



# JOURNEY CHURCH

*a year in review*

*JOURNEY CHURCH EXISTS*

TO **REACH** PEOPLE WHO ARE  
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AND **LEAD** THEM TO BECOME  
FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS  
OF CHRIST.

**J**OURNEY  
CHURCH



# @letter

FROM PASTOR MIKE MOZINGO

This year we are so thankful and want to truly celebrate what God has chosen to do through our church family over the past year. We are blown away by how many people have put their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. This booklet is filled with pictures and a few of the many amazing stories of life-change that we get to witness week in and week out here at Journey Church. It's amazing to see the growth, freedom, and change in people's lives. We truly want to celebrate God's faithfulness! I pray that, as you look through these pages, you see a church that is alive and making a difference. It's all about Jesus!

We hope you catch a glimpse of what God is doing in His church! We pray that it ignites a fire spiritually and you get excited about all that He will do in the next year! We hope you will join us because we can do so much more when we all get involved and committed. So take this as an invitation from Journey Church and the one true God to join us as we continue to reach people who are disconnected from God and lead them to become fully devoted followers of Christ.



**119**  
**baptisms**  
*this year*



AVERAGE

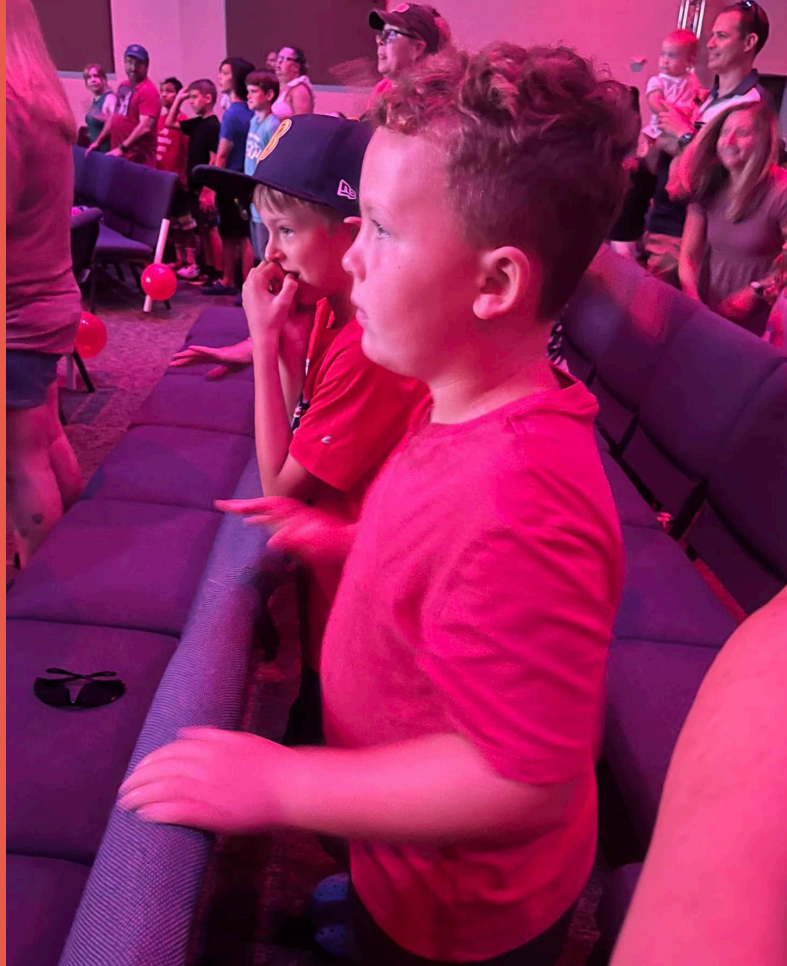
# *weekly attendance*

# 813





**215**  
FIRST TIME  
***new***  
**givers**





# paige & deacon

Paige Humphreys and her family have been attending Journey since 2017. While their family has always loved Journey and taken message series to heart, one in particular had a major impact on Paige and her family. “Pastor Mike’s series, “Ducks In A Row,” really hit me to the core. It all started in 2021 when I was blessed and had the privilege to help lead my son (Deacon) to Christ and walk him through the prayer of salvation. He was 6 years old at the time.”

