

# 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.

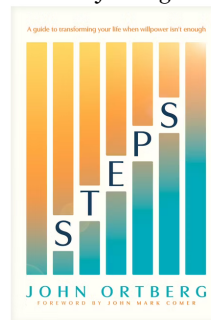
**Voyage Teens** - Grades 6th - 12th. Our teens will start out in the upstairs worship service but will be dismissed to their classrooms after two or three worship songs.



The month of February is chock-full of all things “love”— and for good reason. Beyond loving our significant other (the typical focus of Feb. 14th), Scripture is clear that we are to love people from all walks of life. This includes our teenage sons and daughters, who, depending on the day, can be hard to love especially when we don't like them all that much. It also includes our grumpy neighbors, our angry co-workers, our less-than kind siblings. And of course, there's the ultimate necessity to love God, whom we are told to love above and beyond (with all of our heart, mind and soul).

In light of this, on Sunday mornings here in February, we'll spend some time on the topic of love. More to the point, we'll look into the incredible love that God showers down upon us in the teaching series we're calling *What is Love?* In truth, none of us deserve this love. We're far from perfect and we mess up daily. Nevertheless, God lavishes us with what John Ortberg once called a “love beyond reason.” It's a love we cannot ever earn, but simply a gift that God offers us on a daily basis, if only we will receive it. So, we'll be talking more about this love, learning how both to receive it, but also how to share it with others.

Speaking of John Ortberg, one of my favorite writers is out with a brand-new book this February called *Steps: A Guide to Transforming Your Life When Willpower Isn't Enough*.



Here, Ortberg reimagines Alcoholics Anonymous's 12 Step program as a tool for Christian discipleship. I can't wait to read it!

—Pastor Jeff

## Giving Options

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

You can also give online at [visitvoyage.org](http://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](http://visitvoyage.org)

And yes, you can also email us at [visitvoyage@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## January Giving Update

Expected Giving: \$11,996

Actual Received: \$10,495

### Year to Date:

Expected Giving: \$104,369

Actual Received: \$79,636

Expected Expenses: \$106,235

Actual Expenses: \$99,431

## Grace Life Marriage Conference

On **March 21-22**, Voyage Community Church will be hosting a Grace Life Marriage Conference. This transformative event is designed to help couples deepen their relationship through powerful teachings, engaging workshops, and heartfelt discussions. Discover the principles of God's grace that can strengthen your marriage and bring renewed joy and connection. Whether you're newlyweds or have been together for decades, this conference will inspire you to grow together in faith and love. Don't miss out on this opportunity to invest in your marriage. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

## 4 Women You Should Know

In our *Giants* teaching series, we barely scratched the surface of the spiritual giants that serve as our mentors, and inspire us in our own Christian walk. Even more, there are a lot more women that rarely get the time or attention that they deserve. As a result, here are four additional women to explore on your own.

1. Corrie Ten Boom - Known for her book *The Hiding Place*, Ten Boom recounts how she and her family hid Jewish refugees in their home during World War II. While her family was caught and would die in various concentration camps, it was Ten Boom who survived, and after the war, amazingly preached a message of forgiveness and reconciliation.
2. Fanny Crosby - While Crosby never preached from the pulpit, her impact on the church is undeniable. Blind from infancy, that didn't stop her from writing some 8,000 hymns, many of which you have probably sung. Her most famous hymn might be "Blessed Assurance."
3. Rosa Parks - Yes, we know about the Rosa Parks who courageously chose to stand her ground while on the bus, and as a result, is known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement." But most of us are less knowledgeable about her life after this moment. What follows is equally compelling. You can read more about Parks in her book *Quiet Strength*.
4. Mother Theresa - I know, you already know who Mother Theresa is. However, most of us probably don't know the whole story behind why she has come to be known as a measure of holiness and compassion to so many around the world. Perhaps a brief reading of her story in Eric Metaxas's book, *7 Women*, would do you well and offer you a more well-rounded understanding of this incredible woman.