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Here at Journey we believe we have an opportunity to be a part of changing the world and that the church is God's plan—or his method of choice—to make change.

As Christ Followers, we must ask ourselves one pivotal question: Do I personally want a piece of that change, or not?

Our pastors, our board, and our leadership teams are all answering YES! We each want to have impact. We each want our lives to have meaning. We each want to love harder, and better, and more than we ever thought our once hardened hearts could handle.

Now we're asking each of you to come "Live the Journey" with us!

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## The Responsibility of Tithing. The Joy of Giving.

*Thoughts from Ed Noble* by Heather Klein

Money.

Couples fight over it. Friends don't talk about it. Families never seem to have enough of it. It's said to make the world go round, while the love of it is the root of all evil, and the misuse of it was the one thing to make Jesus throw tables like a reality television star.

In the NIV translation of the Bible, the word "money" is used 113 times. Calculate the number of times the words wealth, riches, gold, and silver are used and your number reaches over 900.

God clearly talks about money, yet even Ed Noble admits it's hard for him as Journey's lead pastor to speak about it. It's awkward, uncomfortable, and for a church, can seem very self-serving.

But tithing isn't about Journey. It's about you. It's about me. God asks those who follow Him to give the first 10% of their income back to Him. That's called a "tithe." The personal impact is incredible. Not only will it break the vicious hold and control money has on us, but when a person starts tithing, suddenly they see their money stretching farther—

*"This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant."*

Romans 8:15 MSG

necessities seem to cost less, and when they get in a jam, time and time again, money seems to find its way into their bank account.

If tithing is about me, then giving is about others.

Giving is the extra. Giving is where my life begins to matter, to develop meaning.

"If you don't see lives changing in a church you should stop going to that church," Ed says. "At Journey, it's one story after another. This church helps those stories happen."

More than we desire solar panels, an elevator for our kids ministry, and toilets that don't flood every other month, the leadership here at Journey wants you to discover the blessings, both financially and spiritually that come with tithing and giving.

***"I love the feeling of knowing I've got lots of skin in this game," Ed says. "I want in as much as anybody."***



Photo: Dan Coronado

*Ed on the roof where solar panels will be installed.*

**fun fact!**

Did you know our Worship Center used to be a Silo electronics store? Once we make our switch to a new Worship Center, we'll be offering old equipment at a great price too!



## Campaign Leadership Team

One of the greatest aspects of our *I Live the Journey* campaign is the participation of approximately 200 people from within our church family in active campaign ministries. Pictured below is most of our Campaign Leadership Team, taking on everything from organizing volunteers, producing videos, planning events and so on.



“Selfishly, we know how great it feels to give of ourselves...and be a part of something that matters! For these reasons, we count it a blessing to serve on the Campaign Leadership Team and lead the charge!”

—Keith and Sheri Keyeski, Campaign Co-Directors

“We came to Journey 20 years ago and this community has walked beside us, carried us a few times, and loved us through our family’s peaks and valleys. We are now so excited that we get to ‘Live the Journey’ and help shape our community to extend this same love to others!”

—Andee and Manny Aceves, Campaign Co-Directors

## campaign CALENDAR

MAY  
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### Guided Experience Through Scripture—

Beginning May 4th, the entire church body will read a daily devotional together for four weeks. The devotional will focus on faith, vision, sacrifice, and the power of everyone.

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**24-Hour Prayer Vigil**—Our campus will be transformed into a prayer center where, for 24 hours straight, we will have people on-site praying over our church, its people, and this *I Live the Journey* initiative.

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**Celebration Service**—This is a milestone event not to be missed! Everyone who calls Journey home is encouraged to attend this event.

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### First Fruits Offering, All Services—

Think of this as *Starting Strong*. The weekend after our Celebration Service, we will take a special First Fruits offering. This is an opportunity to offer a “kick-starter” gift to get us started on our time-sensitive solar project.

### fun fact!

Journey Kids Director Sara Patrick has a degree in Hospitality Management. She never knew she would go from planning events and parties in high-end hotels to planning events and parties for nearly 500 kids every weekend!

## What on earth is a Celebration Service?

The Celebration Service in a nutshell can be thought of as a commitment service. It will happen on Friday, May 29th and Sunday, May 31st, at the same time as our usual weekend worship services. This will be an amazing time of worship and listening to the Lord, as we put the exclamation point on a month-long series where we’re asking God how He wants us to “Live the Journey.”

During the service there will be an opportunity to commit to the vision presented in *I Live the Journey*. We will hand out commitment cards where you can write down what you feel led to give.

### fun fact!

Did you know when College Pastor, Kristy Dees was a missionary in Africa she got a tapeworm that was so long she pulled it out of her mouth?