

# BIRTH - 18 YEARS

## **JOURNEY KIDS**

Bring your children (birth thru 5th grade) and allow them to experience God's love in a fun and exciting way.

Sonshine Meadows is a safe, loving environment for all children, birth through pre-Kindergarten. Each week they experience God's love through teaching, music and creative activities.

The Great Adventure is an exciting worship experience for children in Kindergarten through the fifth grade. Each week they enjoy large group worship with music and quality teaching, as well as age appropriate small groups.

## **JOURNEY STUDENTS**

Journey Student Ministry seeks to provide students (sixth through twelfth grades) regular opportunities for spiritual growth, missional activity and authentic friendships.

### **Wednesdays**

Large & small groups for ALL STUDENTS typically meet each Wednesday evening - 6:30 PM @ Elegance Reception Hall. There is large-group fun, music & teaching; small group interaction.. Don't miss out! Invite some friends!! STUDENT GROUPS WILL NOT MEET 12/24 OR 12/31. They will resume later in January.

## *The Spirit Of Christmas Future*

We're glad you're here on  
Sunday, December 21, 2008

## FIRST TIME AT JOURNEY?

Here's some information about today's experience you may find helpful.

**Don't worry if you can't find the hymnals or the organ.** There aren't any. Instead, we're committed to using a full expression of the arts in our worship experiences. On any given Sunday you will encounter a band, upbeat music, multi-media, drama and visual artists as part of the experience. Our weekend worship experiences are designed to present basic Biblical truths and show how they apply to our everyday lives.

**Don't feel obligated to give.** The Bible says no one should feel forced to give or give in response to sob stories and arm twisting. (2 Corinthians 9:7) Journey is a member and attendee supported faith community.

**It's okay to fill out the communication card included in the program.** No one will sell your name to some insurance company in Duluth or try to meet your cleaning product needs. It simply helps us understand who we are serving and how we can do it better. You can return the card during the time of Giving Back To God or drop it off at the resource table and receive a free copy of today's message. Each Sunday, as you return, simply put your name and mark your status.

**If your kids stay with you in the Worship Experience...** they are really missing out! We have loving caregivers for infants, a quality program for pre-school age kids and an exciting worship experience for kids grades K-5.

## Loving God...Loving People...Linking Them Together

### HOW DO I...

**...worship when I don't know the songs?** Don't worry. We usually sing each at least two times. We didn't know these songs at first either.

**...get prayer for something specific?** You may list your prayer need on the back of your communication card. Simply check "Confidential" or "For Prayer Ministry Team" to appropriately direct your request. You can also take advantage of the prayer corner at the back left-hand corner of the room before, after and during Worship.

**...find out about JOURNEY & get connected?** Visit the resource table to get details about:

- Our Essential Beliefs
- Service Opportunities and How to Volunteer
- Opportunities to Grow and Learn
- Starting Point
- Core Values & Core Practices

Also, visit our website: [www.journeyky.org](http://www.journeyky.org) to connect in many different ways.

## CURRENT SERIES

12/21 Spirit of Christmas Future Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: The Spirit of Christmas—7:00 PM

## WHAT WE'VE LEARNED January 4, 2009

Don't miss the first Sunday of '09 as we Journey back to some of the significant, spiritual learnings from '08.

## NEW SERIES

### The Road Ahead

Navigating In Uncertain Times With instability seemingly at every turn, how should we navigate the road ahead? Let's find out together.

## THANKS!

### You Helped!

Last week we announced an emergency request to purchase gifts for 24 area children who would not have Christmas gifts. ALL 24 NAMES WERE TAKEN. Thanks Journey, for stepping up—even at the last minute.

## ANNUAL MEETING

### Today!

All Journey Members are encouraged to pick up their children from Journey Kids and return to the worship area for our brief Annual Community Meeting where we will approve Journey's 09 Administration Team and 09 Budget. Anyone interested is welcomed to attend; only members (those who have attended Starting Point and signed the Journey

Covenant) will have the opportunity to vote.

## NO WORSHIP

### December 28, 2008

Because Journey is serving-intensive, we have formed the tradition of encouraging our regular servers and their families to spend some extra time together, visit another church, or have some fun with another family on the last Sunday of each year.

## WHIZ KIDS—JANUARY

### It's Not Too Late!

It's not too late to be trained or to sign-up and be trained. We're gearing up for a January launch. This is your chance to kick the tires for one semester instead of an entire school year. Check the Missional Spirituality table to the right of the worship area. Whiz Kids is a literacy and faith-based tutoring/mentoring initiative.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Visit the Missional Spirituality table today to get ideas on how you can make a difference—across the street or around the world. And keep checking back as we build our resources.

## SERVICE OPPS

We are always ready to welcome new servers to the facilities and hospitality teams. Indicate your interest in serving on the back of your communication card or contact the office for more information.