

## CURRENT SERIES

### Crazy Love

The *Crazy Love* series will run through Christmas. Some people are more open to the idea of attending church during the holidays but they're not likely to do so without *being invited*. Ask someone you know to come with you in the coming weeks.

Love isn't about obeying a list of do's and don'ts. It's passionate and irrational. We do crazy things when we're in love. God loves us with this logic-defying love. And when we fall in love with Him, we can stop living a safe, status-quo life. Real, crazy love changes everything.

### MAP

We want to be intentional about the activities and opportunities we promote. Our lives are already busy, we don't need more "stuff" to do.

Journey has three types of activities. Look for the letter after each update to see how that event fits into your spiritual life.

#### [M] Missional Spirituality

We will pursue a lifestyle of outward-focused living; exemplified by acts of service, generosity, and loving-kindness to all.

### Crazy Christmas Love Offering

Today, we begin receiving gifts to our annual Christmas Offering. In 2007, Journey built a clean-water well, providing disease-free water for an entire community of people in Rwanda. Last year, Journey literally purchased freedom for individuals trafficked as human slaves in Southeast Asia. This year is a little different. Grab a Crazy Christmas Love flyer to check out the details. [M] [A] [P]

### Winter Xtreme Student & Parent Meeting

Immediately following the worship experience **today**, we will have an informational meeting for all the parents and students going on the Gatlinburg trip. We will go over itinerary, hotel location, and other important information. Also, the final payment of \$55 (down from \$69) will be due today. [A] [P]

#### [A] Authentic Community

We value relationships marked by honesty, encouragement, acceptance, accountability and unconditional love.

### "In For 2010"

As Journey's Leaders plan and budget for 2010, they need to know who's "in for 2010." What does "in" mean? If you are a member, it means that you are renewing your commitment to the Journey Membership Covenant for January through December of 2010 (you may want to read over it again). If you are an attendee, it means that you are committed to serve and give at your current level, or even grow in these areas from January through December of 2010. As usual, these plans are subject to the Lord's clear plans for each of us. [M] [A] [P]

### Students Serving the Homeless

Mark your calendar! On December 20, Journey Youth will be teaming with the Vineyard Church and Iron Samaritans ministry to help feed and clothe the homeless in Washington Park, downtown Cincinnati. Any donations of food goods, such as cans or cooked meals, and clothes will be accepted and delivered. Stay tuned for the start time. [M]

#### [P] Personal Wholeness

Personal wholeness will be realized as we individually seek to live in healthy relationships with ourselves, with God, and with others.

## JOURNEY KIDS

### Sonshine Meadows (birth-pre-K)

In this safe, loving environment, kids experience God's love through teaching, music and creative activities.

### The Great Adventure (K-3rd grade)

In this exciting worship experience, kids enjoy age-appropriate large group singing and teaching, as well as grade-specific small group discussions.

### Roots (4th-6th grade)

In this interactive experience, kids enjoy age-appropriate worship and teaching, as well as grade-specific small group discussions.

### Journey Kids

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## Today in Sonshine Meadows

All this month, we're talking with the kids about the Christmas story.

## Today in Great Adventure and Roots

In December, our conversations will revolve around Jesus' birth as a perfect example of God's compassion, which is caring enough to do something about someone else's need. This week: God saw our need. You have to SEE a need before you can DO anything about it. Compassion requires us to look and see, too. **God saw our greatest need. Whose needs do you see?**

Parents: Don't forget to reinforce the teaching this week by using the God Time and Refrigerator Door cards.

## JOURNEY STUDENTS

### Middle School Discipleship

We meet at 1:30 p.m. every Sunday. For the location, talk with Vinny.

### Bible Study & Youth Night

We'll meet from 6-7:30 p.m., tonight, right here.

### Middle School & High School

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**We love your kids!**

## **Crossroads**

We're glad you're here on December 6, 2009