

JOURNEY NEWS

A publication of Journey Church of Clinton, Iowa

Is God Working at Journey Church?

FROM THE ELDER BOARD

Is God working in Journey Church? Have you been watching what He has been doing? Do you remember Sunday, September 6, 2020? That was the date the elders announced the elimination of the Assistant Pastor position due to financial reasons. Now do you remember? In the middle of the pandemic, with all the uncertainty that came with COVID, the elders were faced with the decision no one wants to make – eliminate a position. What a difficult decision for the elders, but what a sad day for Journey Church – the McClungs will be leaving after 14 years of service to us, as individuals, to the church and to the community. But we moved on – they moved on. Church life went on as usual and John fulfilled his normal duties as he contemplated his next steps.

John eventually made inquiry into various positions in the ensuing months – one for a chaplain position and one for a pastor position but neither worked out. Was there disappointment in these? Could John had presented himself better? Or...? Or...? Or was this God working on the McClungs' behalf?

Fast forward to November 2020 when John was asked to fill the pulpit for Pastor Tom on November 15, as Tom had contracted COVID. One week turned into two and two weeks turned into a month and then Christmas came and then the new year, until we arrive here at the present. In these 8 months, John has had the opportunity to preach on a regular basis and “run” the day-to-

day operations of the church for 6 months and part of 2 more.

Was this John just being a “good employee” and a faithful servant of God? Absolutely, if we remove the word “just” from the previous sentence. Wasn’t God also providing opportunity, honing John’s skills in a friendly environment, and giving him confidence to seek a solo pastorate? An unqualified, YES!

During this time John began candidating with Living Faith Fellowship Church in Eureka, IL. Most of you know, candidating is a rigorous process. But God was with John and Patricia at every step of the way and John was overwhelmingly affirmed on June 20 to be called as their next pastor – a Lead Pastor position. Congratulations John, Patricia and Alex.

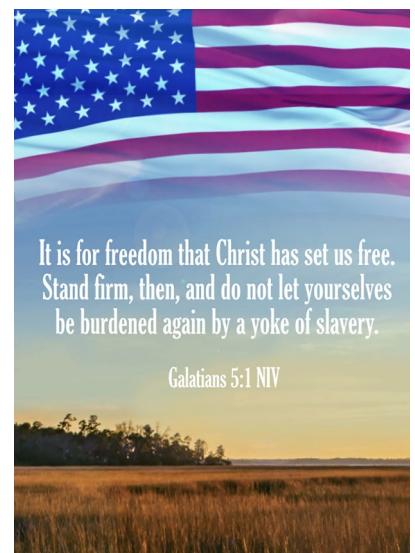
So now, another sad day for Journey Church as we send McClungs off to their calling in Illinois. But, also, what a glorious day for Journey Church as we fondly look back at their 14 years with us and how God has superintended this whole search process for them over the past year. Bittersweet? On a personal level, definitely but eternally, glorious – glorious to see God at work, glorious to be a part of John’s maturation process and glorious to be privileged to “release” John to further God’s Kingdom and God’s call on his life.

Be excited, Journey Church, God is moving among us – and in ways yet unseen!

PS: These are only a few of the many ways God has moved in the lives John, Patricia and Alex.

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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

Missionary Focus

Brian and Robyn Wallace

FROM THE MISSION LEAD TEAM



BRIAN & ROBYN Wallace, Boston,
Noel & Clay

to attempt to recycle or use items found on the streets or at the garbage transfer station. The Wallaces believe that Jesus and education are needed to break the cycle of generational poverty.



A favorite program they lead is the after-school course at The Dream Center. Children attending the program participate in a loving and safe environment four days a week for four hours a day. Here they have a

nutritious meal, hear about God's love and purpose for each one, and obtain help with homework, school supplies, and out of the classroom educational experiences. The children also receive life skills, like cooking, and livelihood and leadership training. Of course, there is always time to play and have fun.

Brian and Robyn are currently on home assignment in the United States. They will be visiting Clinton July 10 and 11. Brian will speak during the Life Group time in the Fellowship Hall (office side). This will be a rare opportunity to hear from the Wallaces personally about their life and ministry in Quito, Ecuador. All are welcome to attend.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Unity Christian School is celebrating its 100th year in the 2021-2022 school year. We will be having a celebration on Saturday, August 7th from 5:30-8:30 pm at our Fulton campus. Concessions will be sold inside the school until 7 pm, and there will be games and activities set up on the back lawn until 7:30 pm. There will be an outdoor praise concert beginning at 7:30 pm. Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket and join us in celebrating 100 years of Christian education. All proceeds from the evening will go towards our new building in Clinton.

