THE STORY

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Morning Worship
- Journey Kidz
  - Baby Zone (Infant - 24 months)
  - Tot Zone (age 2-5)
  - Live! Zone (K-6th grade)

#### Bible Studies
- Korean Fellowship
- Jr/Sr High (at the office)
- Adult Bible Study

#### Prayer Ministry - in the Journey office Living Room

#### Evening Worship
- Journey Kidz (Age 5 & under)

#### Superbowl Party at Houlihans

#### Zumba class

#### Refuel - Ladies’ Coffee Break

#### Jr/Sr High Girls Bible Study at Boardwalk Burgers & Fries

#### Basketball vs. Macedonia

#### Life Groups Meet - check out the website for specific days and times

#### DAYS | TIMES
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Today | 9:30 am & 11:15 am
Today | 9:30 am
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Today | 11:15 am
Tonight | 5:00 pm
Tonight | 6:30 pm
Thursday | 7:00 pm
Thursday | 10:00 am
Friday | 7:00 pm
Thursday | 8:10 pm
Sun - Fri | Various times
Esther 2:7 (CEV), “Mordecai had a very beautiful cousin named Esther, whose Hebrew name was Hadassah. He had raised her as his own daughter, after her father and mother died.”

Esther 3:6 (CEV), “And when he found out that Mordecai was a Jew, he knew that killing only Mordecai was not enough. Every Jew in the whole kingdom had to be killed.”

Esther 3:13-14 (MSG), “Bulletins were sent out by couriers to all the king’s provinces with orders to massacre, kill, and eliminate all the Jews—youngsters and old men, women and babies—on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month Adar, and to plunder their goods. Copies of the bulletin were to be posted in each province, publicly available to all peoples, to get them ready for that day.”

Esther 3:15 (MSG), “At the king’s command, the couriers took off; the order was also posted in the palace complex of Susa. The king and Haman sat back and had a drink while the city of Susa reeled from the news.”

Esther 4:13-14 (NCV), “Then Mordecai sent back word to Esther: ‘Just because you live in the king’s palace, don’t think that out of all the Jewish people you alone will escape. If you keep quiet at this time, someone else will help and save the Jewish people, but you and your father’s family will all die. And who knows, you may have been chosen queen for just such a time as this.’”

Esther 4:15-16 (MSG), “Esther sent back her answer to Mordecai: ‘Go and get all the Jews living in Susa together. Fast for me. Don’t eat or drink for three days, either day or night. I and my maids will fast with you. If you will do this, I’ll go to the king, even though it’s forbidden. If I die, I die.’”

Esther 7:3-7 (NLT), “Queen Esther replied, ‘If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared. For my people and I have been sold to those who would kill, slaughter, and annihilate us. If we had merely been sold as slaves, I could remain quiet, for that would be too...”
trivial a matter to warrant disturbing the king.' ‘Who would do such a thing?’ King Xerxes de-
demanded. ‘Who would be so presumptuous as to touch you?’ Esther replied, ‘This wicked Ham-
an is our adversary and our enemy.’ Haman grew pale with fright before the king and
queen. Then the king jumped to his feet in a rage and went out into the palace garden. Haman,
however, stayed behind to plead for his life with Queen Esther, for he knew that the king in-
tended to kill him.”

Observation #1…
Remember, you’re not here by accident

Esther 4:14, “And who knows, you may have been chosen queen for just such a time as this.”

Observation #2…
Invite God into the process

1 Peter 5:7 (NCV), “Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you.”

Observation #3…
Have the courage to speak up

Matthew 10:32 (NCV), “All those who stand before others and say they believe in me, I will say
before my Father in heaven that they belong to me.”

Observation #4…
Even though you can’t feel, hear or see God in the situation; remember, He is always
there

Hebrews 13:5b (CEV), “The Lord has promised that he will not leave us or desert us.”

Reflection…

Esther 8:15-17 (MSG), “Mordecai walked out of the king’s presence wearing a royal robe of
violet and white, a huge gold crown, and a purple cape of fine linen. The city of Susa exploded
with joy. For Jews it was all sunshine and laughter: they celebrated, they were honored. It was
that way all over the country, in every province, every city when the king’s bulletin was posted:
the Jews took to the streets in celebration, cheering, and feasting. Not only that, but many non-
Jews became Jews—now it was dangerous not to be a Jew!”
Nathan & Julie Holt

TEAM EXPANSION
International Services

Founded in 1978 through the dreams and prayers of college students on the campus of Kentucky Christian University, Team Expansion is a missions sending organization based out of Louisville, Kentucky, which partners with local churches to send and sustain teams of independent missionaries to plant indigenous churches among the least reached people groups of the world.

Nathan and Julie Holt have joined Team Expansion and will serve the organization in two distinct ways, both in the US and out. Approximately 30-40% of the year will be spent overseas working with missionaries to develop culturally appropriate media products to serve the needs of each Team Expansion ministry. The work is severely needed through the organization for evangelism and teaching in the form of videos, books, audio stories, etc.

