

raised  
to life



2025



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*the heart of this house is to see people encounter*

**THE LOVE OF JESUS**



**JESUS  
CHANGES  
EVERYTHING!**

## Dear Journey Church Family,

As we look back on 2025, one word rises above everything else: **overflow**. We've witnessed the overflow of God's goodness in this house, His presence meeting us, His grace sustaining us, and His power changing lives in ways only He can. We've seen the overflow of your faithfulness. In 2025, you showed up, served, prayed, gave, invited, and believed God for more, and because of that, we experienced a year we will never forget.

We experienced spiritual overflow through salvations and baptisms, powerful moments of rescue and new beginnings in Jesus. Discipleship deepened as Small Groups became communities of healing and growth. Transformation was evident as people moved from simply attending church to truly belonging and becoming the Bride of Christ.

And along with spiritual overflow, we experienced "people" overflow. Our church family expanded, our reach widened, and our capacity had to grow to keep pace with what God was doing. One of the biggest milestones of the year was stepping into two services to make room for the people God is bringing to this house, a clear sign that He is calling us forward with greater reach and greater responsibility.

Because you gave, served, and stayed faithful, lives were changed, and the Gospel went forth. Your overflowing generosity created margin for excellence, helping us welcome people well, disciple kids and students, meet financial needs, and support mission work beyond our walls.



From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being part of this miracle. Thank you for believing. Thank you for building. Thank you for giving. Thank you for making room. Thank you for helping Journey Church remain a place where everyone has a seat at God's table.

With love & gratitude,

*Pastor Alex Rivero*

LEAD PASTOR, JOURNEY CHURCH

## Journey Church Family,

As we reflect on the impact of 2025, I am filled with gratitude and expectation. This year stands as a testament to what God can do through a church that is united in faith, grounded in purpose, and committed to reaching people with the hope of Jesus.

Because of your generosity and obedience, real lives were changed. The stories behind this report reflect a church that is not content to stay where it is, but continues to move forward. Loving people, serving boldly, and stepping into the mission God has placed before us.

Journey Church is at its best when we live beyond ourselves, and this year you did exactly that. You showed up for your community, your church family, and the next generation. You leaned into growth, trusted God in faith, and embraced the calling to make an eternal difference.

As we look ahead, I believe God is positioning Journey Church for even greater impact. The foundation being built today, through faithfulness, unity, and a heart for people, will carry us into the future God has prepared for us. We are not just celebrating what God has done, we are preparing for what He will do next.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Thank you for being the Church. Thank you for your trust, your obedience, and your heart for people. What God has done in 2025 is significant, but I believe the best is still ahead.

**With gratitude and faith for what's ahead,**

*Pastor Kyonna Bowman*

**EXECUTIVE PASTOR, JOURNEY CHURCH**



**LOVE GOD.  
LOVE PEOPLE.  
MAKE DISCIPLES.**



**EXTRAVAGANT LOVE  
PASSIONATE WORSHIP  
BIBLICAL TEACHING  
RADICAL FAITH  
IRRATIONAL GENEROSITY  
DIVERSITY**



# OUR JOURNEY

## 2005-2009



Sunday, May 1, 2005, a small group gathered at Faith United Church of Christ to worship together. That first gathering, humble and uncertain, marked the beginning of what would become Journey Church.



Both excitement and immense challenge marked the early years of Journey Church. With few resources and limited support, the dream of building a church that impacted the community felt, at times, impossible.

In a season of discouragement, God inspired a turning point, Vertical Praise, a worship concert that brought together guest worship leaders and the Journey community for a powerful night of praise. This event became a divine catalyst, reigniting faith, galvanizing the church, and marking the beginning of a new season of growth and momentum.



# OUR JOURNEY

## 2009-2015



As attendance grew, the church began holding multiple services in different locations, leading to a season of creative gathering. From a downtown Lancaster café/bar to a gymnasium at the Teen Haven Youth Center, Journey became a church that worshiped wherever people could fit.



It was a time defined by flexibility, innovation, and relentless passion to make space for people to encounter Jesus, no matter the setting. In 2013, the church took another bold step by moving all services to a movie theater, a space that broke down barriers for people hesitant to enter traditional church settings.



During this season, Journey experienced explosive growth, with hundreds coming to Christ, being baptized, and finding authentic community. Just as the church had grown comfortable, God stirred things up again. The movie theater underwent renovations that drastically reduced seating. At a crossroads once again, God opened a new door, outside of Lancaster City.