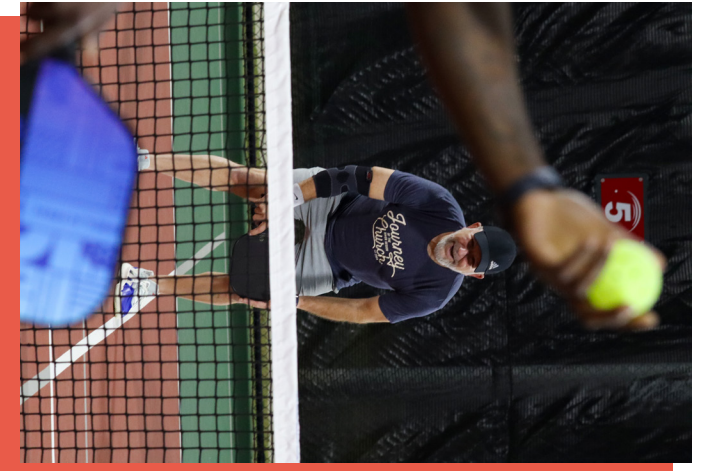
Deacon had been asking about baptism, but since he was only 6 years old at the time, it was hard for Paige to know if she should let him be baptized. Did he fully understand what it symbolized and really meant?

As time passed, Deacon would ask every so often if he could be baptized, and they put it off because it required planning. “Sometimes I look at our schedules and all I can think of is how I can possibly fit in reading the Bible every day or commit to serving. It feels hard, and I don’t want to commit only to end up failing.” But then Paige realized the truth: making room for spiritual growth and discipleship was going to positively affect her family more than any other tasks on her to-do list! After realizing they needed to make their family’s spiritual growth a top priority, they made some changes!

*“I decided to simply put a family devotional book in the middle of our table and started reading it together during family meals. Something simple like that felt so good!”*

During our sermon series, “Ducks in a Row,” when Pastor Mike asked, “Who is YOUR one?,” the Holy Spirit spoke to Paige immediately. “It was like an arrow to the heart. In that moment, the Holy Spirit reminded me that Deacon’s relationship is with Him. And Deacon’s heart and intentions are not meant for me to control. I’m his mom, he was my one and all we needed to do was CELEBRATE that Deacon’s life had been CHANGED FOREVER! It is my job and responsibility to help him in his walk with Christ.”

Deacon is now scheduled to be baptized at Journey during our Celebrate the Miracles Baptism Celebration!



# 69

CURRENTLY

# *active* life groups

ADULTS  
STUDENTS  
CR STEP CLASSES



# bo & amy

Amy and Bo Burbarge began attending Journey after a friend invited them to church. They were moving back to the area and decided to give Journey a try. “We loved it! Pastor Mike preaches on everyday things that everyday people go through in life. We could really relate. I also loved the worship music.” Amy later began serving in the cafe and joined a Journey Life Group. “Because of shift work, it was really hard for Bo to get connected.” But Bo wasn’t satisfied with just coming to church. “Bo has always been the spiritual leader of our family! He really wanted us to step up as a family, be more involved at Journey, take more ownership, and be leaders for our church family.” Bo and Amy began serving together on the Greeter Dream Team and later found a Life Group that worked with their crazy schedules. “I’ve always loved hosting gatherings at my home and love to feed people.”

Being a part of the Journey Dream Team and a Life Group served to be a lifeline when the real world hit. “My mother passed away in January, and my father was also having health issues. Our Dream Team and Life Group really stepped up and were there for me during this hard time. They prayed for us, called daily, and provided meals. If we hadn’t been involved, I don’t think anyone would have known what we were going through at that time. These people have shown us so much love and compassion this year as we have had a few struggles in life.”

