

The Story of JourneyChurch

The Journey

Pastor Mark's family helped him choose the name, "JourneyChurch". Little did they realize how much our church would live up to that name! It became apparent that what Christ had done through Pastor Mark in a former ministry, would continue in even a greater way at JourneyChurch! JourneyChurch's congregation has grown exponentially during these first three years as a church plant. On average, the attendance was as follows (for actual active attendees/members, add another 20%):

<i>September 2007</i>	=	55
<i>August 2008</i>	=	160
<i>February 2009</i>	=	220
<i>December 2009</i>	=	420
<i>January 2010</i>	=	520
<i>September 2010</i>	=	565
<i>February 2011</i>	=	700

As JourneyChurch has grown, we have met at nine locations in less than three years: Pastor Mark's home, various parks and state camp grounds, Manzanita Baptist Church on Saturday nights, the south side of the Mohave Engineering Building, Manzanita Elementary School, then back to the north side of the Mohave Engineering Building, back to Manzanita Elementary School, and now we are currently meeting at White Cliffs Middle School. An enduring quip has been: "If you can find us – you can join us" and join us they have! While gathering at various parks and schools, JourneyChurch has practiced the "Port-a-Church" model. We set up and tear down all the seating, equipment, classrooms, and all other materials before and after each Sunday. It is quite an event to witness, and has strengthened our bonds.

Today, our active attendees/members are over 700 people. A total of 1,200 people are on our roster. Our demographic focus is 35 year-olds and young families; of these the men are the center of focus. "Port-a-Church" has reinvigorated our men!

During these exciting three years, over 200 people have received Christ as their personal savior, over 130 people have been baptized, and over 250 people have gone through our membership 101/201 classes.

JourneyChurch's Ministry Heartbeat

The ministry style and priority of JourneyChurch puts a strong emphasis on Biblical teaching with application to everyday life. Heartfelt “spirit & truth” worship is a core value of JourneyChurch. Our discipleship ministries, child through adult, are vital to the spiritual depth and strength of our church. Friendship Evangelism is one of our most effective means of leading people to Christ and church growth. Other key programs include: Worship Services, JourneyJava, JourneyGreeters & Assimilation, ExtremeJourney, JourneyKids, JourneyMen, JourneyGals, and JourneyGrowth Groups. JourneyChurch also has an intentional focus on casual dress, grace and great food in a warm and friendly environment. Above all, JourneyChurch is God's Church. It is His Holy Spirit's work & power that has grown this church!

The simple ‘personal invitation’ to visit JourneyChurch is by far, the number one, most effective growth tool. Our church has many new followers of Christ. These new believers in Christ are discovering God's Word and His power in their life for the first time. Our dress and the atmosphere of our church are very casual in keeping with the Southwest and Route 66 flavor of our community. “Kingman Jack” and “Kingman Jane” are Pastor Mark's focus and heartbeat.

JourneyChurch's Future

What is the vision for JourneyChurch in 2011 and the years to come?

- ✓ To equip & inspire Kingman Evangelical Churches. JourneyChurch alone cannot reach Kingman's 40,000 un-churched. But together, the evangelical churches of Kingman can!

- ✓ To plant another church in one of Kingman's outlying areas or cities.

- ✓ For our Student Ministries' mid-week meetings to become the “place to go” to meet friends and have a great time while learning about the love of God and His plan & purpose for their life.

- ✓ To locate and purchase our permanent church home. This would increase our ability and availability to minister to our JourneyFamily as well as Kingman's Community.
(Weddings, Funerals, Concerts, Graduations, Church & Community Outreach, etc.)