

JOURNEY NEWS

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CHANGE IS HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL

IN THIS ISSUE

One constant since the beginning of time is change. However, the fear of change is also a constant. Humans like routine. It makes us feel in control of our lives. In the last 18 months, we have seen little that is routine or normal—not in this world, not in this country, not at Journey Church.

We all face changes every day, whether it's a simple change in the weather, our schedule, or the expected changes of the seasons. Nothing stays the same forever. Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher said, "change is the only constant in life".

Yes, change affects us all. However, it's not the circumstances or the changes that dictate our life's direction, but rather how we respond to them. Each of us has his/her own resiliency and ability to recover from or adjust to change. Sometimes, anticipating change can bring hope during challenging or unexpected life events. At other times, just the thought of something changing, can be worrisome and even bring about fear. None of us knows what the future holds. But practicing living life with an attitude of gratitude can enable us to view change as an opportunity for continuous renewal and growth.

Though change is often scary, God's Word can be an encouragement during times of change. Abraham is a primary example of a faithful servant who embraced change because he walked with faith in God and was willing to simply obey what God called him to do (Hebrews 11:8). As faithful servants of the Lord today, we should strive to do

likewise.

God can be trusted in each life change. After all, since the beginning of time, God has initiated change. In the beginning, He created the heaven and the earth from a place that was void and surrounded by darkness (Genesis 1:1). And in the end of time on this earth, God will also bring about change. For we will all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (1 Corinthians 15:51-52).

But change can definitely be uncomfortable. Sometimes God uses change in our lives to detach us from the things of this world. These changes remind us that we are not to be conformed to this world but rather we're to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, testing to discern the perfect will of God (Romans 12:2). Change is often evidence that God is at work, working all things for our good (Romans 8:28). When we view change in this light, the light of God's will, it makes it easier for us to learn to embrace even the uncomfortable change in our lives.

God understands our fears, however. To help us overcome these fears, He tells us over and over in His Word to not be afraid, to be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:9), because He promises to go before us, and to be with us, never leaving us or forsaking us, as we experience the various transitions of life (Deuteronomy 31:8). God's Word also reminds us that He has plans for us. Plans for our welfare and not to harm us. Plans to give us a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

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THANK YOU!

From
Marlo Fuglsang

Thank you for your cards, letters, phone calls and especially for your prayers. I feel blessed.

God Bless you all!



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God has designed the changing seasons of life. We see God's creative hand all around us. He has once again brought the year full circle through planting, and growing, and ripening to harvest time and the autumn season. In the same way, God has designed the seasons of our lives, and for everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

PRAYER: Thank you, Lord, for allowing seasons of change in our lives for Your distinct purpose. Help us see in the marvelous succession of seasons and in the growth and ripening of the crops, the merciful, generous hand of your divine providence. Help us to faithfully follow You and Your Word in each season of our lives, trusting Your good will and purpose, realizing that by Your mercy and grace we shall say with James "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." Amen

May you feel God's presence, guidance, love, mercy and grace as you go through your own life changes and the changes here at Journey Church.

Journey Church Elder Board

LIFE GROUPS

connecting / caring / community

Our church's Life Groups give us an opportunity to meet together in smaller groups and do life together. There are several goals for the Life Groups. One is to be able to study the Word of God together in a smaller group setting which allows for more discussion and a more intimate time of sharing. Our other goals are: to be able to pray together and to be able to share together. Sharing would include building community and connecting with each other and to care for each other by serving one another in our smaller group setting. In our Life Groups we are also wanting to create an avenue of being able to serve the community around us.

Here is our Life Group offering for this fall. Group sizes will determine class location

Class name	Leader	Topic	Time/Location
Living Stones	Scott Smith	"Culture Shock" by Chip Ingram	Sunday Morning/Overflow Rm
Men of Honor	Gary Fier	33 The Series: Authentic Manhood - A Man and His Traps	Sunday Morning/FH
Men of Honor	Dan Liedtke	DVD series by Matt Chandler "To Live is Christ to Die is Gain"	Tuesday Evening/Parlor
Yadah Yada	Mike Ketelsen	DVD series by Andy Stanley "When God?"	Sunday Morning/FH
Ladies Bible Study	Annette Eslick	"But God..." Bible Passages	Tuesday Morning/FH
Logos	Jon Balk	The Bible Recap	Sunday Morning/Parlor
Mixed adult group	Jerry Duey/rotates	"On Bended Knee" Improving your Prayer Life	Thursday Evening in homes

Other groups can be started if there is interest. Please contact Jerry Duey for information at drjdduey@gmail.com.