Nathan serves as creative arts director and works day-to-day with a team of creative professionals to manage the image of the organization across all types of media, i.e., print, web and video. The creative arts department is responsible for developing all recruiting and convention projects. Nathan conducts monthly multimedia training seminars to launch candidates and provide them with the materials they need to get their ministries off the ground.

More information is available on the following web sites.
www.nathanandjulie.com or www.teamexpansion.org

♥ To Korea: John-Michael Becker, Come Quickly Ministries
♥ To England: Tim Aho and family, Christian Missionary Fellowship
♥ To India: Ajai Lall and family, CICM
♥ To the poor: Koinonia Foundation
♥ To start new churches: Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship (VEF)
♥ To Tanzania: Yoon Suk Park, East African Missionary Fund (EAMF)
♥ To plant new churches: Team Expansion - Nathan and Julie Holt
♥ To South Africa: Brandon and Julianna Jones, All Nations
♥ To local athletes: Steve Able, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
♥ To East Asia: Doug S.
♥ Bible Translators: Shaun & Mary Ann Cooper, Pioneer Bible Translators
♥ To France - Adam Wireman, Youth for Christ International
I want to express my appreciation to the Life Group Leaders and all they have done to build up members of their groups in Christ and serve the Journey faithfully this past year. Those leaders are:

♦ Michael & Kathleen Ambroso
♦ Jon & Christina Bell
♦ Ryan & Elissa McGhee
♦ Mike & Diana Gartner
♦ Marc & Susie Statham
♦ Brad & Raegan Hanson
♦ Dave & Shelley Johnson
♦ Jim & Karen Pruitt
♦ Jane & Andy Butler
♦ Bill Todd
♦ Jon Pittman
♦ Gary Ulrich
♦ Bernie & Wallene Frank
♦ Michael & Nickie Yi
♦ Gail Kalbfleisch
♦ David DeFrancesco

I also want to invite those not in Life Groups to consider joining one and becoming part of something special. You will not only grow in Christ, but you will gain great Christian friends that you can serve together with and count on when in need.

Please sign up in the lobby after service and I will work on connecting you with the group that best fits your situation.

Thanks and blessings –

David Sleight
Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach
sleight.journey@verizon.net
The Bell/Ambroso Life Group is holding a Toiletry Supply Collection Drive. All supplies will be donated to the Alternative House of Vienna. The Alternative House provides housing/assistance to homeless/abused youth, teens, and single mothers.

The supplies that are needed are:

- Small Shampoo
- Small shower gels
- Toothpaste
- Small Conditioner
- Bars of soap
- Floss
- Small brushes/combs
- Toothbrush
- Small stick of deodorant
- Razor

The supplies will be packed into individual bags by the children in the Bell/Ambroso Life Group.

A collection table will be in the church lobby on February 16. Please consider opening your hearts and donating.

For more information on Alternative House, go to: www.thealternativehouse.org. Any questions please contact Christina Bell at cmariebell@gmail.com

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**PCTC 2014 FEBRUARY 21-23**

All Jr/Sr High! PCTC is coming up fast, and you won’t want to miss it! This year’s theme is “The Walking Dead,” and is a dynamic, intense weekend full of powerful worship, dynamic speakers, engaging workshops and fun events. PCTC is designed for Jr/Sr High grades with separate tracks for Middle School and High School students. We will leave at 5pm on February 21st, and plan to be back by 5pm on the 23rd. Cost is $200. If you need financial assistance, please see Adam, or contact him - schuster.journey@verizon.net. Sign up is in the lobby on the welcome booth.

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We would like to begin gathering the names of people that would be available to provide Paid Childcare for various events that occur at The Journey. Some events would be weekly, while others would be on a need basis (i.e. various women's events, large church events, etc.) A Background Check will be required for anyone who is interested and you must be 16 years old.

Please contact Michelle at journeykidz@verizon.net or the Journey office at journeyoffice@verizon.net if you are available to help in this way.
Announcements

JOURNEY BASKETBALL - THE GAMES BEGIN!
The Journey sponsors a men's team in the Church Fellowship League of Fairfax County. All games and practices are at the Word of Life gym, 5225 Backlick Road in Alexandria. Games begin second week in January and will be Thursday or Friday nights. Players should be at least 18 years of age and prepared for a relatively high level of competition. Purchase of a team jersey and a small pro rata team fee are the only costs involved. Contact: Jim Pruitt at jptex1950@aol.com. Upcoming Games below:

- February 6 -- vs. Macedonia -- 8:10 pm
- February 14 -- vs. Bethany Lutheran -- 7:00 pm
- February 20 -- vs. 1st Baptist -- 9:20 pm

JOURNEY MOMS' PLAYGROUP FEBRUARY 12TH
Take a break from the normal and get to know other moms. Come hang out while our kids play!