On October 30, a fire destroyed the shop Bo had spent so much time and hard work building over the past several months. A lot of “things” were lost, but Amy and Bo cling to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

*“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”*

They said, “Knowing that our Life Group and Dream Team were praying for us, offering meals, helping with clean up, made all the difference! You can come to church, hear the message, and leave. And, that’s what we did for some time. But you will also never feel connected or really grow in your walk with Christ. However serving with others and being a part of a Life Group made an everlasting change in our lives. We have grown in our marriage, our relationship with God, and our relationships with other believers. We are far from perfect, but strive to be the disciples Pastor Mike often speaks of on Sunday morning.”





**41**

**new**

**dream team  
members**

*since*

**3 services**







# bettytownsend

At the age of 16, Betty Townsend visited church for the first time with her aunt. “My mother and I had a strained relationship, so I would spend a lot of time with my aunt. Attending church wasn’t a question, it was a requirement!” But it wasn’t a requirement for long; at the age of 19, Betty found Jesus and began a personal relationship with Jesus! She was soon baptized and immediately started serving. “I’ve often said that God created me to be a servant because I have a passion for meeting and interacting with people.”

After moving back to Alabama in 2022, Betty visited Journey Church. “From the very first day, Journey has exemplified a people who are truly after God’s own heart! As soon as I walked through the front doors, I was greeted with a huge smile and a warm welcome!” Shortly after, Betty decided to make Journey Church her home and knew that she was meant to be a greeter on the Dream Team!

*“I honestly love people. All my jobs have dealt with people in some shape or form. When they celebrate, I celebrate. When they mourn, I mourn. My heart is with people and helping them find peace and the love of Jesus Christ.”*

In October 2023, Betty joined her first Life Group. “A friend always seemed to send me prayers and words of encouragement at the exact moment I needed it! She is a strong presence in my life, so when I found out she was starting a Life Group, I knew I needed to be a part of it.” Betty had thought about Life Groups in the past, but the time hadn’t been right. However, she knew the love and support from a Life Group was just what she needed at this time!

Betty has branched out and grown in her relationship with God over the last year and has also joined the monthly Prayer Gatherings. “I have found that when you’re at your lowest, the best thing you can do is to help others.” Being a part of the monthly Prayer Gatherings has given Betty the chance to not only serve others at Journey but to pray for those who have yet to walk through our church doors.

BLESSED BY  
THOSE WHO

# lead & preach

We are blessed at Journey Church with an incredible staff that cares deeply about seeing the Kingdom of God grow. Our staff loves seeing the lost find hope, seeing those trapped in bondage set free and making disciples all while making much of Jesus in every way possible. I am excited about the steps we have taken to staff for growth and to make sure we have the best possible leadership in place. I have personally been blessed by all our leaders and I love what God is doing in and through them. They stand on a battlefield every day and fight against the darkness and corruption of this world. I'm thankful for how God uses them to reach the unchurched and unsaved and lead them to become fully devoted followers of Christ!

Mike Mozingo  
Lead Pastor





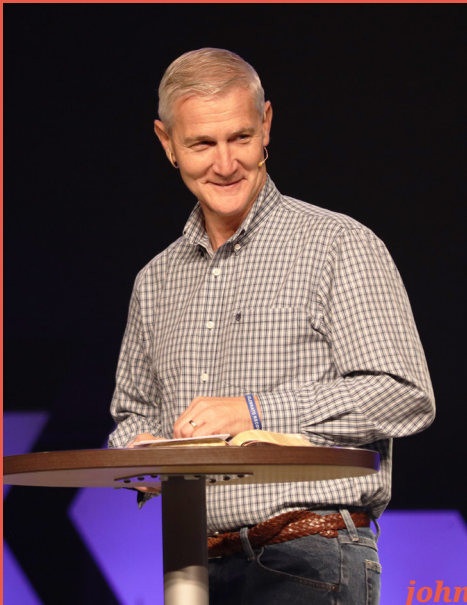
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overland ministries



village church



fallapalooza



# *the* **big give**

The Big Give is our annual missions offering. 100% of the gifts given go to fund like-minded partners, globally, nationally and locally. The Big Give also supports some of our biggest outreaches in our community like Fallapalooza.