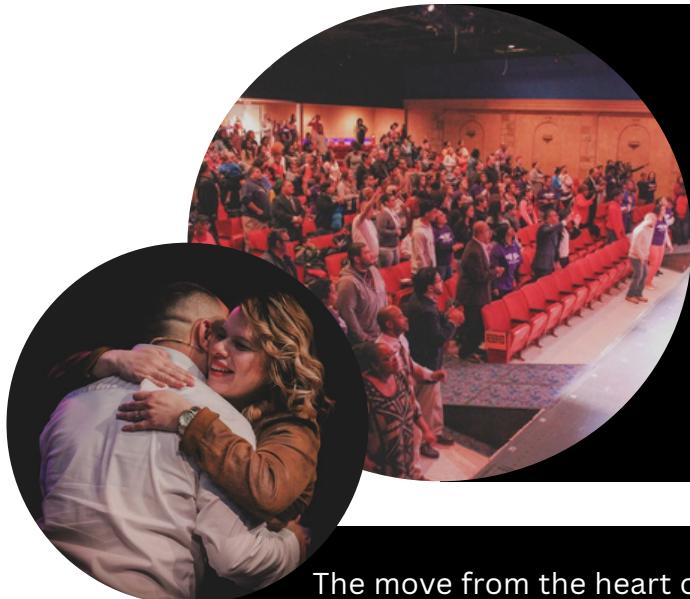


# OUR JOURNEY

## 2015-2022



In March 2015, Journey Church signed a lease for its first permanent home: the historic Living Waters Theatre in Strasburg, PA. But this building was more than just a new address. It was sacred ground. The Living Waters Theatre is the original home of the world-renowned Sight & Sound Theatres.



Founders Glenn and Shirley Eshelman had long prayed that the land and building would continue to be used to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their hearts' desire was for the ministry to continue even after Sight & Sound relocated. When Journey Church entered the picture, it was evident that this was a God-ordained match, a direct answer to prayer.

The move from the heart of Lancaster City to the rural community of Strasburg was more than just a change of address. It became a defining moment in the life of Journey Church, a divine shift that opened the door to deeper transformation. What had started as a predominantly urban church began to evolve into a diverse, multigenerational, and multicultural community.



# OUR JOURNEY

## 2022-Present



In 2022, Journey Church purchased the Living Waters Theatre, officially making it a permanent spiritual home for the church. Later that same year, Journey expanded again by purchasing an additional 3 acres of farmland directly adjacent to the property. These acquisitions laid the foundation for what is now a planned multiphase construction project, a bold and prayerful step toward the future.



Today, Journey Church stands as a testimony to God's unwavering faithfulness, shaped by the hands and hearts of devoted men and women who have answered the call to advance the Kingdom of God. What began with a small group and the hometown vision of Pastor Alex Rivera has grown into a thriving, regional church impacting lives across racial, cultural, denominational, and generational lines.

We celebrate this sacred blend of cultures, colors, ages, and life stages. We honor the richness it brings, the understanding it fosters, and the way it magnifies the Gospel message. Its influence now extends well beyond the walls of the building, touching communities throughout Lancaster County and the surrounding region with the hope and power of the Gospel.



## JANUARY

A **New Year** began with a bold call to action as we stepped into our Word of the Year: **Pursue**. Rooted in Proverbs 21:21, we were reminded that pursuing righteousness and kindness leads to life and honor. As a church family, we committed not only to hear God's Word but to live it out, moving forward together with intentional faith, obedience, and a renewed passion to chase after the heart of God.



## MARCH

A fresh fire was stirred through our **Revival** series, highlighted by the powerful message "**It Starts With Me.**" As a church, we were challenged to believe that revival doesn't begin in a building; it begins in our hearts. We were called to reject spiritual complacency and choose a deeper hunger for God, stepping into a renewed commitment to personal transformation and passionate faith.



## MAY

We came together with the greater Lancaster County church community for the **National Day of Prayer**, lifting our voices in unity and faith. We also celebrated a major milestone: **Journey Church's 20-year Anniversary!** Marking two decades of God's faithfulness with the unveiling of our new logo and a renewed reflection on the heart of this house: to see people encounter the love of Jesus.



## FEBRUARY

Community and connection took center stage as we celebrated the launch of our Women's Ministry with the **Sister 2 Sister** gathering. We also hosted 'Family Talks', a series of honest and meaningful panel conversations centered on spiritual habits and personal stories, helping us learn how to faithfully walk out the calling God has placed on each of our lives.



