

ANNUAL REPORT *2023*

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LETTER FROM OUR PASTORS

Dear Journey Church
Family,

As we step into another year together, we're excited to celebrate our 15th anniversary as a vibrant community of faith in Cleveland, Ohio. Looking back, it's incredible to see how far we've come since the day we planted Journey Church. Through every high and low, we've kept our focus on what matters most, experiencing the extraordinary ways our big God works in our lives and community.

The challenges of the past few years have been unlike any we've faced before, pushing us to adapt and grow in ways we never imagined. Yet, here we are, stronger and more united, thanks to the unwavering support and resilience of each one of you. Journey Church has continued to thrive, bringing hope, healing, and peace to many during their toughest times.

We are immensely grateful for the generosity you've shown. Your dedication, in time, talents, and resources, has made a real difference in countless lives. It's because of your commitment that we've been able to reach so many, making a lasting impact that extends far beyond our immediate community.

Reflecting on the past year's achievements, we're filled with anticipation for what's ahead. This year, we're rallying around the word "Believing." We're setting our sights high, expecting to see God's hand move in powerful ways.

So, what are you believing for this year? We're inviting each of you to think big, to hold onto hope, and to envision what could be. Whether it's personal growth, healing, or stepping into new opportunities, let's believe together that the best is yet to come.

"Believing" isn't just a theme; it's our collective mindset for the year. It's about trusting in the possibilities, facing challenges with courage, and seeing every situation as a chance for growth and transformation.

We encourage you to share your hopes and dreams, to support one another in faith, and to look forward to the stories of breakthrough and success we'll share.

Together, let's approach this year with open hearts and minds, ready to embrace all that comes our way. Here's to believing in the incredible things God has in store for us, our community, and beyond.

With all our love,

Pastors Jim & Jennifer
Wilkes



WORD OF THE YEAR FOR 2024

BELIEVING

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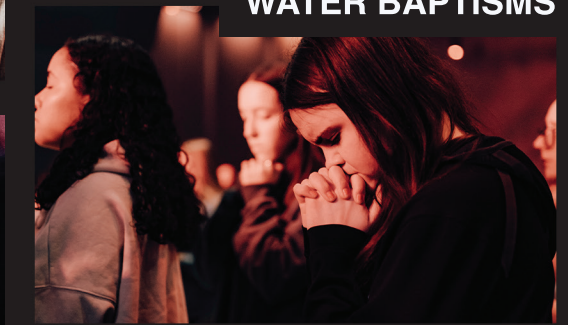
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PEOPLE MADE A DECISION
TO FOLLOW JESUS



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WATER BAPTISMS



SALVATION & BAPTISMS

DREAM TEAM

FIRST TIME GUESTS:

1497

ATTENDED GROW:

260

JOINED A JOURNEY GROUP:

285



FIRST TIME KIDS:

330

FIRST SERVES:

228

ATTENDED ONLINE WEEKLY:

1100



TESTIMONY

There are so many different ways that serving has changed our lives and our boys lives. When we first started serving, it brought to us so much joy and it filled us. We were a part of something bigger than ourselves. It seemed that the more we served, the more joy and peace we acquired.

Over the years, the amount of time we serve has increased, and it is something we look forward to doing. Serving gets us out of the routine grind of life and it brings the desires and awareness of what breaks our Father's heart, to the front in our lives. His people. It's always His people. Serving gives us God's perspective. When we find ourselves either in the valleys or mountaintops of life, it opens our eyes. There is so much joy in serving and it brings joy to those around us. You can feel it! To be able to stand in and intercede for those He brings to us is humbling and we feel so blessed to be a part of His grand plan.

Ensuring our boys also have a servant's heart prepares them to be Godly men and become more compassionate for others that they may find themselves surrounded by. To teach this next generation and to raise them up as warriors has become our battle cry.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

The Thomas Family



**JOURNEY CHURCH
IS ON A MISSION TO REACH
10,000 PEOPLE FOR JESUS IN
THE GREATER CLEVELAND AREA**

STRONGER TOGETHER

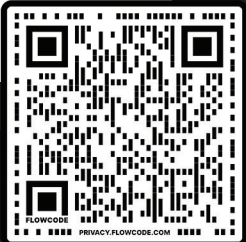


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We believe Journey Church is called to make disciples who live lives of radical generosity. The word of God says “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” (Proverbs 11:25 NIV). There is a clarity to our vision like never before as we continue to bring hope, encouragement, and refreshment to people’s lives with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your radical and consistent generosity. We could not do all that we do as a church without your audacious giving. Whether you are a regular tither, one of our Legacy 2024 pledgers, or a Legacy Builder, we want you to know that when you give, you don’t just give to a church, but you give THROUGH Journey Church to reach and impact the people of Cleveland and beyond.