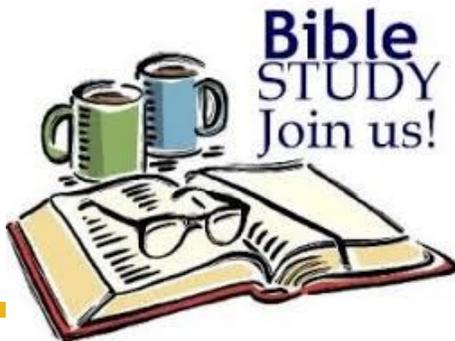


Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study *"But God..." Passages*

God redeems. The Bible is full of passages where God steps into situations that seem impossible from a human perspective and He redeems them for His purposes. Many of these accounts include the same two powerful, hope-filled words: 'but God...' This semester we are studying several of the numerous passages that include the phrase 'but God,' situations where things seemed hopeless except for God's intervention. His stepping in reminds us that He is at work and that makes all the difference.

We invite you to join us Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall for Ladies Bible Study. Each week we study a different passage, so it's never too late

to start. If you can't come every week, that's ok. We'd love to have you come as often as you are able.



Kids matter to God. Awana teaches kids God's Truth using fun games and wonderful Bible lessons designed to introduce kids to the Savior and help them grow in their faith. We have an exciting group of volunteers and kids this fall and we would love to have your prayers each week as we minister to them. Please pray specifically that the kids would come to know Christ as their Savior and grow in their faith.

Also, please invite the kids in your life to join us. There are invite cards available at the Connection Point. The program is for grades K-6 and is designed for kids to join at any time, so it's never too late to start. We also know that family life is busy, so if you can't make it every week, that's ok, come when you can. We meet Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45.

Join Logos Life Group **Beginning October 3rd** **to Study the Entire New Testament before 2022**

Logos Life Group is starting a chronological study of the New Testament using The Bible Recap study by Tara-Leigh Cobble on Sunday, October 3rd. Each day of the week, members read the assigned chapters for that day (or have an app read it to you), followed by an audio Bible recap of what you just read. All of this takes only about 20 minutes each day. Members are also given about 8 discussion questions to prepare to discuss each week. Those in attendance who have already done this with the Old Testament will testify that it is WELL WORTH doing! We would LOVE for you to join us! Please contact either one of us if you have any questions.



October - Mission Emphasis Month

October has traditionally been the month our church emphasizes and learns more about the missionaries that Journey Church supports. Local, regional and global missions is a biblical concept as noted in Acts 1:8 when Jesus says, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Can you identify our 14 supported local, regional and global missionaries and organizations?

The mission lead team has prepared a month of special events to acknowledge our supported missionaries and guest speakers to elicit interest in missions.



Sunday, October 3, Kyle Eipperle, who serves with SEND International and currently working with Operation World translating prayer material into Russian, will give the message. Planter pots will be available for you to take home to collect change as a family. Monies raised will be used to address a specific need each of our missionaries have identified. Support and pray for your given missionary.



Sunday, October 10, Al Lewis, EFCA missionary who trains pastors in Asia and Africa and, will give message. The national flags of our supported missionaries will be displayed as you see their pictures.



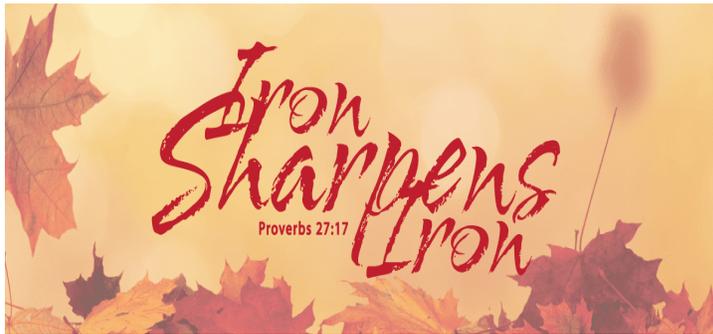
Sunday, October 17, Don Estep, AWANA missionary, will give the message and a mission “fair” will be displayed in the foyer. Passports will be offered as you visit our supported missionaries and learn of the culture, foods, and ministry of each.



