

summer

JOURNEY
UPDATE



HAPPY END OF SUMMER

We hope you're having a great summer so far whether you've been enjoying the lake, camping, other fun summer things in our area or on a vacation somewhere. As summer is wrapping up, we just wanted to let you know of a few things coming up at The Journey.

In this summer update, you'll find some information about our end of summer series, our annual Back Pack Network drive to help local kids in need, some ways to keep up to date, a summer financial update, end of summer events and some things coming this fall.

This fall we'll be celebrating our 10th anniversary of The Journey. We have some big things to celebrate and thank God for and some big things ahead in the next 10 years.

Whether you've been lounging around the camper, sitting by your pool or the lake, or traveling around the country, we hope to see you at The Journey. As summer wraps up and the fall routine sets in, take advantage of these great opportunities to experience your best life in relationships, not religion.



SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER

We all love a great story...one that's filled with action, romance, and adventure. Hollywood was built on those kinds of stories. Too often we don't live the kind of story that we dream of when we see a great movie. Maybe it's time to "flip the script". Each year we look forward to what new summer blockbuster will come out in the theaters. Throughout the month of August, these movies will be coming to The Journey as we look at some of this year's summer blockbusters and the lessons they have for our story as we look to "flip the script" of our lives.



SUMMER

HERE'S A FEW EVENTS AS
SUMMER IS COMING TO A CLOSE

Baptism at The Beach: August 25 1:00 pm

We will have baptisms at beach again at the end of summer at Marantha. Come celebrate with some other journeyers as they take this next step. You can find a map and more details on the website.

Journey Teens Service Project: Monday August 26 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Our teens will have an opportunity to organize some of the school supplies that will be going to Community enCompass to help some kids in need in our area. Pizza is included for any of the middle & high school students.



HERE'S A FEW WAYS TO KEEP CONNECTED IF YOU'RE ON VACATION THIS SUMMER:

- 1) Watch the service online: live on Sundays or later on the Series page.
- 2) Join us on Facebook & sign up to get the weekly email for all the details.
- 3) You can give online or set up auto-giving on the Donate page.



COMING THIS FALL

September 8

Fall Schedule - 9:30 & 11:00 am at both sites

10th Anniversary

This September will revolve around our first 10 years and the next 10. This series will be interactive, fun & meaningful.

Night Classes

This fall will be our first of 3 trimesters for options to help you take steps in your relationships. Night Classes feature courses about marriage, parenting, how to study the Bible or classes like Financial Peace University. Be looking for the Trimester Course Guide this fall.

Networks

Networks will be in full swing this fall with service projects to make an impact in the community and Connection Nights/House Parties to connect with other journeyers & take next steps.

Journey Teens

This fall we'll have separate groups for middle school & high school. High School will meet on Sunday nights and Middle School will meet during the night classes at the Pontaluna Exit Site.



NETWORK FALL KICK-OFF

AUGUST 18, 25
& SEPTEMBER 1

BRING IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO HELP LOCAL KIDS IN NEED GET A GREAT EDUCATION.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

April-June
(1st Quarter)

Income: \$118,109
Expenses: \$112,915
Difference: \$5,194
Budget: \$120,594
Deficit: **\$2,485**

YOUR GIVING CHANGES LIVES. Your gifts allow ministry to continue at The Journey even when people are out & about during these summer months. Everything we do is for people to experience relationships, not religion and those effects are totally funded by your giving. Last month at The Journey, we saw **10 people get baptized** down at Lake Michigan. We've been hearing their stories all month at church about how they began a relationship with Jesus and we have another group getting baptized at the end of this month. Last month, we also heard about how our efforts in Kenya & Vegas are making an impact regionally & globally. By bringing back to God at The Journey, you're making a huge impact in the lives of people at church, in our community, in our region and around the world.

We're so grateful to have our offerings so close to our budget numbers and in the black compared to our expenses. We have been in the red the last two months due to summer and we're behind in our budget. We have cut spending to make sure we are good stewards of our money and to maximize our impact. Remember that everything we do is funded through our giving. Thanks to everyone who gives to make The Journey possible and to make relationships, not religion a reality in West Michigan and beyond.