

Dear Journey Church,

Everything we do here at Journey Church is to help connect people to Christ, Community, and their Calling. When Shana and I came here 20 years ago, we were one location, but God had given us big dreams! Through the faithfulness of people like you, we've become one church meeting in 3 locations and online.

And because of that faithfulness, we've seen God move in incredible ways this year! 405 people have been baptized, boldly declaring their commitment to Christ.

In our local community, 1,500 people were served hot meals and over 115,000 pounds of groceries were given out through Journey Pantry. Over \$11,000 worth of baby supplies were given to mothers in need. This is only possible because of your generosity!

Last year we shared with you that the Lord has called us to something even bigger - to be one church meeting in 10 locations in 10 years. We asked you to give above and beyond as we look to put our DeLand location into a permanent facility, launch a Daytona location, and partner with other churches near and far. You've already helped us make huge strides.

In our commitment to missions, we have had the privilege of building 19 churches in India and Haiti! And we resourced 189 pastors, teaching them and training them to share the gospel in their communities.

And earlier this year, we purchased the Historic Dreka Theater in downtown DeLand for 1.55 million dollars in cash! We've partnered with the Aspen group to finalize interior and exterior designs. Currently our future DeLand location is under construction! And we wanted to share a little bit about it.

We are passionate about being a church for young families, and our Journey Kids area will be a place where kids are excited to come back next week! We want to partner with parents so they know they aren't alone. One thing I'm very excited about is our ability to finally offer care groups in DeLand! Groups like Financial Peace University, divorce care, addiction recovery, and even classes to help grow marriages or process grief.

The new auditorium will have a controlled environment with brand-new audio, video, and lighting, removing distractions for people and allowing them to fully engage and worship. And on Wednesday nights, tons of students will meet as they learn that before they behave, before they believe, they belong!

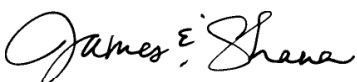
We want to be a church meeting right in the center of DeLand. We can already picture hundreds of people driving downtown on the weekends to worship God, grow in their faith, and connect to community.

But to make this a reality, we need your help. We're \$1.3 million away from making our DeLand campus move-in ready, and we're asking you to pray and ask God how you can be part of this vision. On December 7 and 8, during our Expansion Offering, would you consider giving above and beyond to help us transform DeLand? It's going to take us all, but I know that together, we can make a difference for eternity.

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 7/8 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