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Hebrews 11:6, “Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seeks Him.”

Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for the conviction of things not seen.”

A.W. Tozer said, “A real Christian is an odd number anyway. He feels supreme love for one whom he has never seen, talks everyday to someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of another, empties himself in order to be full, admits he’s wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is the strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which surpasses knowledge.”

“They broke fresh ground because, and only because, they had the courage to go ahead without asking whether others were following or even understood. They had no need for the divided responsibility in which others seek to be safe from ridicule because they had been granted a faith which required no confirmation.”

Daniel 1:3-7 (CEV), “One day the king ordered Ashpenaz, his highest palace official, to choose some young men from the royal family of Judah and from other leading Jewish families. The king said, ‘They must be healthy, handsome, smart, wise, educated, and fit to serve in the royal palace. Teach them how to speak and write our language and give them the same food and wine that I am served. Train them for three years, and then they can become court officials.’ Four of the young Jews chosen were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, all from the tribe of Judah. But the king’s chief official gave them Babylonian names: Daniel became Belteshazzar, Hananiah became Shadrach, Mishael became Meshach, and Azariah became Abednego.”

Daniel 1:15-20 (CEV), “Ten days later, Daniel and his friends looked healthier and better than the young men who had been served food from the royal palace. After this, the guard let them eat vegetables instead of the rich food and wine. God made the four young men smart and wise. They read a lot of books and became well educated. Daniel could also tell the
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meaning of dreams and visions. At the end of the three-year period set by King Nebuchadnezzar, his chief palace official brought all the young men to him. The king interviewed them and discovered that none of the others were as outstanding as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they were given positions in the royal court. From then on, whenever the king asked for advice, he found their wisdom was ten times better than that of any of his other advisors and magicians.”

Lesson 1: Live like heaven rules

Lesson 2: Don’t criticize the culture; lead the culture

Jeremiah 29:7 (NLT), “And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

Daniel 3:13-15 (CEV), “King Nebuchadnezzar was furious. So he sent for the three young men and said, ‘I hear that you refuse to worship my gods and the gold statue I have set up. Now I am going to give you one more chance. If you bow down and worship the statue when you hear the music, everything will be all right. But if you don’t, you will at once be thrown into a flaming furnace. No god can save you from me.’”

Daniel 3:16-18 (CEV), “The three men replied, ‘Your Majesty, we don’t need to defend ourselves. The God we worship can save us from you and your flaming furnace. But even if he doesn’t, we still won’t worship your gods and the gold statue you have set up.’”

Lesson 1: True faith is shown through the times you choose to take a stand for God

Lesson 2: Even if God chooses to be silent or allows you to go through difficult times, He is still God

Daniel 6:1-5 (CEV), “Darius divided his kingdom into a hundred and twenty states and placed a governor in charge of each one. In order to make sure that his government was run properly, Darius put three other officials in charge of the governors. One of these officials was Daniel. And he did his work so much better than the other governors and officials that the king decided to let him govern the whole kingdom. The other men tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel did his work for the king. But they could not accuse him of anything wrong, because he was honest and faithful and did everything he was supposed to do. Finally, they said to one another, ‘We will never be able to bring any charge against Daniel, unless it has to do with his religion.’”

Daniel 6:16-24(CEV), “So Darius ordered Daniel to be brought out and thrown into a pit of lions. But he said to Daniel, ‘You have been faithful to your God, and I pray that he will rescue you.’ A stone was rolled over the pit, and it was sealed. Then Darius and his officials stamped the seal to show that no one should let Daniel out. All night long the king could not sleep. He did not eat anything, and he would not let anyone come in to entertain him. At daybreak the king got up and ran to the pit. He was anxious and shouted, ‘Daniel, you were faithful and served your God. Was he able to save you from the lions?’ Daniel answered, ‘Your Majesty, I
hope you live forever! My God knew that I was innocent, and he sent an angel to keep the lions from eating me. Your Majesty, I have never done anything to hurt you.’ The king was relieved to hear Daniel’s voice, and he gave orders for him to be taken out of the pit. Daniel’s faith in his God had kept him from being harmed. And the king ordered the men who had brought charges against Daniel to be thrown into the pit, together with their wives and children. But before they even reached the bottom, the lions ripped them to pieces.”