## APRIL

We celebrated the victory of Jesus on **Easter Sunday** with "A Borrowed Tomb", rejoicing in the hope and resurrection life found in Christ. We also came together to support the next generation through our **Designer Purse & Power Tool Bingo Night**, a joyful and impactful fundraiser for our Journey Students.

## JUNE

Our **Students and Young Adults** traveled to Atlanta, GA, to attend the **2025 Forward Conference**. It was a deeply impactful time of worship, teaching, and spiritual growth, as hearts were stirred and faith was strengthened.

## JULY

We celebrated and honored our incredible volunteers with our first **Dream Team Night**, a powerful evening of gratitude, encouragement, and vision for the future. Our July Summer Series featured messages from our **Pastoral Team** throughout the month, as they shared wisdom and heart, strengthening and encouraging our church family as we continued to move forward together.



## SEPTEMBER

September marked a **historic moment** for Journey as we experienced exponential growth and **made room for more** people to encounter the love of Jesus. With hearts full of expectation, we officially launched **two services at 9 & 11 AM**, stepping into a new season of faith, growth, and expanded opportunity to reach our community.

**ONE  
CHURCH  
TWO  
SERVICES**

## NOVEMBER

We had the honor of hosting our **Destiny Leaders** for the *Autumn Rain Conference*. This was a sacred space where pastors, leaders, and ministry teams were invited to slow down and experience renewal through the Holy Spirit. Through the “**Kingdom People**” series, we explored what it meant to bring Heaven’s values to earth and live out God’s rule and reign in a modern world.



## AUGUST

Pastor Alex led us through the deeply transformative series **“Trauma Trapped”**, as we closed out the summer by courageously unpacking pain that still speaks. Together, we confronted generational habits and cycles that keep us bound, creating space for healing, truth, and freedom. It was a powerful season of reflection and restoration, reminding us that in Christ, **healing is possible and freedom is promised.**



## OCTOBER

Our Women’s **Gather & Glow** event created space for encouragement and meaningful connection, while our **Journey Kidz Art Auction** raised funds to support our children with special needs, reminding us that every gift can make a difference. We also journeyed through the **“Dining With Jesus”** sermon series, learning how Jesus used the table to extend grace, lovingly confront hearts, and build authentic community.

## DECEMBER

The year concluded with a season of awe and celebration during **Christmas at Journey: ‘Starstruck’**. Through worship, production, dance, and our Kidz, we came together to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We gathered for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight** service and closed the year in prayer, fixing our hearts on Jesus and all He would continue to do.



# DESCRIBE 2025 IN ONE WORD...

In 2025, Journey has remained **STEADFAST** in their pursuit of Christ, while being committed to sharing the gospel and living out the characteristics of Jesus to impact the church, community, and the Kingdom.

**Pastor Luis Rodriguez**



In 2025, our church grew in spiritual **HEALTH** as individuals leaned more fully into their relationship with Christ.

**Pastor Kenny Bowman**



2025 was the year of the **OVERFLOW!** We watched God do what only He can do, teaching us that our obedience unlocks more than our sacrifice ever could. -Ephesians 3:20

**Pastor Alex Rivera**



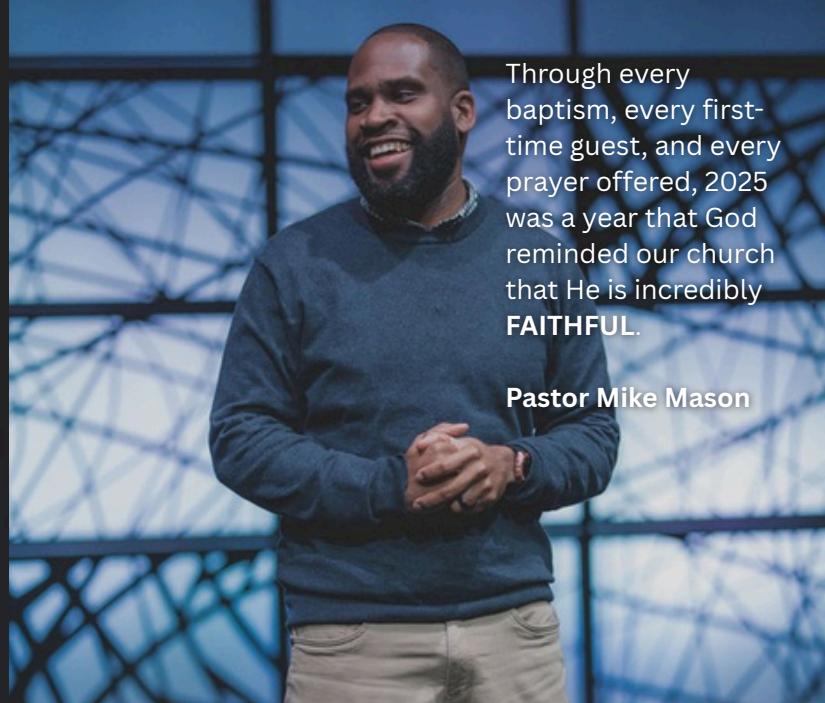
We have grown in understanding that we have been **CHOSEN** by God with a mandate to live as His children. -Colossians 3:12

