

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 March is one of my personal favorites. While March can still bring to us some less than great weather, it is also a time of transition, when things start to warm up. This is also the same as far as the church calendar goes. In the month of March, the church calendar warms up, gets busier, as it makes its annual turn to the season called Lent.

What is Lent? It's the 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and reflection that centers upon Jesus' life and death, and prepares us for the pivotal moment of the church year: Jesus' Easter resurrection!

Some of us will use this time to fast. Here, we might fast or abstain from certain types of food, drink, or even certain activities. Personally, I've tried lots of things during Lent, and have often found the experience rewarding and spiritually helpful.

This year, however, I'm challenging both you readers and myself to spend more time in the area of reflection. So, instead of "giving-up" certain things, I'm going to find one or more things that I can do that will help draw me closer to Jesus. On page two of this newsletter, you'll find some ideas to make use of yourself. Consider these a starting point rather than an exhaustive list. Pick one, two, or several of them to incorporate into these next 40 days. Try reading a book, attempt to read through a NT gospel or one of Paul's many letters. Take a walk, watch a movie, listen to the kind of music that stirs your soul.

Again, the types of things that you can "do" are probably endless. But as the old adage goes: "Just Do Something." For if we all do something to better ourselves, devoting time and attention to reflect on our savior, I'm fully confident that we will be measurably blessed for doing so. And who couldn't use a little blessing? I know I could and I suspect you could too.

—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. 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!

February Giving Update

Expected Giving: \$11,996

Actual Received: \$6,915

Year to Date:

Expected Giving: \$116,365

Actual Received: \$85,831

Expected Expenses: \$119,514

Actual Expenses: \$117,297

Eight Things You Can Do For Lent

During Lent, we often hear about people "giving-up" things in observance of their faith, perhaps showing themselves and others that they really can go without alcohol, coffee, cookies, or whatever they've decided to steer clear of until after Easter. While this might be helpful to some, perhaps it would be even better if we "did" something instead. Here are eight things that you can do this lent that will help to strengthen your faith.

1. Get up 5 to 10 minutes early and spend that time in prayer
2. Give a small amount of money or time to a new cause or organization
3. Take a walk in a new place, using that time to also commune with God in prayer
4. Watch an Easter themed movie (ex. *Passion of the Christ*) or show (ex. *Chosen*)
5. Read a Christian book you've never read (check out our Little Library @ Church)
6. Listen to a song or even a whole album that helps you spiritually reflect
7. Read a NT gospel or one of Paul's many letters
8. Participate in a FREE Lent or Easter based devotional offered through the Youversion Bible App on your phone or tablet.

Upcoming Dates You Should Know

Over the next couple of months, we have a number of things coming up that we want to remind you of. While this does not include everything, here are the highlights for the month of March and April.

- March 5 - Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
- March 10 - Give Night @ Hope Unexpected
- March 21-22 - Grace Life Marriage Conference
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 20 - Easter