
Wednesday Chapel

Johnson University – Fall 2026

Topic-Based Groups

Abide Email: Amarie.Redden@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Amarie Redden

This group is about cultivating Christ-centered fellowship and discipleship. In this group, my hope is that we will develop a deeper understanding of true relationship with and devotion to our Heavenly Father. We will spend time looking at scripture, praying, practicing spiritual disciplines, and learning how to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

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Bezalel Email Caleb.Derico@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Caleb Derico, Preaching & Student Ministry

"Bezalel" was the craftsman that God equipped and appointed to make the furnishings for the tabernacle found in Exodus 31. This group is open to anyone who has an established hobby or passion for creating with your hands-- drawing, painting, sculpting, carving, sewing, knitting, crocheting, building small projects, and other hobbies of the kind. We will spend our time creating in community, worshipping our good God with the work of our hands.

The Chosen Email SCook@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Steve Cook, Dean of School of Bible & Theology

With the help of imagination, creativity, and media, this chapel group will explore what it possibly looked like when Jesus and his disciples walked this earth. Each meeting we will watch an episode of "The Chosen."

Citizens & Subjects Email: JStricklen@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: John Stricklen, Professor of Business & Leadership

What does it mean to be both a faithful Christian and an engaged citizen? Through reading, reflection, and prayer, we'll examine how orthodox Christian theology and enduring biblical principles shape the way we think about politics, civic responsibility, and public life. Rooted primarily in an American context but grounded in truths that transcend any single nation, this group is about engaging in politics without partisanship. Together we'll wrestle with questions like: What do we owe our neighbors through public institutions? How do we hold political convictions with both courage and humility? How does the Kingdom of God reframe our understanding of earthly citizenship? Come ready to read, listen, and pray alongside others who want to take both their faith and their civic calling seriously.

Delight – LADIES Email: Norah.Leslie@johnsonu.edu; Lauren.Bopp@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leaders: Norah Leslie & Lauren Bopp

Delight is a women's college-ministry that meets all around the country. Delight believes that it is so easy to walk through college and never encounter true community or relationship with Jesus. Transformation happens when we live fully invested in pursuing Christ, vulnerability and community. Come join us!

Ecclesiastes: The Complexity of Wisdom Email: RWheeler@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Ron Wheeler, Professor of English Literature

Biblical wisdom exceeds natural IQ and classroom education. The ancients advocated a wisdom that synthesized and utilized intelligence, knowledge, and abilities to a moral purpose. The result of wisdom translates into ethics: *How to make decisions for living a good life*. Ecclesiastes addresses the complexity of that kind of wisdom beyond a cause-effect view of the world. Such wisdom touches: Intelligence – innate attributes – what one brings to the table; Knowledge – acquired information – what one picks up at the table; and Abilities – developed skills – what one makes from the table.

Engage Knoxville Email: Kwoodhull@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Kenny Woodhull, Professor of Intercultural Studies

Limited to Engage Knoxville students.

The Gospel of John Email: lemerson@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Lydia Emerson, Worship Chaplain

“How do I come to know God? How can I deepen my relationship with Him? The answer is simple: Keep company with Jesus in the Gospels.” (Trevor Hudson) This group will simply read through the Gospel of John together, discussing what we notice and praying for God’s story to become our own.

Holistic Health – LADIES Email: Chris.Fisher@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leaders: Chris Fisher & Nichole Dyess

A welcoming space for college women to grow, connect, and thrive. We will focus on whole-person wellness—mind, body, and spirit—while creating meaningful friendships and a safe place to ask questions, share life, and encourage one another. Along the way, we’ll spend time on practical tools for navigating college life and becoming the women we’re called to be.

Honors Colloquium Email AKilinski@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: April Kilinski, Dean of the School of Arts & Humanities

Limited to honors students.

Liturgical Morning Prayer Email jmead@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Jason Mead, Professor of History

This chapel group will do just as what it says: pray together on Wednesday mornings using the Book of Common Prayer. Expect to engage in forms of prayer and scripture meditation that have been guiding Christians for hundreds of years.

Nicole’s Cozy Corner – LADIES Email: nrose@johnsonu.edu to reserve your spot!

Leader: Nicole Rose, Ph.D. Program Assistant

This small group will provide space to discuss our journey of faith and cultivate friendship. Bring your fiber arts (crochet, knitting, hand-stitching) and we’ll talk about life while we do our cozy craft!

Mentor Groups

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