9 | 6:30pm | Hunan Gardens

Come out and join us for dinner and fellowship at Hunan Gardens, 5059 West Main, Kalamazoo.

West Michigan Whitecaps Family Day

Sun Jul 11 | 1:00 pm | Grand Rapids

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon game with your family and other VFCers. Tickets are \$11 each and include hot dog, soft drink and lots of fun extras. Kids 2 and under are admitted free. Kids will be able to run the bases, play catch, and get autographs before and after the game. Sign up at the Info Center by July 5.

College Age

Threshold South Haven Trip

Sat Jul 10 | 11am | VFC Parking Lot

Pack your volleyball, towel, and food and meet us in the VFC parking lot to carpool to South Haven and make a day of it! Hope you can make it!

EPIC Commission Informational Meeting

Wed Jul 14 | 7pm | VFC Room 130

Are you 18-24, ready to go deeper with God and be equipped to mark this generation? Check out EPIC Commission! Attend the informational meeting at Valley Family Community Center, 995 Romence Road.

High Schoolers

en fuego High School House Party

Sun Jul 11 | 9-11:30pm | Davis' House

Students are encouraged to bring their friends for an awesome night of food, hanging out, and fun! Cost is \$2/student. Directions will be provided at the en fuego HS service that night prior to the event.

en fuego High School Summer Lunch

Thu Jul 8 | noon-1pm | Culver's

All en fuego HS students are invited to join PJ at Culver's on Westnedge Avenue for lunch. This is a great opportunity for students, including those entering ninth grade in the fall, to stay connected to PJ and their en fuego HS friends during the busy summer months.

en fuego High School Summer Lunch

Thu Jul 15 | noon-1pm | Pizza Hut

All en fuego HS students are invited to join PJ at Pizza Hut on Westnedge Avenue for lunch. This is a great opportunity for students to stay connected to PJ and their en fuego HS friends during the busy summer months.

en fuego High School Manfest

Thu Jul 15 | 6:30-9:30pm | Centennial Clubhouse, Vicksburg

All en fuego High School guys are invited to join PJ and HS leaders for Manfest. Jump in the pool or grab a football—this is a night just for the guys to hang out and have fun! Mark your calendars and don't forget a bathing suit and towel. Cost is \$2/student. Directions will be available at time of registration. Please sign up online or at the Info Center.

en fuego High School Face Down Prayer Night

Sat Jul 24 | 8:30-9:30pm | Student Auditorium

All en fuego High School students and eighth graders moving up this fall are encouraged to join PJ and en fuego HS leaders for an evening of corporate prayer over the United Summer Camp.

Middle Schoolers

en fuego Middle School Summer Lunch

Wed Jul 14 | Noon-1pm | Sonic, Romence Road

All en fuego MS students are invited to join Pastor Matt for lunch. This is a great opportunity for students to stay connected to Pastor Matt and their en fuego MS friends during the busy summer months. Parents, please arrange for transportation. Drop-off is noon and pick-up is no later than 1pm.

en fuego Middle School Summer Lunch

Wed Jul 7 | noon-1pm | Pizza Hut, Portage

All en fuego MS students are invited to join Pastor Matt for lunch at Pizza Hut on Westnedge Avenue. Parents, please arrange for transportation. Dropoff is noon, pickup is no later than 1pm.

en fuego Middle School: Mountain Biking

Fri Jul 9 | 6-8pm | Al Sabo Land Preserve, Mattawan

All en fuego MS students are invited to join Pastor Matt to mountain bike through marshes, streams and rolling hills. Students will want to bring a bottle of water and wear clothes to get dirty plus a layer of bug spray. Please eat prior to this event. Students are required to bring and wear their own helmet. Mark your calendars, pack up your bikes, and come out for a great day of adventure! Sign up and get directions online or at the Info Center.

Fifth Graders Visit en fuego Middle School

July 17/18/19 | Weekend Services | Student Auditorium

This is a great opportunity for fifth graders to visit and experience the en fuego MS vibe, meet the MS leaders, and make some new friends. Parents, please check in at Kidamazoo and pick up at Student Auditorium. Students will be escorted to the Student Auditorium during service.

en fuego Middle School Lake Party

Sat Jul 17 | 8-10pm | O'Lenas' Home

en fuego MS students and upcoming sixth graders are invited to join Pastor Matt and the MS leaders for a lake party following service. Hosted by Dan and Kim O'Lena on the shores of Long Lake, there will be an abundance of snacks and lots of games. Please wear your bathing suit to this event and bring a towel. Girls will need a one-piece suit or tankini. Cost is \$3/student. This event is limited to 40 students, so don't miss your opportunity to participate. Visit the Info Center to register or sign up online by July 16! Directions will be provided at time of sign-up.