Sunday, October 24, Nate Johnson, former worship leader and youth director, will give the message. Mission “fair” continues and Brook of Hope update video will be shown.



Sunday, October 31, Tim Hunter, grew up in this church and now a pastor of Evangelical Free Church in Boone, Iowa, will give the message. Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child kick off will be announced and shoeboxes provided.



2021 Women’s *Iron Sharpens Iron* Conference

Calvary Church in Moline, IL

October 30, 2021 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Register at the Connection Point



Our High School and Middle School Students are going to be raising funds so that they can go to EFCA retreats this winter. We

are offering to do small house and yard jobs for you for a donation towards these retreats. Please look forward to other events, like bake sales and other opportunities, to invest in the spiritual growth of our young people. If you have any small jobs you would like done contact me at drjdduey@gmail.com.



**Journey Students
will meet at 6 PM
on these dates:**

**October 10
October 17
October 24**

CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

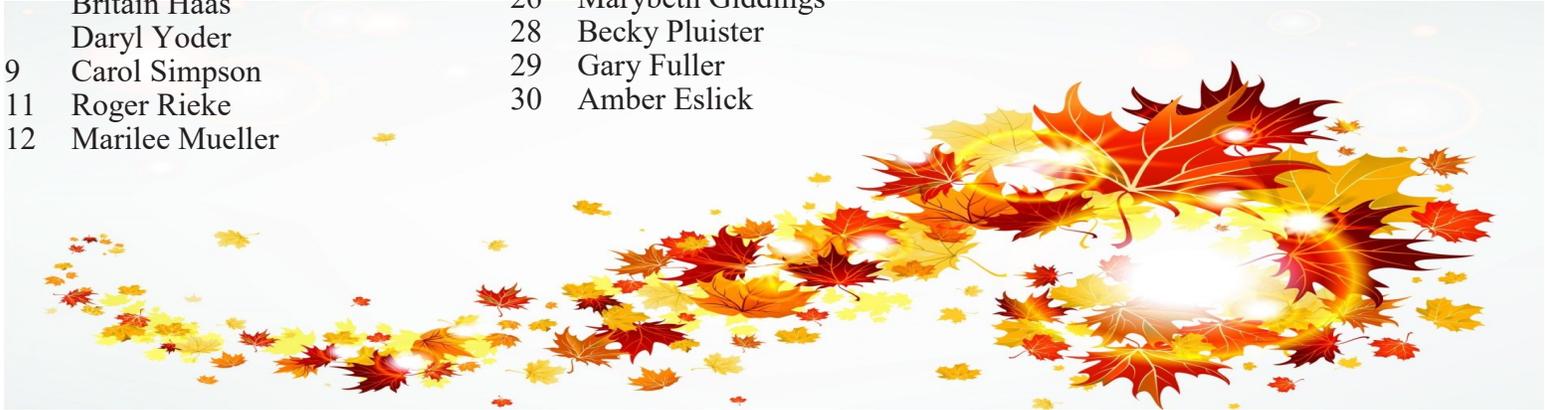
Happy Birthday!

- 1 Julie Eggers
- 4 Linda Shockey
- 5 Dondeena Giddings
- 7 John McClung
- Jeremy Overberg
- 8 Al Robinson
- Britain Haas
- Daryl Yoder
- 9 Carol Simpson
- 11 Roger Rieke
- 12 Marilee Mueller

- 15 Annette Eslick
- Jenna Martin
- 19 Nathaniel Lower
- Pat Parsons
- 21 Vickie Williams
- 24 Alice Peters
- 26 Marybeth Giddings
- 28 Becky Pluister
- 29 Gary Fuller
- 30 Amber Eslick

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Brent & Karen Sanders
- 10 Kathleen (Kate) & John Foster
- 15 Ed & Jenny Green
- 16 Tom & Norma Jones



Journey Church Events

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 2:00 PM Unity Fall Festival
3 9:00 AM - Life Groups 10:30 AM - Worship & Communion	4 6:30 PM - GriefShare	5 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM - MOH LG 7:00 - Music Team Practice	6 12:30 PM Missions Team Lead Mtg 5:15 PM - Elder Meeting 6:15 PM - Awana	7 6:45 PM - Home LG	8	9
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31 9:00 AM - Life Groups 10:30 AM - Worship						



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