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IS THIS YOUR HOME? BE A JOURNEY CHURCH PARTNER.

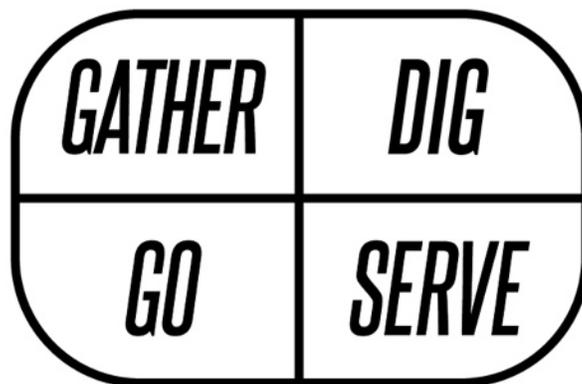
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Core Purpose/Mission:

Daring to create space for all people to dig out who God made them to be.

Strategies

Gather, Dig, Go, Serve



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Strategies

Gather

We invite you to join us in Worship on Sunday and to gather together as friends during the week.

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

Dig

We deepen our relationship with God. Watch for "Dig Opportunities" that fit you.

"...make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, And godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:5-8

Go

We welcome you to join a Missional Community or participate in Journey "Go Events".

"Then Jesus came to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.'"

Matthew 18:18-20

Serve

Join in and volunteer for a Journey Ministry, or on Sunday as we Gather.

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

John 13:14-17

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Core Values:

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As demonstrated by

- Believing that everyone bears the image of God
- Seeing others as God sees them
- Respecting anyone God puts in our path
- Welcoming all people

COMMUNITY WITH MISSION

As demonstrated by

- Building community among believers
- Pursuing God's purpose locally and globally
- Making Disciples who make Disciples
- Sending people & resources wherever God leads

UNCOMMON GENEROSITY

As demonstrated by

- Making room in our lives for sacrifice
- Realizing that God provides in abundance
- Giving people the benefit of the doubt
- Managing well all God has entrusted to us
- Living lives of financial gratitude

FOCUSED INNOVATION

As demonstrated by

- Engaging people where they are
- Creating compelling environments
- Being diligent in all we do
- Doing only the things that really matter
- Replicating leaders, processes, and ministries

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“Mission Measures”

How we live and how we define “spiritual success” (a win)

1 : Cross the Line: I have put my faith in Christ and “Gone Public”

- I have made Jesus my Lord (Boss)
- I have “Gone Public” (Baptism)

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The Sacraments:

Baptism—

1. Command: *Acts 2:38*
2. Example of Christ: *Matthew 3*
3. Powerful Symbol: *Romans 6:4*
4. Public Identification

Communion—

1. It is a command
2. It is a reminder
3. It is a sacred symbol
4. It is a statement of faith

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2 : Get the Rhythm: I hear from God and respond to Him in obedience

- I spend time reading scripture and praying daily
- I hear what God is saying to me
- I respond in obedience to what He says

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3 : Peel the Onion: I intentionally deal with the layers of junk in my life.

- I identify and process things in my life that are preventing me from being who God made me.
- I invest in trusting relationships that allow me to be transparent about anything in my life.

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4 : Coach Up Coaches: I am a disciple that makes disciples

- I am multiplying the life of Christ into others.
- Others are multiplying the life of Christ into me.
- I am living a life worth imitating

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5 : Grab a Towel: I serve with my Journey Church family.

- I actively serve on a Journey Church team
- I have taken steps to discover which Journey Church serving opportunities “fit” me best.

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6 : Tell the Story: I am displaying and declaring the Gospel.

- I spend time with and serve people who are not Christ-followers.
- I can and do articulate God’s redemptive story (Gospel).
- I am involved in an extended family (community) on Mission.

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7 : Give to Grow: I trust Christ with my resources by giving sacrificially.

- I am committed to giving a percentage of my income to Journey Church (first fruits).
- I am leveraging my resources (time, energy, finances, possessions) for the Kingdom.

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Our Theological & Structural Heritage

Journey Church is part of a denomination call the Evangelical Church. The Evangelical Church was originally the Evangelical United Brethren and the Evangelical United Brethren were primarily German Methodists. So our theological heritage and our structural heritage come from that history.

There are primarily two types of church governments, congregational and episcopal. While those who use each often try to prove from Scripture that their type of government or structure is the most Biblical, the reality is that churches and movements with each type of government have flourished with God's blessing in various seasons of church history.

Methodism was founded by John Wesley, who was an ordained minister in the Church of England which came from the Catholic Church. Therefore this style of government is representational not democratic, or in other words those appointed and elected provide the decision-making process for the Church.

We have a nine member Church Council. All the lay personnel on Council are elected by the Partners of Journey Church. There are two Lead Team members on the Council chosen by the Lead Team. These two must include one of the pastors assigned to Journey Church by our Conference Superintendent for this region of the Evangelical Church.

All members of the Church Council must be Partners, because they also serve as the Board of Trustees, and legally hold the property, which Journey Church owns.

