

VOYAGE NEWS

Pointing the Way Back to God

First Time Here?

First, make yourself at home. You're welcome to grab a cup of coffee, a drink out of our cooler, or any other items we have set out. Then, find a comfortable seat. Our services are at both 9:15 and 10:45.

*Please note: we only offer Voyage Kids and Voyage Teens during our 10:45 service.

Have Children?

Nursery - Children age 0 - 3. While younger children are welcome upstairs, you may bring your child to nursery at any time.

Voyage Kids - Children age 3 - 5th grade. Our kids will start out in the upstairs worship service but will be dismissed to their classrooms after two or three worship songs.

Voyage Teens - Grades 6th - 12th. Our teens will start out in the upstairs worship service but will be dismissed to their classrooms after two or three worship songs.



I recently came across an article about the challenge of reading God's Word. The author suggested what I thought were some great ways to engage with the Bible. Adapted from her article on *The Gospel Coalition* website (May 1, 2024) author Kristen Wetherell suggests three ways to read God's Word.

One, study the Bible in 5 minutes: a snack. If all we have is 5 minutes, we find ourselves reading a short verse or short paragraph. Since we don't have a lot of time, it's something akin to a "snack" that really can give us a "pick-me-up" in the moment.

Two, study the Bible for 10-15 minutes: a meal. While snacks will get us by for awhile, eventually we will need a full-meal. Likewise, our souls will not be nourished if all we do is snack on God's Word. We need more, and this requires more of our time and attention.

Three, study the Bible for 30 minutes or more: a feast. If a good meal nourishes us, then a feast extends this nourishment even more. Indeed, sometimes what we need is a snack, other times a meal will do us fine, but every once in awhile, we need to feast on God's Word. All said, in the month of May, make some time for all three!

— Pastor Jeff

The Books I Read

Each month, I (Pastor Jeff) attempt to read through five books. In the month of April I made it through five books. Here they are: *I Never Thought Of It That Way* - Monica Guzman

1. *The Pastor's Soul* - Brian Croft
2. *The Church Called Tov* - Scot McKnight
3. *Faithful Endurance* - Collin Hansen (editor)
4. *The 6 Types Of Working Genius* - Patrick Lencioni
5. *I Never Thought of It That Way* - Monica Guzman

Giving Options

You can give onsite by cash or check through our Offering and Connection Box.

You can also give online at visitvoyage.org. It's an easy and secure way to give.

Learn More

If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about our church, don't hesitate to reach out. Our staff is open to answering your questions before or after our morning services.

You can also learn more with a short visit to our website: visitvoyage.org

And yes, you can also email us at visitvoyage@gmail.com.

One More Thing

Thanks for visiting with us! We are grateful for the opportunity to worship with you and to get to know you better. If you would like for us to follow up with you, please fill out one of our Connection Cards. Share as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.

These can be placed in the Offering and Connection Box located on our information table near the entrance.

Have a blessed day!

April Giving Summary

General Offering (April)	Budgeted - \$12,038	Received - \$11,052
General Offering (YTD)	Budgeted - \$143,720	Received - \$136,566
Missions (April)	Budgeted - \$688	Received - \$900

May Sermon Series

Join us this May as we embark on a brand-new teaching series titled "Why Do I Do What I don't Want to do?" We've all made mistakes, messed up, and as we probably heard from our parents or our teachers: "You Know Better!" What's implied from this statement is that we should have known not to do what we did. In this, we're reminded of the age old question that the Apostle Paul once asked: "Why do I do what I don't want to do?" (See Romans 7:15) In this series, we'll talk about both the vices that trip us up—even though we know better—but also the virtues that we can use to fight against them.

Mother's Day Facts

In May, we celebrate our mothers. Here are some surprising facts about this important day:

1. Mother's Day is the busiest restaurant day of the year.
2. 22 Million phones will ring on Mother's Day.
3. Mother's Day is the third most attended church service behind Christmas and Easter.
4. Most moms have their first child in their 20's, with an average age of 27.
5. Greeting Cards still top the list as the number one gift on Mother's Day.

Summer Bookclub is Back!

Friends, it's nearly that time of the year when we celebrate the gift of good books - books that are not necessarily "christian" but offer us insights that we wouldn't glean otherwise. While we know the benefits of reading the Good Book, here at Voyage we firmly believe that God speaks to us in other forms of reading as well. In light of this, we're excited to announce this year's list of summer reads. Even better, we will have several copies on loan from KDL for you to pickup soon. Here they are:

1. The Glass Hotel - Emily St. John Mandel (June)
2. Anxious People - Fredrik Backman (July)
3. The Great Alone - Kristin Hannah (August)