**Pastor Hector Sanchez**



2025 was a defining year for Journey Church, as we **ALIGNED** our vision, clarified our values, and committed to leading from a place of health, faith, and intentionality.

**Pastor Kyonna Bowman**

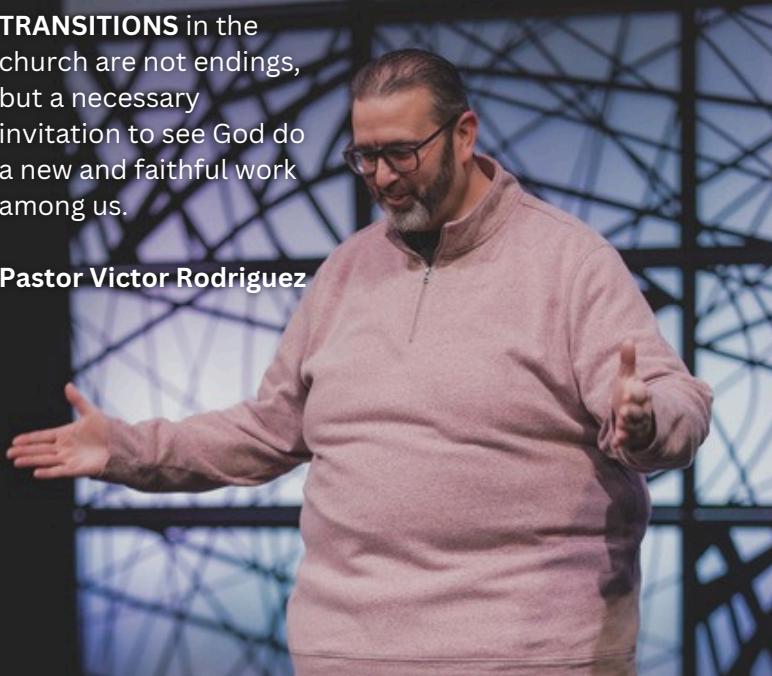


Through every baptism, every first-time guest, and every prayer offered, 2025 was a year that God reminded our church that He is incredibly **FAITHFUL**.

**Pastor Mike Mason**

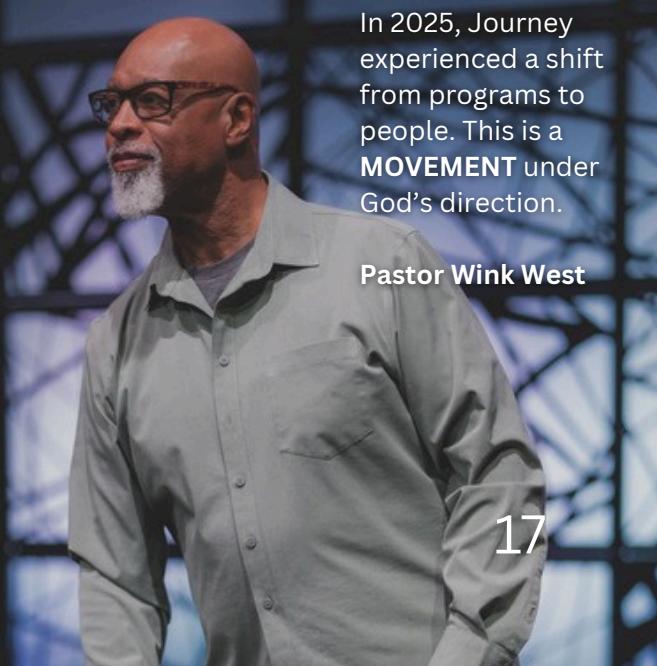
**TRANSITIONS** in the church are not endings, but a necessary invitation to see God do a new and faithful work among us.

