

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.



When it comes to sports, for many of us, the month of October is about football. But not this year! Why? Because the Detroit Tigers are still playing. They came out of nowhere, from near the bottom of their division, and are now in the playoffs! All said, even in October, interest in the Tigers remains.

All this reminds me of all the things that we fall in and out of interest of throughout the year. It could be something like exercise. For instance, I have no interest in exercise in November and December. Or it might be something more spiritual in nature. Personally, to be candid with all of you, I fall in and out of interest in God's Word. I know, that's troubling for a pastor to admit. But depending on the season, I too am subject to days, weeks, and months of spiritual dryness. Nevertheless, even in these "off seasons," I continue to pick up God's Word each day, praying that God would renew my interest once more. The Good News? In time, He always does!

This fall, my hope and prayer for all you is to pick up God's Word - even if it doesn't always feel "alive" and "helpful" for the day ahead. Use a devotional like *Our Daily Bread*, or something similar. Or better yet, read the Bible first-hand, choosing a short gospel like Mark or a short letter like Philippians. And when you do, I'm confident that God will renew your interest in Him, and his Word, once again. —Pastor Jeff

Team World Vision

October is the month in which our Team World Vision members traditionally run. In fact, the race this year is on Sunday, October 20th. While this year's team at Voyage is small, we believe that God can work regardless. Please prayerfully consider giving a donation to any one of our three members....Michelle Tonnemacher, Cara Bouma, or Pastor Jeff. You can find our Voyage Team page by going to the website <https://www.teamworldvision.org/> and in the search bar at the top right, typing "Voyage." Thanks for considering!

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!

September Giving Summary

General Offering (Sept.)	Budgeted - \$14,995	Received - \$16,494
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Missions (Sept.)	Budgeted - \$800	Received - \$1,000

My Favorite September Read

While "The Books I (Pastor Jeff) Read" segment has made its way to our website, I wanted to highlight one of those reads for you here. While all the books I made it through in September were pretty good, I'm naturally inclined to highlight a work of history. This month's "historical" read was a book by author and historian John Dickson. The book is called *Bullies and Saints: An Honest Look at the Good and Evil of Church History*.

Here, Dickson doesn't shy away from what we "Christians" have done throughout the course of our history. We have not always been good, and sometimes our desire to spread the Good News was done in haste, and with plenty of violence. For this, I applaud Dickson for being up-front and honest. He does a pretty good job of this. At the same time, Dickson also goes out of his way to defend our Christian faith against the commonly heard "potshots" against us. All in all, this book is a well-rounded and honest read.

So, if you're looking for a really interesting book about our Christian past, I would highly recommend this one. While it's not a perfect book, it's very well done, and as usual for a Dickson book (I've read many of his other books too), it's very engaging and will hold your attention throughout.

Women's Bible Study

Starting on Wednesday October 23, our women will work their way through a five-session study titled *Proverbs: The Art of Wise Living*. The study is led and taught by Francois Lamprecht. Here's a brief synopsis:

Do your words ever land you in trouble? Do you worry about your finances? Do you feel stuck in your career? Have your friends let you down? In this five-part series, Lamprecht highlights principles from the book of Proverbs that relate to these and other challenges we all face. Discover wisdom that will guide your steps and grow your Kingdom influence as you embrace the abundant life God has designed for you to enjoy. For questions about the study, please contact Cara at carabouma@ymail.com

Help Needed!

This fall, we've seen a resurgence of children that are in need of nursery care. While this doesn't happen each week, we need some willing caregivers to lend a hand when needed. If you would like to help out with nursery care, and are open to being "on-call," please contact Cara at carabouma@ymail.com