Join us at Diana Gartner’s house to celebrate Valentine’s Day!

Please bring your favorite Valentine's Day snack to share, and be sure to bring a decorated shoe box or bag to exchange valentines. Contact Diana for address/directions - dianaleegartner@yahoo.com.

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING WITH THE AHOS FEBRUARY 13TH
There will be a special missions team meeting on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 pm with Tim & Tammy Aho, the missionaries we support in England. Everyone is invited! It will be a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share! For more information, contact Gary Ulrich at gaulrich1@gmail.com.

CHILI COOK-OFF - FEBRUARY 15TH
Spice up your Valentine’s Day! Dig out your secret chili recipe and join us for a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 15th at Key Middle School. Bring your chili, plus dessert, at 5:30; food and fun will begin at 6:00 pm. Hot dogs for the kids, sour cream, cheese and chips will be provided. Be prepared for a very special time of fellowship (and friendly rivalry)!

IF YOU ARE BRINGING CHILI, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY!
Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! Please fill out an information card and note any prayer requests and praises on the back. Thank You.

REFUEL SUPERBOWL PARTY TONIGHT
Attention all Jr/Sr High-ers! Join us TONIGHT at Houlihan’s for a Superbowl Party - there will be door prizes, games, trivia and fun! And more importantly, a FREE all-you-can-eat appetizer buffet! Meet us over at Houlihan’s on Loisdale Dr at 6:30pm. For more information or directions, contact Adam Schuster—Schuster.journey@verizon.net.

NEXT GIRLFRIENDS & GOD FEBRUARY 7TH - SAVE THE DATE!
Back by popular demand - SPA NIGHT! If you enjoy getting pampered, then you won't want to miss Girlfriends and God on Friday, February 7th at 7:00pm! Please remember to bring your favorite snack.

Childcare is available. Please sign up with the number of children and their age via the sign-up sheet in the church lobby or by responding to the Evite you'll receive by email. If you have questions, contact Aprile Sleight at 336-432-5575

LIFE GROUP OUTREACH MEETING FEBRUARY 9TH
For those interested in participating in outreach within our community and beyond, Dave Sleight will be holding a meeting after 2nd service next week to discuss various possibilities. Each Life group should be represented as outreach is a vital part of what a Life group is about, but others are encouraged to come as well. Come with ideas and an open mind.

If you have any questions please see or contact David Sleight: sleight.journey@verizon.net

FEBRUARY “JOURNEY” DEVOTIONALS FOR WOMEN NOW AVAILABLE
Need a daily devotional? This monthly women's devotional magazine offers guidance for a growing, personal relationship with God. Each weekday devotion deals with issues and real-life situations. The daily devotional content can help us develop a daily quiet time that allows us to pray, read God's Word, and listen for God to speak to us. It is provided free by the Journey’s Women’s Ministry. Pick up your copy in the lobby today!
Opportunities to Serve

**WANTED: VOLUNTEERS 5PM SERVICE!**

We are currently in need of volunteers to help with our 5PM Sleepers-Walkers. All 4 Sundays need coverage. If we can get 4 people willing to serve once a month, we will be completely covered! Again, this allows our parents to receive from the service. This is also the service Michelle attempts to attend. Volunteers in this area will also allow her to be a part of the body during one service. If you are interested, please see her following the service or email her during the week.

Contact: Michelle D'Angelo - journeykidz@verizon.net

**JOURNEY MEALS TO GO**

Just had a baby? Need Food? We're here for you. Surgery, Illness? We've got you covered.... We are your Church Family! Contact Lisa Steedsman or Abby Bulliner at journeymeals@gmail.com and we will start a mealtrain for you. A mealtrain is the act of organizing meal giving around significant life events. We will need some information such as your address, when you need the meals to start, and any allergies that you or your family may have.

Enjoy blessing others with food? We're looking for you, too! It is a win-win. You feel great, and the recipient loves you! Ask Lisa. You can also buy them pizza or takeout if you don't have the time to cook:) They will still love you. Trust us. Please let Lisa or Abby know if you'd be interested in this ministry and we will add you to our database of volunteers. You will then receive an email when there is a need and can sign up to deliver at your convenience! Our goal is to provide 5 meals for each significant event.

**LABELS FOR EDUCATION - MOUNTAIN MISSION SCHOOL**

Please save the UPC code/lids from the products listed in the flyer on the shelf in the mailroom. Also save the “Box Tops for Education” coupons on various products, including Kleenex tissues, cake mixes, and frozen products. Place them in the box also provided on the shelf in the mailroom. They will be sent to the Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia. These labels are greatly appreciated by them as they can use them to get a variety of different supplies & equipment that the school couldn’t get otherwise! One thing to keep in mind - don’t hold onto your “Box Tops” too long - they do expire and they can’t use them if the date on them is past.