**Pastor Victor Rodriguez**



In 2025, Journey experienced a shift from programs to people. This is a **MOVEMENT** under God's direction.

**Pastor Wink West**



# PASTORAL TEAM



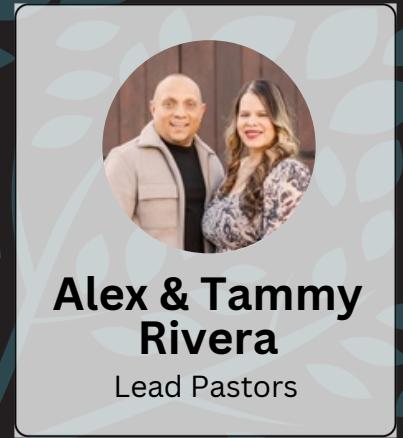
Wink & Ann  
West



Luis & Sandra  
Rodriguez



Kenny & Kyonna  
Bowman



**Alex & Tammy  
Rivera**  
Lead Pastors



Mike & Gerica  
Mason



Hector & Jamit  
Sanchez



Victor & Diana  
Rodriguez

## MINISTRY LEADERS



**Rob & Lori Files**  
Hospitality



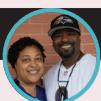
**Leea Gould-Britt**  
Worship Team



**Carmen Dolphin**  
Production Team



**Christian & Mimi  
Gonzalez**  
Students



**Will & Trina Sturgis**  
Small Groups



**Andrea Heller**  
Women's



**Dominic Gould-Britt**  
Men's



**Dawn Waltman**  
Kids



**Mike Morris**  
Men's



**Vanessa Rucker**  
PrayerTeam



**Ashlee Heyward**  
Media & Communications



**Angela Underwood**  
Kids



**Fred & Lynette  
Waller**  
Stewardship



**Gloria Lopez**  
Administrator



**Nando Lucena Jr.**  
DreamTeam



**Rob Files**  
Parking/Safety & Security

# JOURNEY OUTREACH



FILM NEGATIVE

Baptisms

113

27,736

Total  
Attendance

Joined The Family

117

362

First Time  
Guests

Child Dedications

32

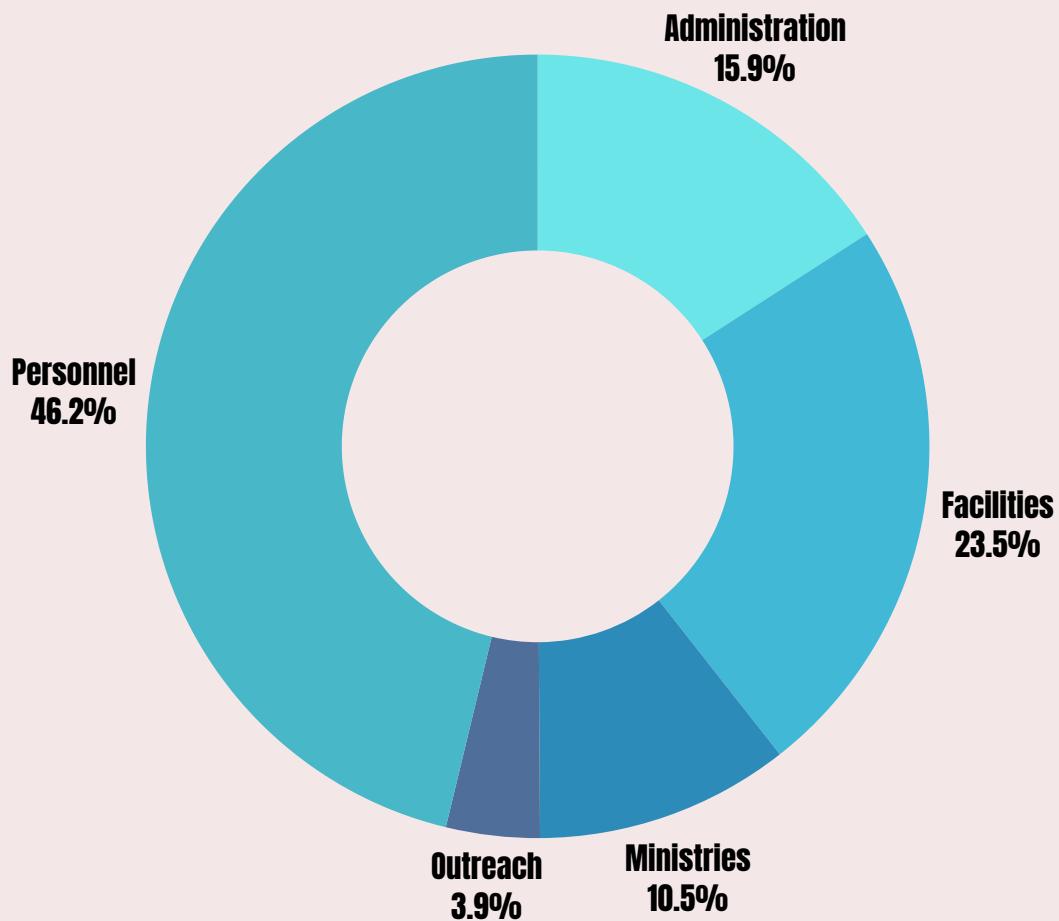
# INCOME & EXPENSES

## 2024-2025

<b>Tithes, Offerings, &amp; Other Income</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Tithes & Offerings	\$880,021	\$1,033,516
Other Revenue	\$73,253	\$92,561
<b>Total Tithes, Offerings, &amp; Other Income</b>	<b>\$953,274</b>	<b>\$1,126,077</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Administration	\$171,821	\$155,901
Facilities	\$243,045	\$226,429
Ministries	\$83,877	\$102,308
Outreach	\$26,159	\$41,322
