



# The Compass

## From the Minister

As I write this I'm three weeks back from my Sabbatical. Often people have asked me what I learned or what my biggest take-away was from my time away. There were several highlights and lessons learned from the summer.

Family is important and too often taken for granted. We were able to visit my family in Wyoming and Steph's family in South Dakota and Minnesota. My sister and I visited our brother in El Paso. My time spent with family is something I treasure greatly.

On a personal level, my biggest take-away was a quote from Dallas Willard

that John Ortberg shared in his book "Soul Keeping." The quote that I kept (and continue) coming back to is, "You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life." That struck a nerve with me. I can be impatient and get frustrated over the tiniest little things – a car in front of me driving the speed limit or the line at the grocery store moving too slowly – as if my life is ruined because I arrive some place 2 minutes later than I was planning. And so this quote has become a mantra: "You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life."

On a professional level, I read a lot of books and visited

a lot of churches and listened to a lot of podcasts and met with several pastors. Through all of that I was hoping to discover some grand strategy for Journey so that we could be more effective in helping people find, follow, and be like Jesus. And one word kept creeping up over and over and over. It was the word pray. And I was like, "I know that. That's a given. That's the Sunday school answer. But what unique strategy or program or approach should we take?" And it was as if God said, "Pray. Just pray. Prayer is your strategy."

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*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20,21*



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## BIG QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD, FAITH AND LIFE

We all have questions, big questions, dealing with God, faith and life. In our next sermon series we will address big questions about science and suffering, heaven and hell, the Bible and Jesus. So invite a friend and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 or 10:30

- 9/8—Is the Bible True?
- 9/15—Does Science Disprove the Existence of God?
- 9/22—Why Is There Suffering?
- 9/29—Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?
- 10/6—Would a Loving God Send Anyone to Hell?
- 10/13—Is Jesus Really God/
- 10/20—Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?

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And so I'm going to pray. And I encourage you to pray. I believe that as we pray God will reveal what steps He wants us to take. So join us at Noon on Tuesdays or 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays for a time of prayer. Please sign up for our 24-hour prayer event coming up September 13-14. Come by yourself or with a friend or your family or a small group and pray for one hour. We will have prayer guides available and you'll be surprised at how quickly an hour will go by.

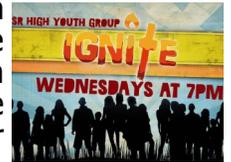
Chuck Lawless, my pastoral coach, told me that "prayer is a cry for relationship and a declaration of dependence." We will only fulfill our mission as we stay dependent on God. And prayer is the way we do that. And that is why prayer is our strategy.

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RUSH Junior High Youth Group and IGNITE Senior High Youth Group had their first meeting on August 28 at 7:00.

They will meet each Wednesday evening at the church. All students 6th grade through 12th grade are welcome. Invite your friends.



**See You At The Pole** will be celebrated this year at the flag pole at each of the schools on September 25. Watch the bulletin for further information and details.



**Journey's Sunday School will kickoff on Sept. 8, 2019 with our annual "Meet and Greet" starting at 8:30 am.**

**Children (preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) and their parents are invited to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms.**

**Sign-up forms will be available along with donuts, muffins, and drinks.**



2019-2020 Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Meetings start up this September 4th.

Hey there Mama! We see you there immersed in the joys and struggles of Motherhood. We're there too. The world around constantly bombards you with the lies that you "are not enough". We are here to change that. This year we will cling to the verse:

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

This year we will choose to have more fun, fear less, and meet our people. Bring a friend along as we share in the beauty and craziness involved with raising kids. Take a breather as your children enjoy quality childcare and enjoy a bite to eat with us. Find us in the Fellowship Hall of Journey on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday Mornings from 9-11 AM.



The movie **Unplanned** will be shown at the Majestic Theater in Wayne on September 9 at 7 pm. This is sponsored by the Wayne Area Right to Life and WSC Wild for Life, admission is free.



Journey Family - a HUGE thank you for all of the donations given to CSF for the Welcome Back Student Expo. We had 140 students sign up showing interest in becoming apart of a small group Bible study! Thank you for your partnership and support!



## Congratulations



*Dex & Morgan Driskell—Aug 8—Elliott (Ellie) Gray—7 lbs. 5 oz.—18 inches.*

*Reed & Heidi Allen—Aug. 7—McKinley Constance—8 lbs. 4 oz—20 1/4 inches*

*Brendan & Jaimi Nicholson—July 28—Reagan Lee—8 lbs. 7 oz—21 inches*

*Russ & Tiffany Plager—July 20—Jenna Kay—7 lbs. 7 oz.—*



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### Worship Opportunities:

*Call the church office for detailed information*

Sunday School, Sunday 9:00 AM  
Worship Service, Sunday 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
Children's Church: 10:30 AM  
Life Group, Sun. 6PM , Mon. 7PM, Wed. 7PM Thurs. 7PM, Fri. 7PM  
Women's Bible Study, Tues, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM  
MOPS, 1st & 3rd Tues. 9:00-11:00 AM  
RUSH (Junior High Youth Group), Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Ignite (Senior High Youth Group), Wednesday 7:00 PM

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