

Dear Journey Family,

You may have noticed a lot of exciting activity around our campus lately.

From the new Baptism Patio Awnings we dedicated at Easter... to the brand-new lighting in our lobby and Journey Kids Check-In area.

These improvements are tangible proof that when we give, God uses our generosity to change lives. Thank you for stepping up through the Building for Life: Next Generation Project.



*Your giving helped families not only be baptized on Easter, but all of us to cheer them on under the comfort of a shaded patio.*



*Because of you, families who joined us this Easter experienced a bright, welcoming environment—and that's exactly what we want every single week.*

## Where We Stand... and What's Next!

**Our Milestone #3 Goal is \$125,000 by July 31, 2026.**

**IMMEDIATE CHALLENGE GOAL: \$40,000 before May 31\*\***

I'm thrilled to report we've already raised \$40,000—one-third of the way there! That leaves \$85,000 to go, and right now, we have a window of opportunity to take a giant leap forward.

Our next big project: **Parking Lot Landscaping and Drainage.**

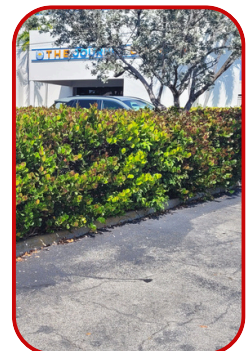
Thanks to a timely opportunity with our builder, we can complete this work at a lower cost than anticipated—and with hurricane season still weeks away, the time to act is now.

**\*\*If we raise the next \$40,000 by May 31, we can move forward immediately with major, visible improvements.**

Will you **prayerfully pledge and give** between now and May 31 to help us seize this opportunity?

## What Your Gift Will Make Possible

Raising the next \$40,000 by May 31 will be the beginning of a **visible, meaningful transformation** you can see and experience, including...



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- **New exterior security cameras** to eliminate blind spots
- **Removal of outdated, overgrown landscaping** that creates safety concerns
- **Preparation for a full landscaping transformation**
- **Delivery of the first materials** to start construction
- **Continued debt reduction**, strengthening our church's financial foundation

## Why This Matters

A guest's first impression of our church doesn't start inside the Worship Center —**it begins in the parking lot.**

Before a message is heard... before a child checks into Journey Kids... before a family is greeted at the door... they're already forming an impression of who we are.

Right now, three challenges demand our attention:

### 1. Safety & Security

A recent Boca Raton Police Department security assessment of our campus revealed areas in our parking lot that need improvement:

- Limited visibility in certain spots
- Landscaping that hides sightlines and encourages unwanted activity overnight
- Gaps in security camera coverage

Reaching the next \$40,000 allows us to **protect every person on campus**, especially children and families.

### 2. First Impressions

Our current landscaping is outdated and overgrown and in some places blocks visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. We attempted to trim the existing bushes down to recommended heights... and nearly killed them in the process.

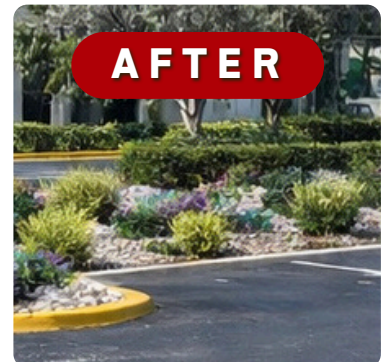
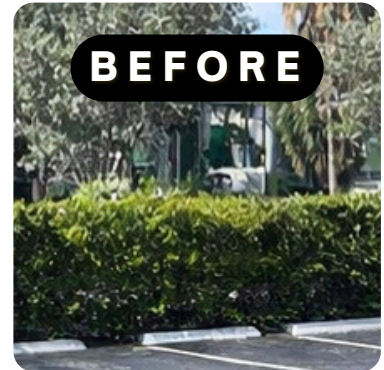
After careful review, our architect recommends a **clean slate**. This is our opportunity to:

- Create a clean, open, welcoming entrance
- Improve visibility and traffic flow on busy Sundays
- Install beautiful new landscaping that meets security recommendations and reflects the excellence we want to offer every guest

This isn't just aesthetics—**it's removing barriers for people coming to encounter God.**

### 3. Stewardship & Preparation for the Future

As you probably have already experienced, our parking lot floods during rainy season, reducing our usable parking on a Sunday by almost half.



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While a full drainage solution will require a larger future project, these improvements now will allow us to:

- Create better natural runoff
- Prepare the property for long-term solutions
- Take wise, proactive steps now instead of waiting (and wading) through another wet season

At the same time, we will continue to **pay down our mortgage debt**, strengthening the long-term financial health of our church.

## The Heart Behind It All

Scripture reminds us:

*“Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.” – Psalm 96:11-13*

Every project, every improvement, shows the beauty of God’s creation and is an opportunity to **honor God and serve people with excellence**.

And like Nehemiah told the people of God as they were preparing for a major construction project of their own:

*“Let us rise up and build.’ So they strengthened their hands for the good work.”*  
- Nehemiah 2:18

That’s exactly what we are doing together. Here’s how we plan to tackle it...

## The Goal: The Next \$40,000 by May 31

Reaching this target lets us:

- Remove the current landscaping
- Prepare the ground for a complete transformation
- Bring in the first materials
- Install additional security cameras
- Continue paying down debt

When this work begins, momentum builds. **People notice. Our church grows. And your faithfulness inspires others to join in.**

After we reach this goal, we’ll still have the final portion of Milestone #3 to give and complete—but I’ll share more about that in my next letter.



*As part of the landscaping upgrade, we will create natural runoff solutions to help mitigate parking lot flooding before rainy season.*



## How You Can Be Part of This

Would you prayerfully consider:

- **Making a generous initial gift** by April 22 to help us kickstart this new phase
- **Setting up a recurring gift** to the Next Generation Project to allow us to work with our landscape architect to plan for each step in this phase (if you haven't done so already)
- Increasing your recurring gift to have a greater impact on this major project (if you've already automated your giving)
- **Continuing to give faithfully** as we move toward the full goal.

**Remember:** There's nothing we can't do if we all commit to do it together!

Ask God to stretch your faith. Because every improvement helps create an environment where more people can come to know and follow Jesus.

## The Bigger Picture

This is about more than landscaping. More than cameras. More than parking lots. This is about creating a place where:

- Families feel safe
- Guests feel welcomed
- Lives are changed
- We take pride in caring for God's property

*"Our hope is that as we help your faith grow larger,  
you'll be able to help this ministry to you grow larger, too."  
- 2 Corinthians 10:15*

Let's keep building for our future and building for life!

With gratitude and expectation,



Jason Hatley  
Lead Pastor, The Journey Church

**P.S.** You can give today by using the enclosed envelope or online at [BocaJourney.com/Giving](https://BocaJourney.com/Giving) by selecting "Building for Life" in the dropdown fund menu.

Consider automating a weekly or monthly gift—consistent generosity helps us move forward with confidence and plan our next steps.

