



Due to limited space, only the first 78 children will be accepted.

Once we reach 78 children, additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

Joy Club has individual groups for each grade, K-5th, & each class size is limited to 13 children. Consequently, if a parent turns in a registration form for 2 children, & one of the age groups are full, that child will have to be put on the waiting list.

Joy Club follows the school calendar & is not offered on days that school is out. Additionally, Joy Club is not offered on early release days.

Joy Club is offered as a free program, but we depend on your support through monetary donations & volunteering to operate.

## Important Joy Club Dates for the 2011-2012 School year:

Sept 14th, Joy Club Begins

Sept 28th, No JC due to early school release

Oct 26th, No JC due to early school release

Nov 16th, Children's Ministry Fundraiser Dinner with JC presentation

Nov 23rd, No JC due to Thanksgiving

Dec 11th, Sunday @ 11:00, JC Christmas Musical

Dec 14th, last JC for semester

Jan 11th 2012, JC resumes

Jan 25th, No JC due to early school release

Feb 15th, No JC due to early school release

Mar 28th, No JC due to Spring Break

May 9th, Wednesday, JC Spring Musical 6:15

May 16th Last JC for semester

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## Kid's Joy Club

An afterschool program on  
Wednesdays

For children K-5th  
Grade; Attending  
both Bay & Butler  
Elementary, as well  
as homeschooled  
children.

2011-2012 School year

1st Joy Club:  
September 14th 2011

Last Joy Club:  
May 16th 2012

# About Joy Club...

Joy Club was founded in 2001 to provide parents with an afterschool care alternative as well as providing children with a club of their own to go and have a great time, hang-out with friends, and learn about God.

Not all of the children who come to Joy Club attend Good News on Sunday mornings, but Joy Club centralizes around a monthly Bible virtue, memory verse & weekly Bible story that goes hand-in-hand with what children learn on Sunday mornings at Good News.

Additional activity rotations that are offered at Joy Club are: Snack, Outside time, Craft, Small Group Activity, Music & Dance.

Children are expected to participate in all of the rotations/activities. (However, dance is an optional rotation for all children)

Music & Dance rotations are offered to help kids glorify God through different performing arts. Those rotations are: Drum group, Choir, Hand Bells, Acting/skits, Christmas/Easter or Spring Musical, Contemporary praise, Boomwackers, and dance.

Children only participate in 1-2 two of the performing art rotations, at a time, for a 3-8 week period.

Children will have periodic performances to allow them the opportunity to lead others in worship & show what they have learned. Some of the performance times will be during our worship services here at Good News on Sunday mornings, but not all will be scheduled during that time out of respect for those of you who attend other churches. Additional times will be Wednesday nights after Joy Club or at our annual Talent show.

## Safety Concerns:

- Children coming from both Bay & Butler Elementary may utilize Joy Club transportation or be dropped off at church by their parents.
- If utilizing Good News transportation, we must be notified ASAP when your child is not attending. This is for the safety of your child; so that everyone knows where your child is at, at all times, so that a child does not get left at school, or go to JC if they shouldn't. This will be **strictly** enforced.
- The parents of children who do not notify us 3 times that their child is not coming to JC, will have to make other arrangements for their child's transportation to JC for 1 month. After this period JC will resume picking up that particular child.
- Parents must keep their contact information up to date with us at JC. This includes phone numbers & emails. Again, this is for the safety of your child, in case we need to get in touch with you do to an emergency. So if you drop your phone in a mud puddle, change your number, etc. Please let us know ASAP & give us an alternative number to reach you. Most of our JC information is sent via email, so this helps keep you informed & up-to-date on what's happening.
- Children are expected to turn in their own portion of the JC registration form, which is a behavior contract. The behavior contract was not put in place because JC has "a bunch of children out of control." It's purpose is to:
  1. Help your child take ownership of JC—this is their activity & they want to be here!
  2. Allow children to know what is expected of them.
  3. Aid as a positive way to redirect a child who is having behavior problems. If such an instance were to occur, having a signed behavior contract by the child will allow us to pull them aside & talk to them about how they agreed to behave in a positive manner.

## Pick-up Time:

### Joy Club pick-up time is 5:30

If your child is going to participate in Joy Club, they should not be picked up before 5:30, unless there is a family emergency. This is for the following reasons:

- We want JC to help teach children to make God a priority in their lives. We do believe that extra-curricular activities are important & help children develop special talents, as well as making them a more rounded person, but we do not want to teach children that these activities are more important than their time spent with God.
- Each week your child's group has a different rotation schedule, so if they are checked out early they will always miss something & we don't want them to miss out!
- Lastly, when we did allow parents to pick-up early, children would have to be pulled out of their activities, interrupting the rotation teacher & class; For example, if a group is in Bible story, it is not fair to the class or teacher for the classroom door to be opened every 30 seconds, requesting a child to come out. It is both rude & disruptive.



## Sign Out at pick-up time (Also for your child's safety):

Children must be signed out from their leader before leaving JC.. Whoever is picking your child up, must be listed on their group leaders sign-out sheet.

Children are signed out from their leader, while sitting down, in their groups location in the "Green Room." Your children are not allowed to come to you. You must go to them. This is to help us avoid mass confusion & injury, by having children running around in every direction, as well as into each other.