



October News

The following is a reading titled "A Strong Church" from a daily devotional called Living in His Light by Dr. David Jeremiah. This was recently shared by an elder in our meeting. The Lord used it to spark some good discussion and deep reflection in prayer. In our desire to live out the vision to **Make Much of Jesus**, we are already on a solid foundation to be a "strong church." Please read through this devotional, carefully and contemplatively, and see how the Holy Spirit may prompt you. And then pray about ways God may desire you to strengthen Journey Church.

A Strong Church

And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.
Acts 15:41

As Christians, we are to be the best version of who we are wherever we are, and that includes the church we attend. We should be a strengthening influence in our local churches. The apostle Paul was intent on strengthening the Body of Christ, and Acts 15:41 brings up a good question: As you go through life, are you strengthening the church you attend?

- We strengthen the church when we attend regularly, as often as possible.
- We strengthen the church when we're warm and supportive in our attitude toward all the other members and toward the leaders.
- We strengthen the church when we volunteer for those church-related ministries the Lord puts on our hearts.
- We strengthen the church when we pray for our congregation and provide financial support.

When Jesus returned to heaven, He only ordained one organization to continue His work on earth: His Church. How wonderful we can do as Paul did - going around strengthening the Church.

Thank you, the members and attenders of Journey church, for the variety of ways you already make us a "strong church" by serving Jesus and serving others! I am excited to see how God will use each of us and Journey Church, corporately, to strengthen our church even more as we **Make Much of Jesus** every day and in every way.

Pastor Michael

Missionary Focus: The Pregnancy Center (TPC)

We are highlighting The Pregnancy Center of Clinton, IA this month. TPC is a non-profit pro-life ministry that exists entirely through donations from supporters like Journey Church. With the guidance of our Lord and Savior, this ministry has been supported by our church for many years since its inception.

TPC is a Christ-centered ministry that exists to preserve the life of the unborn by offering direction to women during pregnancy and beyond.

During the month of October a table will be set up in the foyer for collecting donated items. Please support this ministry that has helped so many women and babies in our community and continues to joyfully share the love of Jesus.

On October 19, Nancy Lincoln, Director at TPC, will have a table set-up in the Fellowship Hall during the "Meet & Greet" (10:00 – 10:30) and again, right after worship service. She will be available to talk with individuals, share information about the Center and its Wise Women Boutique, and answer questions you might have.

The Pregnancy Center provides:

- free and confidential services including pregnancy testing and ultrasound
- alternatives to abortion including parenting and adoption education
- grief support for anyone suffering with a past abortion loss
- annual youth gatherings to educate & equip the next generation about LIFE.

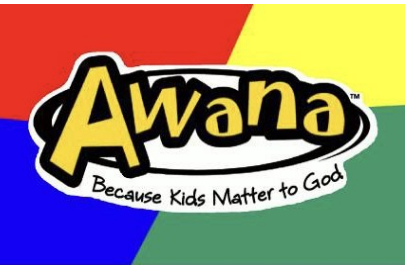
TPC accepts monetary donations, new and used baby/children's toys, clothing and other baby items.

Current needs are:

- Diapers and pull-ups (larger sizes 4's, 5's & 6's preferred)
- Baby Wipes
- Diaper rash cream
- Toiletries for mothers and babies including: toothpaste (adult and children's), baby wash and shampoo, baby lotion, deodorant, adult body lotion, shampoo and conditioner
- Pacifiers (all stages)
- Baby bottles
- Teething rings, rattles, etc.

Thank and be blessed.





Has Begun!

Not too late to join us!
Schedules are busy, come when you can!



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Wednesdays 6:15 pm-7:45 pm
September 10-April 29
Preschool-6th Grade



Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Michael, thank you for the love and attention you give to Journey Church.

Thank you mostly for sharing the truth of Jesus Christ.

We are blessed to have you as our pastor.



"HELP THE CHURCH" DAY - October 25

As a way to support those in our congregation that need some extra help, Journey Church will hold a special event called "Help the Church Day". The idea behind this event is to help individuals complete tasks that they would normally have difficulty with themselves.

These would be small tasks taking no more than 3 or 4 hours total – tasks like window washing, cleaning out eaves, raking leaves, pruning shrubs, small construction, etc. There are two sign up sheets at the Sign Up counter in the foyer; one for help needed and one for volunteers to do the helping.

OCC Shoebox Gifts - Donation DEADLINE OCT 29



- 3 ways that you can participate in providing for OCC:**
- Bring items to the church and drop off at the table in the foyer. In early November the Awana children will pack shoeboxes with your donated items.
 - Pack a shoebox at home. Maybe your family would be interested in filling a shoebox together. Following a \$10 shipping donation, an email barcode label will be sent to you. You will be informed where your shoebox is sent. Recently, our shoeboxes have been sent to Mexico or South American country.
 - Little time or opportunity to shop? You can fill a shoebox online - <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>. For a \$30 donation Samaritan's Purse will offer items for you to choose to pack a shoebox or they will pack one for you. Follow the instructions on their website.

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OPEN FIRE COOKOUT ON THE MISSISSIPPI

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Saturday, October 11

Assemble around 4:00ish, Eat @ 5:00, Finish around 7:00ish PM

- Provided:
- Hot dog
 - Buns
 - Chips
 - Condiments
 - Marshmallows

- Please Bring:
- Chair
 - Hot dog "cooker"
 - Favorite drink

Men and young men (high school & middle school), come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship on the beautiful Mississippi River. For location or if you have any questions contact any Elder.



Annual Update and Lunch

Sunday, November 9

In the Fellowship Hall

Immediately following the worship service.

Everyone is welcome.

Members are encouraged to attend as there are several items to vote on including the 2026 Budget.



SAVE the DATE

Sunday, November 23

Thanksgiving Service @ 4 pm
Dinner @ 5 pm

Adults \$12, Kids 5-12 \$8,
4 & under free

Envelopes to sign up will be available
starting October 26

DEADLINE to SIGN UP: November 16