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# *our* ministry



# big give partners



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YOUR Church (Las Vegas)  
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Elmore Baptist Association  
Family Home and Parenting  
Flatline Ministries  
Hope Inspired Ministries  
River Region Celebrate Recovery  
Village Church (Wetumpka)  
Welcome Center Food Bank

# villagechurch

WETUMPKA, AL

Six years ago, God gave Pastor Patrick Franklin the vision for Village Church. At the time, it was unimaginable to him how God would end up blessing and moving through this church plant. Because of your faithful giving, Village Church has created a place where people can belong, find a Christian community, and experience the life-change that only Jesus Christ can bring. Over the first 4 months, they have seen growth in many areas. Since launching on August 20, 2023, weekly worship attendance has averaged 115! Over 40% of those attendees have joined as members. Outreach events have helped attendees to grow from consumers to contributors. They've started Sunday morning ministries for children and pre-teens, and a Wednesday night service for teenagers. The most important growth they've seen is lost souls receiving salvation! On November 12, they baptized 9 people!

In 2024, they plan to launch in-home small groups for adults. They are already vision-casting the purchase of land and building their own facility. Pastor Patrick Franklin and his team want to continue to multiply ministry and know that having their own building will help accomplish all that God has planned for His church. Thank you for generously partnering with the Village Church through the Big Give to see God's Kingdom grow!







# YOURchurch

LAS VEGAS, NV

Pastor Jack Diven and his team at YOUR church are incredibly honored to consider Journey Church as a partner in the work of the gospel in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is because of faithful giving from churches like Journey that YOUR Church and its leadership are able to devote their lives to seeing God make disciples in one of the most unchurched cities in the United States. When you give through Journey, you are a part of the way God is moving in Vegas.

Since arriving in January 2023, YOUR church has seen God do immeasurably more than they could ask or imagine in their midst. Over 50 people have joined their launch team with many more praying through the decision to be a part of bringing this church to life. Members of their core team have led 3 people to Jesus this year...before the official church launch! Recently, they established their headquarters in a central location in the city where they will hold all of their midweek events. It has been amazing to see what God has done so far and know that He is just getting started using YOUR Church. Great things are on the horizon – thank you so much for partnering with YOUR Church to help grow the Kingdom of God!

# planting

# overland ministries

ZAMBIA, AFRICA



Meet Derek and Madi McAtee! This year, their work in Zambia through Overland Ministries has doubled! They have gone from ministering in 3 villages to 6, they have gone from 7 ministry partners to 13, and they conducted a leadership conference for 200 people when last year it was only 100. They even had 3 motorbikes donated to help cover more ground. The number of people desiring to be active in ministry has more than quadrupled! The McAtees are seeing salvations flood in from farming conferences, house-to-house ministry, revival nights, and small group meetings.

Next year, they hope to expand by acquiring property in the chieftdom in order to build a launching point for their full-time ministry partners. The strategic location of this base will enable them to be even more effective in their community ministry, causing relationships with the community to grow exponentially. Derek, Madi, and their ministry partners aren't out to simply make converts, but true disciples! The more they pour into a few through deep discipleship, the farther and faster they go and multiply Christ in the region. They aren't in Zambia to make their names or faces known, but to make the name of Jesus known and grow His Kingdom through making disciples!



