

THE JOURNEY

Week 2

Last week: LET'S GO "Starts with taking the first step"

TODAY: ROAD TRIP "Where are we going"

TODAY: 18 year birthday!!!

Feeling Nostalgic: I have preached more than 1000 sermons

Went back to my sermon before we launched : **DREAMS ARE FREE!**

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

DREAMS ARE FREE.....BUT THEY MAY COST YOU EVERYTHING!

-Give God glory for 18 years of HIS faithfulness!

TODAY: ROAD TRIP.....WHERE ARE WE GOING??

I believe we are just getting started! "The best is yet to come"

Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some

are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

3 PHRASES: THAT HAVE BEEN FOUNDATIONAL SINCE THE BEGINNING!

-LOVE GOD.....LOVE PEOPLE.....LOVE LIFE!

-Families are our passion.....kids are our priority!

-Keep our eyes outside these walls!

*We can have a good roadmap of where we are going, as we look back to where we have been!

WE ARE GOING TO KEEP HEADING IN THE SAME DIRECTION!!

1) LOVE GOD.....LOVE PEOPLE.....LOVE LIFE!

Matthew 22:36-40 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

(Our strategy has been simple since the beginning)

LOVE GOD -Worship services

LOVE PEOPLE -Life groups & Life teams

1 Thessalonians 2:8 So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

GROW TOGETHER IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD & EACH OTHER!

-BIBLE BASICS & CORE!

Ephesians 4:12-16 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

LOVE LIFE -Activities

-MEATING: Sunday September 21st! 5PM

-A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: Friday, September 26th 6PM

(for adults with disabilities.....planning on 200)

-WTC Auditions October 4th!

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

2) Families are our passion.....kids are our priority!

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

-Dreams of kids WANTING to come to church!

-1/3 of our church is under 18

Typical weekend: 1300-1400 (400 middle school and down)

Easter 3500 over 900 kids!

WEDNESDAY IS FALL KICK OFF!

-Youth in main auditorium!

-Kids splash Interest based groups!

DAYCARE IS OPENING SOON!!!! (Dream since 2018)

UPDATES:

Open house-Thursday September 11 5-6:30

-Immersive play based learning environment (get ready for Kindergarten)

-KIDS will Encounter Jesus! BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS!

HOW CAN YOU HELP????? PRAY!!!

Practical: -Help us fill it! **GET THE WORD OUT!**

-Volunteer! -Help kids settle in

-Give! -Wish list items and pledges

3) KEEP OUR EYES OUTSIDE OF THESE WALLS

-PEOPLE ARE LOST AND DYING WITHOUT HOPE!

(Why we do EVERYTHING)

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

-Waters is NOT a country club.....it is a hospital! MESSY!

-NOT A PERFECT CHURCH!!!!

-WE ARE A CHURCH ON A MISSION!

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

-GIVEN OVER \$6 MILLION TO MISSIONS AND OUTREACH!

-SEEN OVER 5500 SAY YES TO JESUS!

-SEEN OVER 1100 BAPTIZED

-DEDICATE 73,000 BABIES!

AND WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED!

HOW DO I KNOW GOD WILL BE FAITHFUL?????

-HE HAS BEEN.....AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE!

-FAITH BUILDS.....REAR VIEW MIRROR!

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OUR GOAL.....GIVE GOD THE GLORY....

AND “KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING”

COMMUNION:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.