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Here at Journey we believe we have an opportunity to be a part of changing the world and the church is God's plan - or his method of choice - to make that change. As Christ-followers, we are each asking ourselves: Do I want a piece of that change?

Our pastors, our board, and our leadership teams are all answering YES!

Now we're inviting each of you to come Live the Journey with us...

## Praying Through It.

by Heather Klein

***"Most of what I spend time and money on won't be important – but this is an opportunity to be a part of something that matters."***

**– Lead Pastor, Ed Noble**

We want you to be a part of this *I Live the Journey* campaign. Pastor Ed Noble says everyone who is a regular at Journey will have to give something for this to work. However, no one on the board, the leadership team or staff can or will tell you what that giving looks like for you.

But we are asking everybody to pray it up.

If every person goes before God and asks what they can do, and through that process feels closer to Him and understands more of who God is, then that is a success - no matter the amount of money given. In fact, we believe this so strongly, we're dedicating 24 hours straight to nothing but prayer.

We're hosting a 24-Hour Prayer Vigil on Journey's campus starting Friday, May 8 at 6pm and ending Saturday, May 9 at 6pm. Each hour will have a person leading the focus on prayer, and you can come for an hour or stay for ten.

Simply fill out a Prayer Vigil sign-up card located in your program, or in the lobby at the ILTJ table. Be sure to select your hour(s) and write your name and address on the back. Place completed cards in the drop box, or at the ILTJ table.

**If you have kids, bring them!** There's childcare and special Kid Prayer Areas.

Childcare is offered for Infant-4th Grade on Friday, 6pm-9pm, AND Saturday, 8am-noon.

Kid's Prayer Times are during their regular services on Friday, May 8th @ 7pm. They are also invited to come with their adults Saturday, May 9th @ 10am in The Other Room and @ 11am in Journey Java.



*"In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly."*

Psalms 5:3

### fun fact!

During the Journey Up campaign several years ago, our Generation Ministries Pastor, Brian Berry, and his wife Shannon along with five kids did not have a lot of extra cash on hand. As a family, their one night out for dinner was before the Friday service. One way they decided to find some budget money was to stop ordering drinks at restaurants - no sodas, no teas, no milkshakes - and put the money they saved into Journey Up. For the Berry Tribe, that was often \$25 a dinner or \$100 a month! It's a habit they decided to keep well after the campaign.

### fun fact!

Did you know our Jr. High Director, Jarred Benitez, can lift four times his own body weight?! He only weighs 130lbs and is ranked 2nd in the country for power lifting!





Joseph Grush, Lance's son.

## What is My Kid's Part?

*I Live the Journey* isn't just for the grown ups – we want our kids to “live the journey” too! Lance Grush, Pastor of Global Missions and father of four, says his kids are already looking forward to giving and participating.

Lance said, “My ten year old Joseph set aside a week's worth of allowance

even though we haven't started collecting yet. He told me to hold on to it for him so he can give to the campaign.”

Even if your kid doesn't get an allowance, we still have several ways for them to participate!

**A Guided Experience Through Scripture** has a special “family friendly” activity every day for you to engage your child in the day's topic.

On **Celebration Weekend**, those in High School will join their families for the Celebration Service, 5th-8th graders will have a special service of their own in The Other Room, while 4th grade and under will have festivities of their own in their normal locations.

Best of all – our entire Generation Ministries Team is preparing for **JourneyFEST** on May 23rd! It's a huge event right here at Journey with vendor booths, a parking lot full of donated goods for sale, and a massive recycling section that could raise hundreds of dollars for *I Live the Journey*!

fun fact!

Meg Rosenblum, Twice Treasured Thrift Store Assistant Manager, not only knows how to help people get a good deal on donated goods, but she was the National Tennis Champion of Panama.

## campaign CALENDAR

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**A Guided Experience Through Scripture**  
Beginning this week, the entire church body will read a daily devotional together for four weeks, similar to what we did for Leap of Faith. You can get a daily email, an audio version, download the PDF at [ILiveTheJourney.com](http://ILiveTheJourney.com) or pick up a free copy today!

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**24-Hour Prayer Vigil** – Beginning Friday, May 8 at 6pm and ending Saturday, May 9 at 6pm, with a special grand finale hour of prayer beginning at 5pm Saturday.

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**JourneyFEST** – May 23rd from 7am-2pm. Drop off donated items during services Friday & Sunday, May 15 & 17 or anytime M-F, May 18-22, 8:30am - 5pm.

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**Celebration Service** – This can be thought of as a commitment service. It's where commitments will be made for both first fruits offerings and ongoing pledges. Everyone who calls Journey home is encouraged to attend!

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**First Fruits Offering, All Services** – The weekend after our Celebration Service, we will take a special First Fruits offering.

## FAQs

**What will be done with the \$100K savings each year realized from the solar?**

Each year we go through a budget process that includes all the departments, our finance team, Ed (Lead Pastor) and Tic (Executive Pastor) and finally, the church board. Each year we say no to ministry opportunities that we would like to pursue but we are unable to because of lack of funds. Most likely the \$100K will go to those ministries.

**Will the improvements be competitively bid?**

Everything on the project list will go out to bid. However, in the past we have been able to experience amazing savings when someone from Journey offers themselves or their company to cover all or most of the cost on a project. Sometimes it is free labor other times it's labor & materials. They have made a HUGE difference! We're blessed.

**Why doesn't Journey have a long-term capital budget strategy to handle these type of upgrades, rather than doing a capital campaign?**

We do have a capital budget, and we use those capital funds to repair, replace and improve things on campus regularly. However, some of the big swings we want to take with ILTJ are just too much to add to our yearly ministry budget. Think of it like fixing your home – a lot can be done out of the monthly budget, but when it comes time to *really* renovate, it usually takes more. Same here.

For more FAQ's just log onto [ILivetheJourney.com](http://ILivetheJourney.com).