# worldwide

# family home

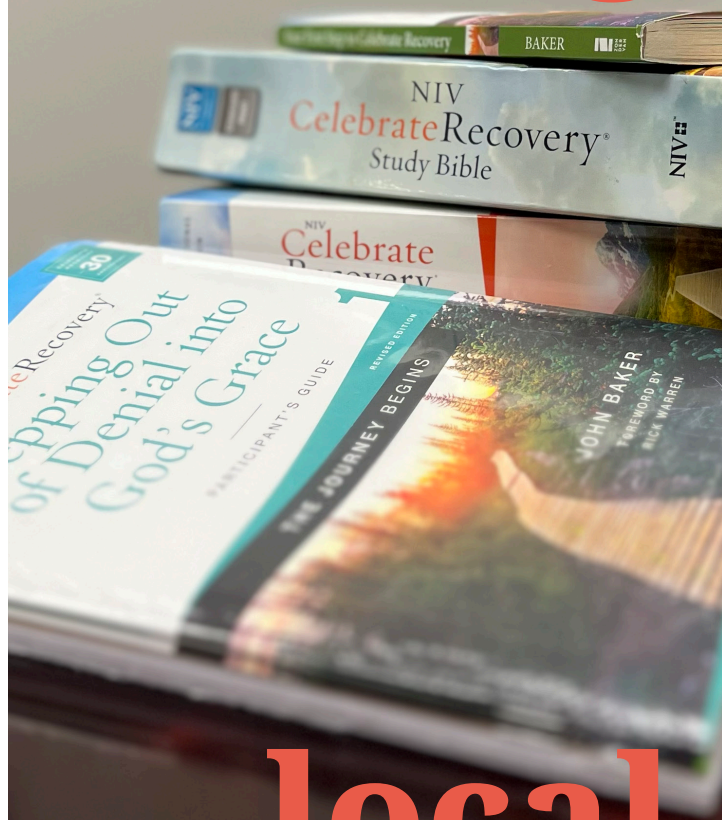
ELMORE / AUGTAUGA

# & parenting

Family Home & Parenting (FHP) exists to present the light of Jesus Christ to those struggling with addiction and other life-controlling issues, along with their families, and to enable freedom in Christ by teaching them the skills necessary for a thriving, Christ-centered family. This ministry brings the gospel into local county jails and provides transitional assistance for men and women coming out of incarceration. FHP walks alongside them on a journey of reconciliation with God and their families. As part of this ministry, FHP operates The DUGOUT residential recovery and discipleship home for men, which combines a structured living environment with Celebrate Recovery and discipleship curriculum.

In the last year, your contributions helped distribute nearly 400 copies of the Celebrate Recovery Bible in local jails. Along with over 300 Celebrate Recovery study guides, these resources facilitated sharing the gospel with over 1,000 inmates from our local area and assisted in the transitional housing, employment, and spiritual needs of over 100 individuals. Fifteen men were directly disciplined through The DUGOUT residential home.

In 2024, FHP plans to expand in both Elmore and Autauga County jails by starting a women's outreach ministry, launching a men's discipleship program in Staton Correctional Facility, and opening a women's residential recovery home in the local area. Thank you for giving to generationally impact families in our community!



# local

# *see the* **growth**

We all experience challenges in life. They are uncomfortable, they change us, but they ultimately grow us into who God designed us to be.

Change enables us to strive toward growth and the church that God has called us to be. Looking back, we can see how God is working through those challenges; growing our church and ministries to make a difference.



**67**  
ATTENDED OUR  
*very own*  
**kids camp**



**102**  
ONE BIG WEEKEND  
*volunteers*

**101**  
STUDENTS AVERAGE  
*weekly*  
**attendance**



**219**  
STUDENTS ATTENDED  
*one night*  
EVENT



# young adults

# 75

We have partnered with 75 single and married young adults with missions, serve opportunities, life groups and special events that build community for those who have graduated high school and are in their 20s.



