

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.



January is always a great time to do something new and often something challenging. Since I'll be turning "fifty something" this year, I've decided to make a list of "fifty something" things that I'd like to do but have never done before. And I've already started my list of things to do this year, trying to break it down monthly and into tiny and manageable pieces.

As a for instance, I've never played Frisbee Golf before. So, this year, at some point when the weather clears up, I'll find a friend and go play. In addition, I hope to find and play a new board game, read a book by a new author, attend a sporting event at a new venue, and so forth. You get the idea.

Having laid out my grand plans for the year, I'm well aware that this thing called "life" happens. Things take place that we don't always account for. We lose our focus and sometimes even our interest. And by the time we get to the end of 2026, we might forget about those goals and aspirations that we started out the year with.

Nevertheless, as the old adage goes, "It doesn't hurt to try." So, I'll try this. I'll give it a go. And who knows, maybe I'll complete all "fifty something" tasks. But even if I don't, and only finish a few, I'll likely experience more variety than I otherwise would have.

Perhaps there's something "new" that you can do in 2026. Maybe you begin a new hobby. Maybe for you it's a great time to build a new habit. Or maybe it's time to find some new music to listen to or a new version of the Bible to read. The opportunities for "new" are endless. But they are just that, opportunities that require your attention, and that call for you to take action. What I'm trying to say is this: "Do something!" And while you're at it, why not make it something "new."

- 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!

December Giving Update

Expected Giving: \$11,806

Actual Received: \$16,008

Year to Date:

Expected Giving: \$90,520

Actual Received: \$84,382

Expected Expenses: \$92,165

Actual Expenses: \$89,855

Trends to Look For in 2026

1. *Home Phones for Kids*. Few storylines received more attention in the last couple of years than the connection between cell phones and poor mental health. Maybe it's time to say "enough is enough."
2. *A Resurgence of Analog Productivity* - How about a good old fashioned paper calendar or planner and your favorite pen or pencil? Studies show that we are less distracted, and maybe even more productive when we make use of these basic tools.
3. *Pleasure Reading* - Sadly, only 16 percent of Americans read for pleasure. This needs to change. Access to public libraries (and Libby) is free.
4. *Single Tasking*. By now, plenty of studies have shown that none of us are really all that good at "multi-tasking." Time to find focus and zero in on one thing at a time.
5. *Spending on Experiences*. No more throwaway gifts! A recent survey from 2023 reveals that more and more Americans would rather receive an experience instead.

My Top 10 Books of 2025

1. *Spurgeon: A New Biography* - Arnold Dallimore
2. *Steps: A Guide to Transforming Your Life When Willpower Isn't Enough* - John Ortberg
3. *The Scandal of the Kingdom* - Dallas Willard
4. *The Lord of Psalm 23* - David Gibson
5. *Confronting the Presidents* - Bill O'Reilly
6. *The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald* - John U. Bacon
7. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* - Gail Honeyman
8. *Stoner* - John Williams
9. *Shift (Silo #2)* - Hugh Howey
10. *The Horse and His Boy* - C.S. Lewis