OPEN POSITIONS AT UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Unity Christian School is looking to fill the following positions for the 2021-22 school year:

- **Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher**
- **Full-Time 2nd Grade Teacher**
- **Part-Time 8th Grade Writing Teacher:** Unity Christian School is searching for a part-time teacher for 8th grade writing which meets every other day.
- **Part-Time K-6 Special Education Teacher**
- **Part-Time 7-12 Special Education Teacher**
- **Band & Choir Director:** Unity Christian School is searching for a 5th-12th grade band director and a 7th-12th grade choir director. This position would be approximately 15 hours per week combined. This could be two separate position as well.
- **After School Program Coordinator:** Unity Christian Preschool and Daycare is currently looking for a special individual to lead our After School Program. This is an opportunity to use your creativity and imagination in planning fun crafts and activities for elementary children. We have a great team to work with, and there is also an opportunity to work in our summer camp with additional hours. (No weekends or holidays)
- **Pre-K Teacher:** Unity Christian Preschool and Daycare has an opening for a Pre-K teacher. This is a part-time position, approximately 20-25 hours per week. We have a great Christian curriculum and lots of eager to learn students. We also offer summer employment if interested.
- **Substitute Teachers:** Substitute teachers are needed for all grade levels/subject areas.
- **High School Girls Basketball Coach:** Unity Christian School is looking for a head coach for the high school girls' team.

For more information or to apply, please contact Jessica Hollewell, Head of School, at 815-589-3912 or jhollewell@unitychristian.com or check out Unity's website at www.unitychristian.com/employment.html





basic ELEMENTS

Science Summer Camp

What a fantastic week we had at Science Camp! God provided just what was needed, as He *always* does, and many of you were blessed to be part of that! You prayed; you gave your time, talent, and love; you donated supplies and coordinated projects and led devotionals. You cooked and served food and stayed to clean up. *You all* made it possible! And, nearly 60 kids came and heard of Jesus' love for them. At least 7 children put their trust in Jesus! One little boy, about 6 years old, asked if he could draw a picture; in stick figures, he depicted himself with sin, Jesus and the cross, and the empty tomb. We plant and water the seeds, but God grows the faith! Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in these children's lives, and please continue to pray for them and their families!





HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN JUNE 4TH



Journey High School Students had a lock in June 4-5th.

They played tons of fun games, tried out the science camp devotions and demonstrations, and had a lot of fun!



AWANA COMMANDER UPDATE

BY JEREMIAH HAAS

Thank you to Journey church for all their support and prayers for the Awana group this past year. We had about 15 kids attend on a regular basis through COVID concerns and other distractions. We saw great growth in many of the students this year, which was very encouraging for the leaders.

A special thanks to our leaders, Annette Eslick, Shanna Morgan, Di Wheeler, as well as our student helpers, Isy & Aby Middendorp and Amber Eslick, for their dedication this year. Their loving on these kids is what drives the growth in these children.

Finally, I wanted to announce that I will be stepping down from the commander role of Awana after 6 years. I had no idea what impact it was going to have on me when I took over, and I cannot stress enough to those who may have time to invest in these kids, the value of this program for both the kids and the adults. You don't need to be a teacher or a public speaker, you just need to be a friend and a positive influence to truly make a difference in someone's life.

With that, I'd like to also announce that Annette Eslick and Shanna Morgan will be taking the lead of Awana moving forward. They did a great job this past year leading the TNT programs, and will move the Awana program forward in its next chapter.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and consider being a friend for one of these children that are still learning the love of Christ.

God Bless.

Jeremiah Haas



MILLIE WILSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join the Millie Wilson Family in an informal

Celebration of Life Service

- ◆ Saturday, July 24
- ◆ 10:00 am—11:30 am
- ◆ First Baptist Church Pavilion
- ◆ 1000 3rd Street Camanche, Iowa
- ◆ Time of Sharing - 10:30 am
- ◆ Music and lunch to follow
- ◆ Come and Go

CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Rod Giddings
- 3 Teegan Cewe
- 6 Kadynce Prince
- 8 Lori Bonnell
- Nicholas Mussman
- 9 Andrew Reed
- Annika Reed
- 12 Laurie Wiese
- 14 Anabrooke Lower
- 15 Hannah Lower
- Joziah Prince
- 17 Callen Gordon
- 20 Taedyn Cewe
- 21 Andrew Eslick
- Nathan Eslick
- Silver Stevens
- 22 Robert Mueller
- Robert Puckett
- 25 Ben Overberg
- Isaac Foust

- 25 Rhonda Lauver
- 27 Monis Ramnath

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Henry & Arlene Langrehr
- 2 Larry & Kaye Wilkins
- 3 Robert & Linda Puckett
- 12 Roy & Pam Wilson
- 22 Chris & Amy VonHolten



Card Shower

RAY DELLIT

(TURNED 98 ON JUNE 25TH)
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*With Heartfelt Thanks
from The McClungs*

Thank you for your generosity, gifts, cards, and outpouring of love. We love you! We will keep our Journey Church Family in our prayers. Please pray for us and our transition.

Pastor John, Patricia and Alex



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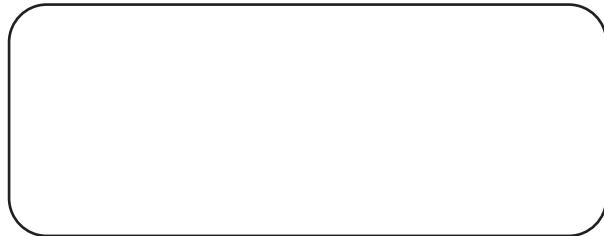
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