UPDATE FROM JOURNEY'S ELDERS
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Hello, Journey! This is our first update on this website, and we plan to post an update here each month. Thank you for sharing your questions and input through the town hall meeting and by emailing *elders@journeychristian.org*. Please continue to reach out. We have not scheduled another town hall meeting yet, but we are discussing when the next one will take place.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We continue to face significant challenges in meeting our monthly financial obligations. This month, so far, we have been able to make payments toward critical expenses, including weekly payroll, mortgage, and insurance. We are asking God for wisdom as we work to reduce spending, and we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support Journey through consistent giving.

Several of you suggested assembling a group focused on financial oversight, and we fully support that recommendation. We have begun forming a Financial Accountability Team to work with staff and elders each month to review income, spending, and current and future financial commitments. The team will also help develop recommendations for debt reduction. Its membership will consist of congregants with financial expertise and a heart for Journey who are not staff members, elders, or relatives of staff members or elders. This will provide an independent perspective and strengthen financial accountability. We will share more about the team's responsibilities and how its recommendations will inform financial decisions in future updates.

AURORA PROPERTY UPDATE

We continue to aggressively market the property and currently have several interested parties. We have also just received a very favorable letter of intent from a church. Please continue to pray that God will bring the right buyer to us.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Arron has announced that he and Rhonda will be transitioning from leading Journey into a new season of life. We recognize that this is an emotional transition for them and for our church family. Many of you have questions about the leadership change and what the future holds for Journey. As Arron has reminded us, God's got this! We continue to pray for Arron and Rhonda and for our church as we seek God's wisdom for the next season of leadership.

As previously announced, Aaron Worshek will step into the role of Interim Lead Pastor. The date for that transition has not yet been finalized, but preparations are underway. We are working with a third-party pastoral transition consultant to determine the timing, and Arron and Aaron have begun meeting to prepare for the transition of responsibilities. We have also begun forming a Pastoral Search Committee and will share more details in future updates.

ELDER BOARD UPDATE

Over the last several months, we have been working to add elders to the board. Adding elders will strengthen our leadership, bring additional perspectives, and allow current elders to rotate off the board when appropriate. We will keep you updated as this process unfolds. Our hope is to have at least two additional elders in place within the next few months.

As we navigate this season of change at Journey, we take seriously the responsibility you have entrusted to us to make decisions and lead this church. This has been a season of difficult decisions, and we know our actions and communication matter. We recently read an update from another church navigating a similar transition. It referenced "Trust in God," a song we also sing at Journey. Its reminder to seek the Lord and trust that He hears us is encouraging us in this season. Proverbs 3:5–6 gives us this direction:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

As elders, we are seeking to lead by putting these words into practice ourselves. We are asking God for wisdom, bringing our decisions before Him in prayer, and listening to your questions and input. We do not have every answer, and we do not want to depend on our own understanding. As we encourage you to trust God, we are trusting Him to direct our steps, too. Thank you for praying for Journey and our leaders, and for the love and care you continue to show our church family.

If you have questions, please contact us at: *elders@journeychristian.org*