

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.



Generally speaking, I love September. After all, I was born on September 20th. And while it's true that each birthday that comes around seems a little less spectacular and important, it's still something. More so, the ninth month is also one marked by new beginnings. It's traditionally the month when, as kids, we went back to school. There were new teachers, new schools, new subject matter, and new friends to be made. And perhaps the greatest reason why September is one of my favorite months? The return of football. I love Baseball, but after several months away from it, the return of football here in the late summer months is my favorite. So many football related questions linger. Who will win the Super Bowl? Could it be our beloved Detroit Lions? Probably not but there's always the lingering hope that this will be the year.

But aside from football, and the host of other sports that make up these late summer and early fall months, September is also a great time of the year to begin again, or even to start something new spiritually. Such is the case here at Voyage. On Sunday, September 14th, we'll be starting a brand-new teaching series called B.L.E.S.S. Here, we'll be outlining five practices that can help you and I to love our neighbor like never before. The next week, Thursday, September 18th, our women will start a six-week study on the Bible itself, examining what the Bible is and why we still turn to it to hear from God all these years later. Then, on Monday, October 6th, we'll have our first opportunity to serve at Hope Unexpected. This is always a great way to connect with a group of people we often forget about: single moms who need our help. So, we will go and serve one meal each of the months of October, November, and December.

Even better, we're just about ready to announce a Men's Bible Study coming soon. This too is a chance to start something new, or renew something that you haven't taken up in a long time. So, stay tuned for that information coming soon.

God is always working and always renewing those of us who follow him. This Fall, find something to plug into that will allow him to do that in your life.

- 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!

August Giving Update

Expected Giving: \$14,759

Actual Received: \$12,559

Year to Date:

Expected Giving: \$41,341

Actual Received: 42,359

Expected Expenses: \$38,622

Actual Expenses: \$37,417

September Facts

September is a unique month, as it's made up of the last days of summer and the first days of the fall. It's also known as the "harvest month" —the time to gather up the harvest of things planted in the spring and prepare for the winter months. Here are some more fun and not-so-fun facts about this month:

1. September is National Happy Cat Month. It also consists of a number of other noteworthy days. Sept. 11 is National Hug Your Hound Day; Sept. 13 is Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day; Sept. 19 is International Talk Like A Pirate Day; and Sept. 24 is National Punctuation Day.
2. September was originally named "Septem" as it was the "seventh month" of the Roman Calendar. It wasn't until 451 BC that the months of January and February were added to the calendar, making September the ninth month.
3. The Romans love to associate different gods with the months of the calendar. The month of September is associated with Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, which might be attributed to its extremely hot temperatures back when it was the seventh month of the year.
4. September only has one birthstone, but this one is impressive. It's the sapphire and its deep blue tones. Relatedly, the sapphire was once worn to protect the wearer from both the threat of poisoning and to ward off other evils.
5. September is also known for some historically bad and horrific days. On Sept. 1, 1939, Hitler invaded Poland, which would become the impetus for World War II. Then, on Sept. 11, 2001, the worst terrorist attack on US soil took place when four commercial airliners were hijacked, with two of them flying straight into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Fall Women's Study

Why do we need the Bible? The Bible is filled with poetry, historical events, exciting narratives, and stories from the life of Jesus. Nevertheless, because it's such an old and ancient text, it can also be intimidating and confusing. In fact, its very complexity can make it difficult for people of all ages. In this six-session series, "Why Do We Need the Bible?" author and Bible teacher Lisa Harper helps to unpack the value and importance of the Bible for everyday believers. Participants will learn what the Bible is, how God communicates with us through it, and why we should read it.

Join your fellow women for a time of connection, encouragement, and a chance to go deeper in your relationship with God. The study will take place here at Voyage Community Church beginning **Thursday, Sept. 18th at 7 PM.**