

Welcome to Journey

EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Today's Service May 18, 2025

Worship Presider.....Elder Ron Jue
Congregational Worship.....Tiffany Mu
Worship in Scripture.....Pastor Phil Yoder
Worship Response.....Tiffany Mu
Benediction.....Pastor Phil Yoder

Women's Ministry ♥

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Biblical Joy

Philippians 1:3-14

*Biblical joy is the settled conviction that God sovereignly controls
all events of a believer's life for His good and glory.*

1. The Philippians' _____ was based on... (3:3-8)
Thanking God for their _____
The Exhibiting confidence in his _____ work
_____ in his imprisonment and defense
2. The _____ of the Philippian letter were... (3:9-11)
Love abounding more in _____ and _____
Approval of things that are _____
_____ and _____
Filling with the fruit of _____ from Jesus Christ
3. Paul's chains (3:12-14) highlighted progress or _____?
Does it advance the _____
Is the word on the street of _____ cause?
Will other have more _____ in the Lord?
Will others have _____ to speak without _____?

Reflection & Discussion

1. Why did Paul pray with joy for the Philippians?
2. What purposes of this letter are your goals?
3. How does my life advance the Gospel?
4. Who am I influencing to trust God and speak fearlessly?

Q. Trivia: Approximately how many plants are mentioned in the Bible?

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Contact Us! | Contact an Elder or Deacon at elders@journeyec.org or deacons@journeyec.org, respectively.
| Can we pray for you? Email requests to prayer@journeyec.org. Requests are kept confidential.

Connect Through Volunteering | Join our Refreshment Team! Sign up: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fVYR43b1Uei2Gm-il0TBXGZnFx4m4yXrdJ5KPiXsdag/edit?usp=sharing>
For more details, contact Elder Dave McLendon at dave@journeyec.org

This Week on Campus...

Tuesday 5/20 | 10:30am - 12pm. JEC Sisters Bible Study @ Chinese Ministry Room
OFF Men's Bible Study
2 - 4pm. Ping Pong @ MPR

Saturday 5/24 | 9am - 12pm. ESL Meeting @ Room 106
Help teach English as a Second Language (ESL)! Teaching beginning and intermediate English. If you are interested in volunteering or visiting, contact Moon Lee at moonhoanglee@gmail.com

Save the Date!!

Sunday 6/1 | All Church Survey after worship service (in-person only!)

Saturday 6/14 | 3pm. Movie Day with JEC; "King of Kings" @ Cinemark Century in Bella Terra, Huntington Beach

Sunday 6/15 | Father's Day

Sunday 6/22 | Promotion Sunday – If you are promoting to or graduating from Elementary, Middle School, High School, or college/post college, please notify Shirley Chun at shirley_chun@yahoo.com

Saturday 7/12 | Let the Games Begin! The first inter-HUG Games and Dinner– more information to come!

Sunday 7/13 | 2pm. Musical Day with KAIROS; "Something Rotten" @ Rose Theater. For more details, contact Marilyn or Tom Yee at myprayer48@yahoo.com

Growing in Maturity

by Dr. David Jeremiah

I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. Revelation 2:19

The natural order in all creation is growth: Seeds become plants, infants become adults, calves become cows, acorns become oaks, and minnows become fish. When something doesn't grow, it is a cause for concern; something abnormal is happening. Growth is also the expected progression in the spiritual life: Babies in Christ grow into mature followers of Christ.

When the apostle Paul wrote his first letter to the church at Corinth, he addressed their lack of spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 3:1-3). Instead of acting like mature spiritual adults, they were acting like carnal infants. He could not address them as mature adults because they had not grown in their faith. Such was not the case with the church in the city of Thyatira. When Christ addressed this church, He commended them for their spiritual growth. They were displaying greater spiritual works in the present than they had in the past—a sure sign of increasing maturity (Revelation 2:19).

Take a moment to assess your spiritual growth. Is it increasing? Declining? Has it plateaued? Ask God to show you areas in which you can focus your growth in the future. Faith, like a muscle, grows by stretching. A. W. Tozer

There are brick and mortar establishments and on-line classes, sports like tennis, pickleball, basketball, baseball, soccer, etc.

- the list goes on and on to encourage you to maintain and strengthen your maturing bodies. Physical health is all the rage and very important!

But what about spiritual growth? Isn't this equally important in the life of a Christian? The recommended reading for this devotion is 1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV):

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Do you crave "pure spiritual milk of the Word?" Are you obedient to His call or prompt? Are you stretching your spiritual muscles to grow in faith? Are you more like the church in Corinth or Thyatira?

We recently celebrated the most important day in a Christian's life. We revisited the painful and horrific suffering Jesus endured for us. He suffered, died, and rose again giving us abundant eternal life and victory.

How are you and I going to respond?

After service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.