

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 service is currently being held at 10 AM. Generally, you can expect this morning's service to last approximately one-hour long.

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.



As we move into the final month of summer, we enter into one of my more favorite months of the year. For one, it is the month in which I was born. While this annual reminder of just how old I am gets less and less special each year, there are plenty of fond memories surrounding past birthday celebrations.

Then there is the move into perhaps my favorite season of the year - fall. September offers a mixture of summer and fall, which makes for a great mix of weather (in my opinion). I love the warm days but I also have come to enjoy the cooler days when the sweatshirts comes out.

But if there is one thing I love about September, it's the renewed interest in the church. Even we pastors, if and when we take long breaks (sabbaticals), it's always done in the summer months. Still, I truly do love it when we start to settle in, and slowly prepare for my favorite time of the year (Advent) and the Christmas celebration that follows.

All said, I hope and pray you will join us this September as we embark on a new season of ministry, and one that has the potential to impact you in some powerful ways. —Pastor Jeff

More Blockbusters

With our Summer Blockbuster series drawing to a close, here are five other recent and noteworthy movies that didn't quite make our list, but are still worth checking out.

1. *Arthur the King* (available for rent)
2. *The Boys in the Boat* (Amazon Prime)
3. *Cabrini* (available for rent)
4. *Wonka* (available for rent)
5. *Surprised By Oxford* (Hoopla)

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!

August Giving Summary

General Offering (August)	Budgeted - \$11,996	Received - \$5,035
General Offering (YTD)	Budgeted - \$38,988	Received - \$24,181
Missions (August)	Budgeted - \$800	Received - \$840

Those Magic Words

Most of us learned these words pretty early on in life. We were taught them by our parents. We learned them in school. And if we grew up in church, we made use of them all the more. Still, as we get older, these words somehow fade from our memory, and fail to carry the weight and significance that that once did.

In September, we'll be kicking off a brand new teaching series called *Magic Words*. It's a series about three little words that can change how we work, how we play, and how they positively impact virtually every relationship that we find ourselves in.

For instance, we'll learn how saying *please* has the power to open doors. We'll learn how saying *sorry* can mend fences. And finally, we'll discover how building bridges happens when we learn to regularly say *thanks*.

Join us in September as we dig deeper into what it means to say those truly *Magic Words*.

Discipleship Series

Beginning this fall, we'll be introducing a new and ongoing series we're calling our *Discipleship Series*. Here, we'll pick two books, one in the fall and another in the winter, that we'll read together. The purpose, is to explore books that will help us grow, and as Paul says, "be transformed by the renewing of our minds." Yes, this happens as we read the Bible, but there are other ways that we can be renewed as well. And one of those ways is through the spiritual reading of great books like the ones outlined below.

The first book is one that warrants repeated readings and, by most accounts, is considered a modern day classic. It's the 1978 book by Richard Foster titled *The Celebration of Discipline*. The book explores the spiritual disciplines—the types of things that we can do to draw closer in our relationship with God. These disciplines include things like prayer, fasting, study, service, worship, and yes, even celebration. Stay tuned for more details to follow soon.

Our second book for the winter months (begins in January) is a recent release from Rich Villodas titled *The Narrow Path*. Here, Villodas unpacks what it means to walk the path of Jesus - a narrow path, but the only one that offers us a chance at real and lasting peace.

