

Dear Journey Church,

This past year had some incredible moments, like when we watched nearly a hundred people be baptized at our outdoor service or when we had so many young families register that we had to double the number of child dedications at all our locations. Our community and home state also suffered greatly from the destructive impacts caused by Hurricane Ian. We mobilized dozens of Hurricane Relief Teams with much needed resources to begin showing God's love in practical ways through meeting the needs within our community. Our teams were able to provide resources and assistance to 758 individuals immediately following the storm.

This past year, we distributed over 60,000 pounds of food to 4,500 individuals through Journey Pantry, served 1,800 meals at The Bridge shelter in Deland, and we donated over 30,000 diapers and 60,000 wipes to crisis pregnancy centers. Our student ministry hosted 362 students and volunteers at our Focus student retreat this fall, our largest camp ever! And over 1,700 people have pursued authentic community and spiritual growth through our Care, Short-term, and Life Groups. Your church is making a difference!

We have been able to see amazing things happen in the lives of people all around us this past year. But we are not done yet. We believe that our best days are still ahead of us! Every week lives are being changed, kids are connecting to what it means to love God, love life and love others, people are taking steps to follow Christ. But we believe that we are just getting started and the best is still yet to come, and we want to get ready for it.

While we are still waiting and searching for a permanent location for our Deland Campus, we do have some incredible opportunities to invest in the expansion of all 3 of our in-person locations and Journey Anywhere, our online campus. Each location pastor will share some specific God given opportunities where we can invest in seeing lives changed this year in our annual expansion offering.

Our expansion projects include:

- Strategic investment in our Kids and Student Ministries.
- Increasing our outreach into Deland, Deltona, Orange City and beyond.
- Improving our ministry environments and current facilities for maximum Kingdom impact.
- Providing even more opportunities and resources for people to connect in community and pursue Jesus together through Journey Church Anywhere our online campus.

This is what our expansion offering is all about. The vision of helping even more people take steps to follow Christ is accelerated by your generosity. We are asking that you would invest in future growth by giving a sacrificial gift in this special once-a-year offering the weekend of December 10th/11th. We're encouraging everyone to join with us on this special weekend. Our goal is not for a certain amount to be given, but for everyone to participate in some way. It's not about equal giving, but equal sacrifice.

There are several ways you can participate:

1. Pray and ask God how you should contribute.
2. Bring your offering the weekend of, December 10/11, and drop it in the donation box or give online journeyconnect.org/expansionoffering.
3. Mail your contribution to our church office: 975 E Graves Ave Orange City, FL 32763

Journey Church is a place of generosity and life-change because of people like you. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!



Pastor James Hilton and Shana Hilton