Personnel	\$304,260	\$432,506
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$829,162</b>	<b>\$958,466</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$124,112</b>	<b>\$167,611</b>

# PROGRAM EXPENSES



# THE HEART OF THIS HOUSE

What we can do together in 2026!



Families	Gift	Total Impact
20	\$2,000	\$40,000
40	\$1,000	\$40,000
80	\$500	\$40,000
120	\$250	\$30,000
100	\$100	\$10,000
40	\$50	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$212,000</b>

Your generosity has a face, a name, and a story. Together, we are building a house where every heart can encounter the love of Jesus for this generation and the next!

Scan the QR code to make a pledge and give online!



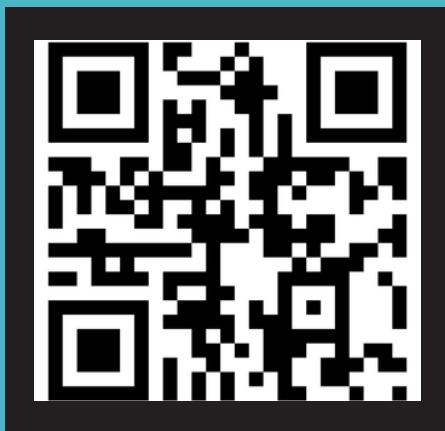
**\$212,836 - FARMLAND MORTGAGE IS PAID!**

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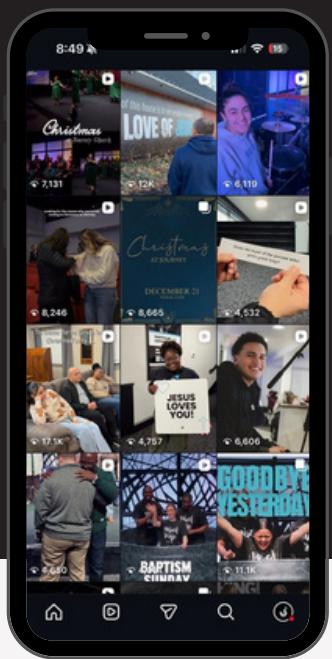
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HAPPENING AT JOURNEY CHURCH.



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# WE'RE SOCIAL!

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## SERVE WITH US

 JUMP IN. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
SIGN UP TO SERVE TODAY!



# *The* JOURNEY WAY

**WE MAKE DISCIPLES**

**WE PURSUE GOD'S PRESENCE**

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY**

**WE ARE ON A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION**

**WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK**

**WE EMBRACE DIVERSITY**

**WE CULTIVATE A HEALTHY CULTURE**

**WE VALUE BEING OVER "DOING"**

**WE LIVE TO GIVE**

**WE GROW BIGGER BY GROWING SMALLER**

**WE WILL NOT TAKE THIS FOR GRANTED**

**WE PURSUE OUR PURPOSE RATHER THAN OUR PREFERENCE**



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