- **PRAY AND ASK GOD**
What would God have you do to invest in the lives of the people of Cleveland and beyond?
- **ONLINE RECURRING GIVING**
If you have not setup online recurring giving, you can scan the QR code to begin today.
- **GIVE ONLINE**
Give safely and securely online at journey.church/give



JOURNEY CHURCH CODE VALUES

1. WE ARE FAITH-FILLED, BIG THINKING, BOLD PRAYING PEOPLE!

We'll never insult God with small thinking, safe living or small prayers.

2. WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.

Unity, unity, unity! The local church is the hope of the world and we know we can accomplish infinitely more together than apart.

3. FREE PEOPLE FREE PEOPLE

We break cycles. Your story and pain has purpose in God's hands.

4. AN EMPOWERED CHURCH IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.

We believe every person was born on purpose for a purpose. It's an honor to sacrifice for Christ and His church.

5. WE WILL DO ANYTHING SHORT OF SIN TO REACH PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.

To reach people no one is reaching, we'll have to do things no one is doing. We don't judge people for where they're at; but celebrate where they're going.

6. WE WILL LEAD THE WAY WITH IRRATIONAL GENEROSITY.

We truly believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.

7. WE WILL LAUGH HARD, LOUD, AND OFTEN.

Nothing is more fun than serving God with people you love!

8. TOMORROW DEPENDS ON TODAY.

We are building the next generation to be the church of today.

9. HUSTLE, GRIT, STAY HUMBLE.

We work hard because people matter. The church does not exist for us. We are the church and we exist for the world.

10. WE WILL HONOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH WITH INTEGRITY AND GRACE.

If we live with integrity, nothing else matters. If we don't live with integrity, nothing else matters. Journey is a high grace, no judgement zone.



CLEVELAND HOPE EXCHANGE

142,000

Pounds of fresh produce was provided to families in need

3,500

Dry food boxes given in 2023

1,744

Volunteers served during Hope Days

5,088

People served through Hope Days.

700

Thanksgiving Meal Kits given to families in need.