**85**  
AVERAGE  
*weekly*  
**attendance**  
IN CELEBRATE RECOVERY



**10**  
*children*  
WEEKLY IN  
CELEBRATION PLACE





# crawfish boil

# 162

MEN



# SYATP

SEE YOU AT THE POLE  
STUDENT PRAYER RALLY

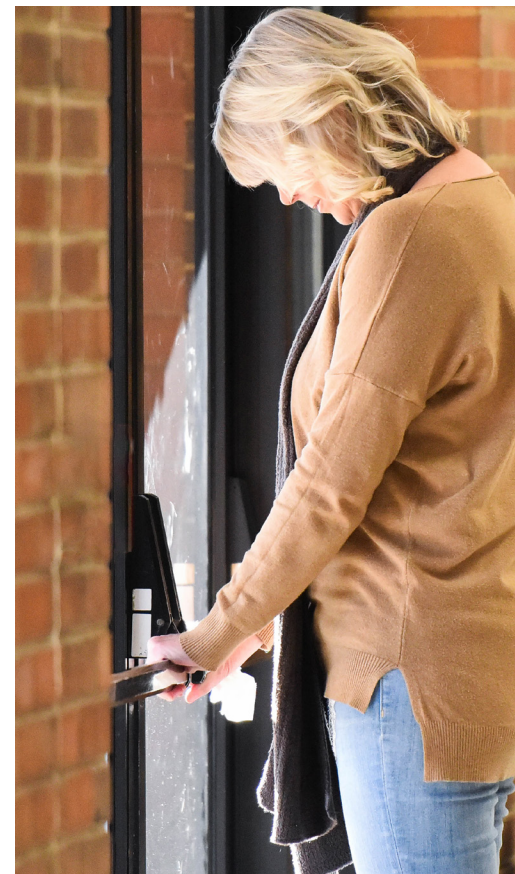


HE'S NOT  
MAD AT YOU,  
HE'S MADLY  
IN LOVE  
WITH YOU

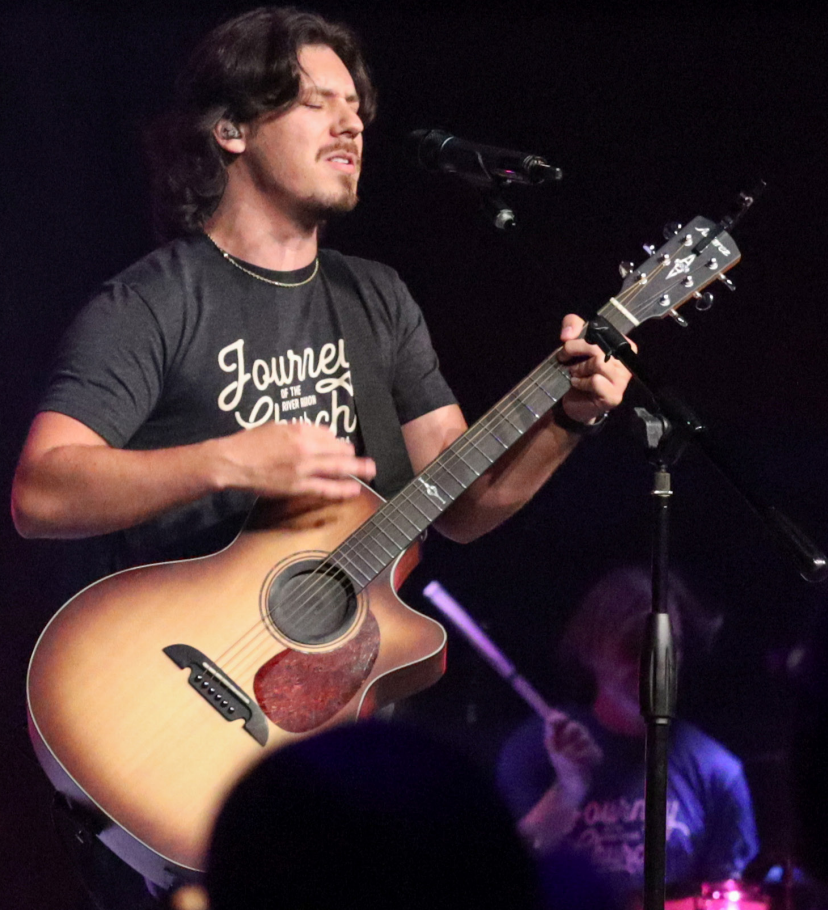


12 - MONTHLY

# *prayer* gatherings







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