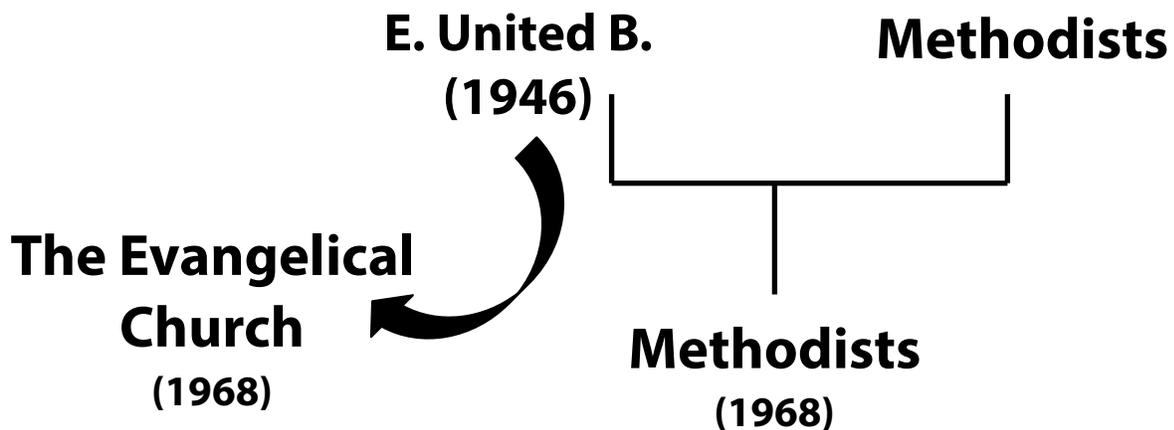
The Church Council represents the Church in consulting with the Conference Superintendent about the assignments of ordained or commissioned pastors to Journey Church.

Other realities from the world of church government is that while we vote on Church Council membership, the Church Council votes on the budget that is developed by the Lead Team.

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Three primary evangelical theologies are Calvinist, Pentecostal, and Wesleyan. Because our heritage is Methodist our theological background is Wesleyan. We hold that perspective with a gracious and welcoming spirit towards how the other theological traditions contribute to our corporate knowledge of God and His workings in us and in His world.

Our Heritage



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SMALL CHURCH

1. Community (80-120), family, home, belonging
2. Participation
3. Methodical so as not to offend
4. Familiarity
5. Decisions by many
6. Access to lead pastor
7. Pastoral Care - personal
8. 'Good time had by all'
9. Concerned with people leaving
10. Audience inward
11. Comfort of family
12. Council driven
13. Preaching-primary skill, pastoral care-secondary skill
14. Casual approach to info

LARGE CHURCH

1. Vision, base
2. Excellence, professionalism
3. Speed so as to accomplish
4. Innovation
5. Decisions by a few
6. Access to team
7. Pastoral Care - network/team
8. Measuring
9. Concerned with people coming
10. Audience outward
11. Conversion
12. Staff driven
13. Leadership-primary skill, preaching-secondary skill
14. Confidentiality

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Statement on Women and Men in Ministry

We believe the Bible teaches that men and women were created by God and equally bear His image (Gen. 1:27). God's intention was for them to share oneness and community (Gen. 2:23-24), even as the Godhead experiences oneness within the Trinity. Each had a direct relationship with God and they shared jointly the responsibilities of rearing children and having dominion over the created order (Gen. 1:26-28). However, human oneness was shattered by the Fall. The struggle for power and the desire to "rule over" another is part of the result of human sin. Genesis 3:16 is a prediction of the effects of the Fall rather than a prescription of God's ideal order.

However, God has acted in Christ to redeem the human race, and to offer to all people the opportunity to be part of the New Community, His church. It is God's intention for His children to experience the oneness that exists between the Father and the Son (John 17:10, 20-23). This means that old divisions and hierarchies between genders and races are not to be tolerated in the church where all are "one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

In the formation of the church at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out on women and men alike, as had been predicted long before the coming of Christ (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:18). In the New Testament, women as well as men exercise prophetic and priestly functions (Acts 2:17-18, 1 Cor. 11:4-5, 1 Peter 2:9-10). Further, the Spirit bestows gifts on all members of the New Community sovereignly, without giving anyone preferential treatment based on gender (Acts 2:1-21, 1 Cor. 4, 12:7, 11). Every believer is to offer her or his gifts for the benefit of the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11). To prevent believers from exercising their spiritual gifts is to quench the work of the Spirit.

In all attempts to understand and put into practice appropriate relationship between genders in the body of Christ, our sole authority is the will of God as expressed in Scripture. A few isolated scriptural texts appear to restrict the full ministry freedom of women. The interpretation of those passages must take into account their relation to the broader teaching of Scripture and their specific contexts. We believe that, when the Bible is interpreted comprehensively, it teaches the full equality of men and women in status, giftedness, and opportunity for ministry.

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Pastoral Leadership

Bob Schwahn – Pastor of Missional Mobilization/Leadership Team

Brandon Edwards – Pastor of Worship & Arts/Leadership Team

Cameron Meek - Middle School Pastor

Chris Stucky – Pastor of Children’s Ministry/Leadership Team

Derry Long – Chief Strategy Officer

Doyle Stucky – Pastor of Congregational Care/Leadership Team

Jon Oakland – Executive Pastor/Leadership Team

Mark Archilla - High School Pastor

Peter Holmes – Pastor of Rapha

Sam Bennett – Pastor of Technology

Susan Williams – Pastor of Rapha

Journey Church Council Members

Carrie Chestnut

Vernon Droge

Brandon Edwards

Brittney Harwood

Jared Hauskins

Jon Oakland

Marc Pierce

Michelle Quigley

MaryKay Yeley

Nels Tate - Junior Council Member