



THE JOURNEY'S ANNUAL SPECIAL OFFERING

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2020
GOAL: \$14,200

December 2018

Dear Journey Family,

I am excited to share with you information regarding the **SHOWING WE CARE** Special Offering that begins now and continues through January 31, 2020.

From the very beginning, the goal of our church has been to glorify God in all that we do and demonstrate His love both here in South Florida and around the world. In the last eight years we've seen God's blessing as we have seen hundreds of people baptized, hundreds more come to faith in Christ, supported missionaries around the world, served thousands through outreach and community ministry, and we've done all of this to give the people of South Florida the best opportunity to become fully developing followers of Jesus.

Now – as we look forward to 2020 – your generous giving to the **SHOWING WE CARE** Special Offering will allow us to deepen our impact for Jesus in our church, in South Florida, and beyond! Here's how your giving to the Special Offering will help us do that:

Showing We Care for Our WORLD by...

- Supporting global and U.S missions
- Starting new churches

Showing We Care for Our COMMUNITY by...

- Reaching the people of South Florida with the life-changing love of Jesus
- Meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our community through community ministry

Showing We Care for Our CHURCH by...

- Investing in the spiritual growth of our children, teens and families
- Funding the 2020 Benevolence Ministry to help those facing a crisis

Please read through this letter to learn about this exciting opportunity for us to give sacrificially and expand our impact in South Florida and around the world. Will you begin praying now about what God would have you give (above and beyond your regular giving) to this Special Offering? Together as a church family – let's **SHOW WE CARE** in 2020!

Jason Hatley
Lead Pastor, The Journey Church

P.S. – The enclosed documents will give you an overview of the Special Offering and answer many common questions. However, if you have any additional questions, please contact me at 561.420.0606 x310 or jh@bocajourney.com

THE JOURNEY CHURCH

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THE PURPOSES OF THIS OFFERING

Showing We Care for Our WORLD

Supporting Global & U.S. missions and starting new churches

We are a church that supports missions. This focus will continue as we assist missionaries around the globe who are reaching out to every identified people group, especially those in highly unchurched countries. Through cooperative efforts with other mission-minded churches, we are designating a portion of the Special Offering to **support 3,000+ North American Missionaries** and **5,000+ International Missionaries**.

These missionaries are **sharing Christ, starting new churches**, and **serving the physical and spiritual needs** of those in some of the world's most important (and most dangerous) mission fields. With our support, and the support of other like-minded churches, we can make a difference around the world as people come to Christ. With our support and the support of other like-minded churches, we can literally make a difference around the world as new churches are established and people come to know Christ.



Your giving helps missionaries provide medical care and share Christ with people in places like Syria, Ghana and the Dominican Republic.

Showing We Care for Our COMMUNITY

Reaching the people of South Florida with the love of Jesus

A recent Barna study shows that the our community in South Palm Beach County is the most "never churched" region of the country, meaning more people in South Florida have never been to church than anywhere else in the U.S. That's why South Florida is one of our nation's greatest mission fields.

With nearly half a million people living within 7 miles of our church, there are hundreds of thousands of people in our sphere of influence who don't have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The **SHOWING WE CARE** Special Offering will help expand our evangelism efforts (*including our Servant Evangelism efforts and other creative outreaches*) so we can continue to reach our community with the love of Jesus!



Journey members share God's love through Servant Evangelism in the community and at the beach in 2019. Your gifts to Showing We Care will enable us to reach out to our community in new ways in 2020!

*"In the same way that You gave Me a mission in the world,
I give them a mission in the world."*

- John 17:18

Meeting the needs of the less fortunate through community ministry

We are a church that serves the “least of these.” Through the **SHOWING WE CARE** Special Offering we have a unique opportunity to help those in greatest need in our community, both spiritually and physically. We will continue to partner with local organizations that are making a real difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

In Palm Beach County and Broward Counties alone, 142,050 children go to bed hungry every night, and one out of four people who receive food at places like Boca Helping Hands is a child.

The need in our area is great. That’s why, through the IMPACT Special Offering, we will be able to strengthen our partnership with Boca Helping Hands, providing meals and serving the poor and needy in our area. As a church, we can make a difference in their lives through our serving and giving.

(Jesus) “I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!”

