

Dear Journey Church,

We exist to connect people to Christ, Community, and their Calling. But even before we called ourselves Journey Church, our mission was for everyone to help someone take steps to follow Jesus Christ right here in Volusia County.

In 1947, out of the faith of a small group of believers, Orange City Mission was born. From an empty store building to the purchase of a surplus Navy Chapel, our church's history is full of faith, sacrifice, and a vision to bring Christ's message to this community. Later that year, we officially became the First Baptist Church of Orange City as 37 people laid the foundation for what we are today. Over the years, we've faced challenges and changes, but our vision has remained unwavering: to reach Volusia County and beyond for Christ.

Today, Journey Church is still just as passionate about lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. So far this year alone, we've witnessed over 219 people join us for the Next Steps Class, celebrated baptisms, more than 3,200 people step onto one of our locations for the first time, and impacted the lives of over 485 kids and students through Journey Kids and Journey Students.

Our commitment to missions has sent 36 of our church family on 3 mission trips, we've provided 420 lunches, 360 bags of groceries to help local Pastors show the love of Christ to their community, and our 40 Days Devotionals were translated for Pastors and churches in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and India. In our local community, we gathered more than 27,000 baby supplies for distribution to families and pregnancy centers, collected over 2,700 school supplies, and distributed over 2,500 toys through our Giving Joy event. Additionally, we provided more than 1,700 bags of groceries and 66,000 pounds of food through Journey Pantry, while also serving approximately 1,500 meals through Outreach Meals.

We want to have an even greater impact in reaching both Volusia County and the world. As we've been praying, God has placed a big vision before us - to be one church meeting in 10 locations in 10 years. In order to fulfill this, God is calling all of us to prepare the way. So how do we begin to do this?

- We're working toward a 24/7 access building in DeLand, where our church can continue to grow rapidly. We've made great strides, and we believe DeLand will continue to expand outside its walls.
- We believe it's time to launch our next location. This expansion will allow more people to connect to Christ, community, and their calling.

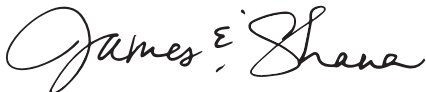
And we know God hasn't just called us to make a difference here, but around the world. Acts 1:8 resonates deeply with us, because Christ calls us to take the good news of what He did for us to the ends of the earth. And that's why in the next 10 years we want to come alongside 100 churches globally.

God is calling us to expand our faith so that we can experience things we could never have imagined. We believe our best days are ahead of us, and this is an opportunity for all of us to participate, to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

Spend some time prayerfully seeking God's guidance on how you can be a part of what God is doing here at Journey Church. There are several ways you can participate:

- Pray and ask God how you can contribute
- Bring your offering the weekend of December 9/10 and drop it in the donation box.
- Give online journeyconnect.org/expansionoffering
- Mail your contribution to our church office: 975 E Graves Ave., Orange City, FL 32763

Journey Church, let's lean into where God is calling us, trusting God with our first and our best. I don't want to sit on the sidelines—I want to be a part of this mighty movement of God. And I know you do too.



Pastor James and Shana Hilton