Lesson 1: Do others see you living your faith out in the day-to-day grind of life?

Lesson 2: When we live out our faith in God and allow others to be impacted by that faith, people will be drawn to God

Daniel 3:28-30 (NCV), “Then Nebuchadnezzar said, ‘Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Their God has sent his angel and saved his servants from the fire! These three men trusted their God and refused to obey my command. They were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god other than their own. So I now give this command: Anyone from any nation or language who says anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be torn apart and have his house turned into a pile of stones. No other god can save his people like this.’ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the area of Babylon.”

Daniel 6:25-27 (MSG), “King Darius published this proclamation to every race, color, and creed on earth: ‘Peace to you! Abundant peace! I decree that Daniel’s God shall be worshiped and feared in all parts of my kingdom. He is the living God, world without end. His kingdom never falls. His rule continues eternally. He is a savior and rescuer. He performs astonishing miracles in heaven and on earth. He saved Daniel from the power of the lions.’”

Reflection
Brandon and Julianna firmly believe “Africa...!” is the call God has placed in their life. They work with an organization called “All Nations.” The vision that drives their work in Africa is simply this: “...from Cape Town to Cairo...” It is coupled with the firm belief that Jesus is doing a work in Africa and is wanting to see an explosion of His kingdom on this continent.

Cape Town is where they are currently serving, although a move to Nairobi is in the near future. Many of the varied tribes, tongues, and nations of Africa converge in the townships located here. Their vision is to see the legacy of Apartheid (poverty, separation, slavery) forever shattered and these varied peoples empowered by Jesus and the move of His kingdom to change both Africa and the world. To do this, they are getting into the homes of people and discipling them to disciple nations.

They firmly believe that discipleship is about entire life transformation here and now (as well as eternity). For Julianna, story writing classes for teenage women to empower them to take ownership of their own life’s story is one way this is being worked out. Another is through her work with a Vulnerable Children program which provides basic necessities and community (through a kid’s club) for orphaned and nearly orphaned children. For Brandon, budgeting and finance classes to empower men and women to take responsibility for their God-given resources and computer training seminars are ways this is currently being worked out. As needs change, these ministries will likely change as well.

They also firmly desire to mobilize and provide resources to spur others in missions. Currently they work with All Nations Cape Town in this capacity. Brandon is their Director of Technology and is working towards modernizing their office and presence in the world as well as provide toolsets for people going out on mission. Julianna works as their Director of Communications, ensuring the flow of information (from supporters to those on the field to office staff to everyone who might have interest in this world).

- 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
As we begin this new year, we just want to take a moment to thank all of our ministry team leaders for stepping forward to serve God with their gifts and abilities. The church can’t function properly without volunteers doing their part, so you are a vital part of what God is doing at the Journey. We want you to know that you are much appreciated.

♦ Building & Grounds - Don Davis
♦ Children’s Ministry - Michelle D’Angelo
♦ Communion - Judy Davis
♦ ConneXion Ministries (greeters, parking lot) - Jim Pruitt
♦ Finance - Pete Becker
♦ Food & Fellowship - Vicki Becker
♦ Garden Ministry - Dennis Corcoran
♦ Journey Meals - Abby Bulliner & Lisa Steedsman
♦ Journey Moms’ Playgroup - Christina Bell
♦ Journey Outdoors - Kevin Doty
♦ Lead Ushers - Antonio Toussaint
♦ Life Groups - Dave Sleight
♦ Men’s Ministry - Dave Sleight
♦ Missions - Gary Ulrich
♦ Outreach - Dave Sleight
♦ Prayer Ministry - Mike Ambroso
♦ Sports & Recreation - Jim Pruitt
♦ Women’s Ministry - Carol Ulrich
♦ Youth - Adam Schuster
♦ Worship - Adam Schuster

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will get a chance to hear from each one of these leaders and hear a bit about each ministry, its focus and its volunteers.

ps. If we’ve missed listing someone here, please let the office know so we can add them to the list next week!
**GOOD STUFF TO KNOW**

**NEED PRAYER?** If you have an urgent prayer need, one that needs prayer before Sunday, there are several ways to get the word out to our prayer warriors:

- Go to our website, thejourneysite.org, and click on "Prayer Request" on the Welcome (front) page. From there you can fill out a form that will be sent to the Journey office.
- Email your request directly to Vicki Becker at vbecker2@verizon.net - she will send your request out to our email prayer team.
- Call the office! We can forward your request on to Vicki if you are not able to.