7,000

Toys given away to children in need for



FAITH LIST



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AVON

PARKING LOT

\$75,000

KIDS RENOVATIONS

\$150,000

FAIRVIEW PARK

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RENOVATIONS

\$150,000

TWINSBURG

SIGNAGE MARQUEE

\$8,000

KIDS RENOVATIONS

\$25,000





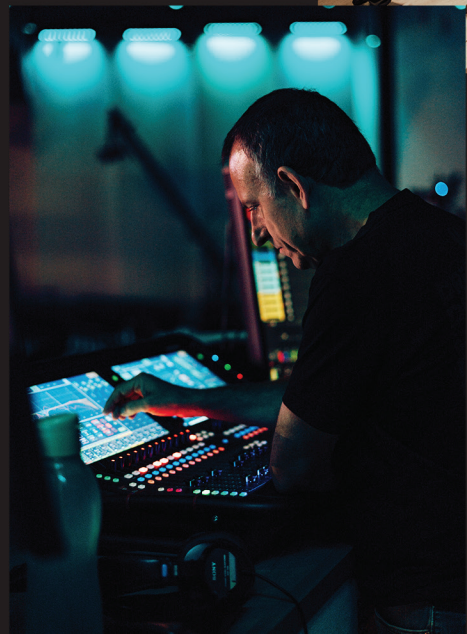
JOSHUA TREE EXPANSION
\$150,000

JOSHUA TREE SCHOLARSHIPS
\$30,000

MEDIA UPGRADE
\$75,000

YOUTH CAMP
\$40,000

KIDS CAMP
\$30,000





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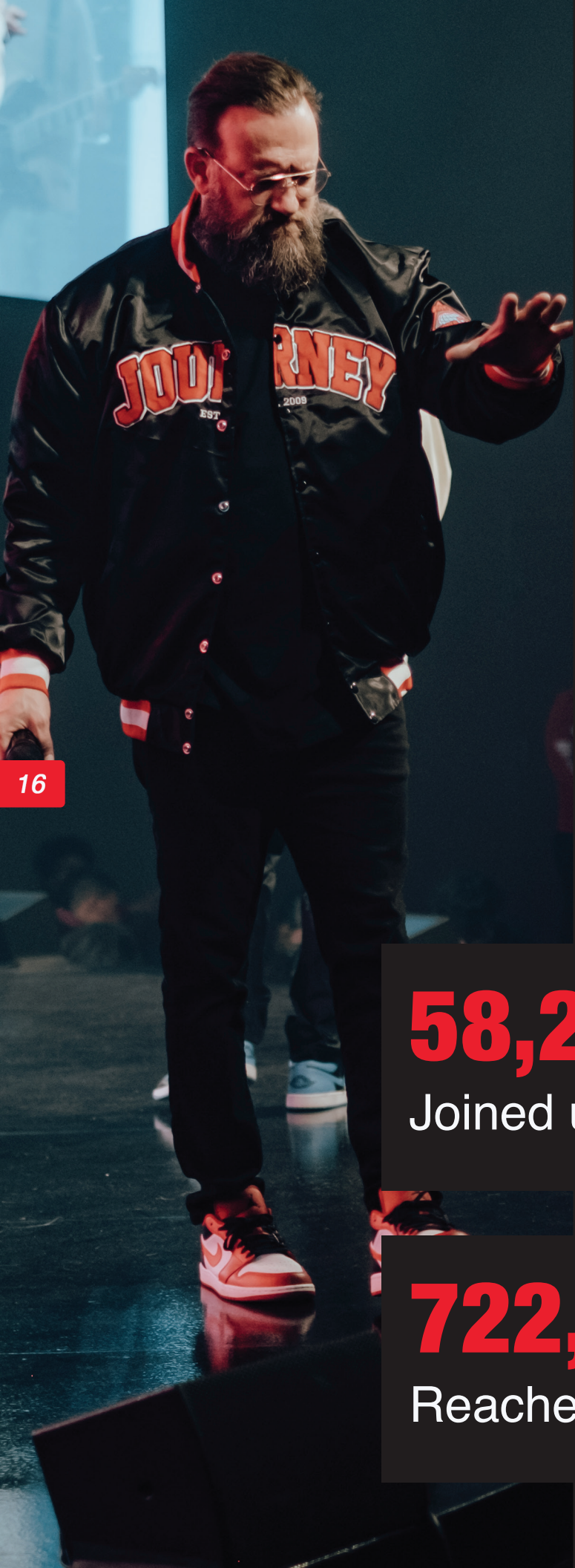
- One Time cash gift
- A monthly gift for 12 months
- Estate Planning
- Stocks/Crypto Currency
- Property

WAYS TO GIVE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE, EMAIL GENEROSITY@JOURNEY.CHURCH







Web & Tech

58,219 People

Joined us for Online Services

722,000 People

Reached Through Social Media



Joshua Tree

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER

In August 2023 we celebrated the grand opening of The Joshua Tree Behavioral Health Center. This facility is an outpatient treatment center specializing in distinctive and holistic drug and alcohol addiction recovery programs. Within the first few months of operating, we've witnessed transformation and healing in the lives of numerous individuals through our programs. This Legacy Offering will enable us to expand the staff at Joshua Tree while also providing scholarships to those in real need, but don't have the resources to get the help they need.

SINCE AUGUST 2023:

- 106 outpatient clients
- 6 full-time staff - Including 4 licensed clinicians
- Partnerships with residential treatment centers
- 8 Scholarships provided to those who need financial assistance



JOSHUA TREE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER

FINANCES

65%

Starting & Emerging Givers
(Less than \$1,000 annually)

18

24%

Core Givers
(Between \$1,000 - \$4,500 annually)

6%

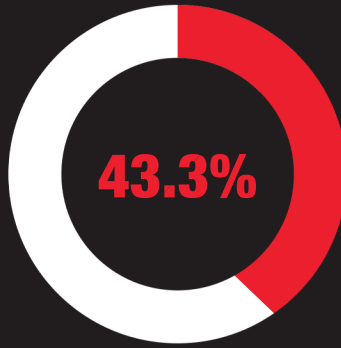
Intermediate Givers
(Between \$5,000 - \$10,000 annually)

4%

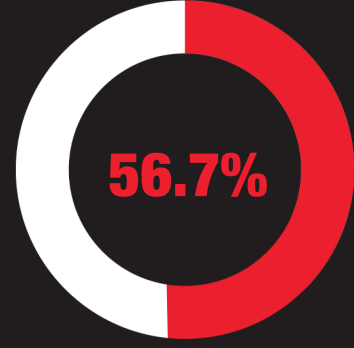
High Capacity Givers
(Between \$10,000 + annually)



2023 Total Revenue
was \$3,794,634



Percentage of Revenue
used for Staffing



Percentage of Revenue
used for Ministry &
Operations Expenses

\$2,000,000

Legacy 2023 Giving Goal

\$317,729

Legacy pledged across five initiatives

\$1,142,830

Given

Journey Church is committed to keeping ministry high and overhead low. We are also committed to ensuring the finances of the church are transparent and accountable. This is why we contract with a third party accounting firm and submit our financial records for a yearly audit.



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