– Matthew 25:40

Showing We Care for Our CHURCH

Investing in new digital spiritual growth tools for Journey Kids.

We are a church that loves to invest in children and families. We consider it an honor to help a family to have a strong home and to raise a child to follow Jesus. To do this, we have designed a fantastic experience for children on Sunday called Journey Kids, our ministry to children fifth grade and under. And we are planning improvements for 2020!

Through the **SHOWING WE CARE** Special Offering we will be able to make necessary upgrades to our nursery, including the addition of digital tools to help our children engage the Gospel in new ways! Our goal is for Journey Kids to be the best hour of your child’s week, these upgrades will help us better invest in your family spiritually and make an impact in the lives of these children.

Providing Camp Scholarships to our Middle & High School Students

In 2019, our Student Ministry went to it’s first-ever student ministry camp. It was an incredible experience for our students, and we are making plans to return to camp again this summer. To help ensure that every student who wants to attend is able, a portion of our **SHOWING WE CARE** Special Offering will help provide scholarships to families in our church who need them.

Funding The Journey’s 2020 Benevolence Ministry to help those in our church facing a financial crisis or emergency.

We are a church that comes along side of those in our church who are struggling financially and emotionally. Since 2011, our church has helped individuals and families during their time of greatest need. The Benevolence Ministry allows us to come alongside of people in distress due to difficult financial times, a loss of a job, or a need for counseling.



Top: Journey members help organize our Pack the Pantry project.



Bottom: 5,000+ meals are provided for families in need through our Back-to-School PB &J Food Drive. Your giving to Showing We Care will help us expand our Community Ministry impact next year.



Top: New digital learning tools will help children experience God’s love.

Bottom: Your giving to the Showing We Care special offering will help provide scholarships for students to go to Summer Camp in 2020.

Why a Special Offering?

As part of God's plan to grow the faith of the people in His church, He calls us to sacrificial giving from time to time. This Special Offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and prepare for what God wants to do through our church in 2020.

What's the difference between the regular offering and this Special Offering?

The regular Journey offering is the proportional amount (the full tithe of 10%) that we set apart on a systematic basis and give throughout the year. From time to time there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. This Special Offering is one of those occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith, and should be over and above what you regularly give.

How much should I give?

Since the goal is \$14,200, this Special Offering will involve everyone. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Many in our church can give a \$1,000, \$2,000 or even a \$5,000 gift. Others will be able to give between \$100 and \$500. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.

When should I give?

The best time to give will be the first Sunday after you receive this packet. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. You can continue to give until January 31, 2020. Use the **SHOWING WE CARE** area on the offering envelopes or include a note designating your gift for the Special Offering. Remember, consistent gifts over time add up: giving \$75 per week over a six-week period will give \$450 to the Special Offering.

Can I give online via bank check, through auto-debit, or text giving?

Yes to all. When you give at BocaJourney.com via online giving, simply select "SHOWING WE CARE Special Offering" under the "Fund" drop-down menu. Likewise, you can use your bank's online payment option to send a check directly to the church office. Just mark in the memo area that your gift is for the SHOWING WE CARE Special Offering.

You can also give to the Special Offering via text message. Simply **text the amount of your gift and the phrase "Journey SWC" to the short code 45777** (i.e. **Journey SWC \$500**). If you would like to make a special, one-time auto-debit over and above your regular giving, call 561.420.0606 x304 and speak with Charissa Connor.

Can I make in-kind gifts of stocks or bonds?

Of course! Since The Journey is a 501c3 organization, there can be tremendous tax benefits for you by giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving, contact Charissa Connor at giving@bocajourney.com or 561.420.0606 x304.

Are my gifts tax-deductible?

All gifts to The Journey, whether via the regular offering or this Special Offering, are completely tax-deductible. Your gift will be deductible in the tax year given (i.e., gifts given in 2019 will be deductible on your 2019 taxes). Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you for your tax preparations. You are not required to utilize a tax deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.

How Will I Know if We Reach Our Goal?

You will be updated on our giving progress through the This Sunday @ The Journey weekly email updates and during the Sunday services. Reaching this goal will be a celebration of what we can do together as we stretch our faith under God's leadership.

Have additional questions? Please contact Pastor Jason at jh@bocajourney.com or 561.420.0606 x310.