If you would like to have your name added to the Email prayer team, please contact Vicki Becker at vbecker2@verizon.net. Vicki will email you when she is contacted with urgent prayer needs. Your prayers are appreciated!

**ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?** We have a small "lost and found" location behind the guest welcome booth in the front foyer. We'll keep stuff for 30 days and then send it along to our local charity clothing bank or the Salvation Army. Not finding it here? Check down at the information booth for Journey Kidz - they have a box, too! Check with Jim Pruitt at jptex1950@aol.com.

**MEET OUR ELDERS FOR 2014!**

Below are listed the men who have been confirmed to serve on our board of elders for 2014. We would ask for your continued prayers for this group of men as they seek to follow, and guide us to follow, in the way God would have the Journey to go in the coming year.

- Matt Randolph
- Mike Gartner
- Andy Butler
- Dan Garrison
- Pete Becker
- Mike Ambroso
- Rod Wesselman
- Dave Johnson

**REMEMBER – IF YOUR CELL PHONE IS RINGING, IT BETTER BE A DIRECT CALL FROM GOD!**

Please turn off your cell phone or mobile device during the service.
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:

- January 24 -- vs. New Hope -- 7:00 pm
- January 31 -- vs. Memorial Baptist -- 9:20 pm
- February 6 -- vs. Macedonia -- 8:10 pm

REFUEL SUPERBOWL PARTY FEBRUARY 2ND
Attention all Jr/Sr High-ers! Join us on February 2nd 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.

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

Stay Connected. Check out the Journey Moms’ Playgroup on Facebook. Keep up to date on activities and cancellations.

CHILI COOK-OFF - FEBRUARY 15TH
It might be cold in January, but it’s CHILI in February! 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. Be prepared for a very special time of fellowship (and friendly rivalry)!

IF YOU ARE BRINGING CHILI, SIGN UP WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY NEXT WEEK!
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 TONIGHT AT 6:30PM
Attention all Jr/Sr High! Join us tonight for Refuel, our student ministry for everyone in grades 7-12. We will have some hang out time, activities and a small group time. We are beginning a new study called, “Don’t Keep Your Friends in the Dark.” Contact: Adam Schuster—schuster.journey@verizon.net

TONIGHT IS 3RD SUNDAY PIZZA NIGHT!
Don’t forget that TONIGHT is 3rd Sunday Pizza Night here at the Journey! Pizza is on the Journey every third Sunday of the month after the 5pm service - so come on out at 5pm and join us for pizza afterwards! It’s a great time to fellowship and meet new people.

MEN’S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY JANUARY 25TH
Plan on joining the Journeymen on January 25th at 8:00am for food, study & fellowship. We will be continuing our leadership series on Biblical traits of Godly Men. This month will be on “Mentoring” A devotion was sent out this week to all men on our current email list to help prepare you for our study time. If you did not receive it, please pick one up in the lobby, and sign up to receive it next time! This is a great time to join our men’s fellowship and make connections with the other men of the Journey!

For more information contact David Sleight at sleight.journey@verizon.net.
Opportunities to Serve

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our Tuesday Night Young Adult Life Group is sponsoring an outreach called “Blessing Bags for the Homeless.” The life group will stock back packs with non-perishable food, a blanket, toiletries and other small items that would be a blessing to the homeless near your home or work. All you need to do is buy the bag from church (Cost $20), and keep it in your car. When you come across someone who could be blessed by it, you give it to them. A table will be set up in the lobby starting January 26th.

If you have any questions about this outreach, please contact Andy Butler - janeandandy@gmail.com

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 joumeymeals@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.