



JOURNEY OF FAITH

2020

**Annual  
Report**



**Inviting you  
to follow Jesus  
to make a difference  
in your world.**

## Let's Celebrate Our Year Together!



**Journey of Faith,**

I'm really excited to share this annual report with you! Think of it as our yearbook - it's packed with all the cool things we've done together this past year.

It's amazing how much we've accomplished together. In fact, it's been tough to decide what to highlight because there's so much good stuff happening. From our engaging weekend services, our thriving groups, exciting ministry with kids and students, our fantastic volunteers, and to our community projects, we've got a lot to celebrate!

Over the next few pages, we've tried to capture the spirit of what we do at Journey of Faith. You'll read stories from our teams and updates from our groups. And behind each number and stat is a story of changed lives and the difference we're making together.

Life gets busy. It's easy to forget how God has been at work. Let's pause, remember, and celebrate the amazing things God has done.

Thanks for everything you do. Here's to another great year ahead!

In God's service and yours,

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Jason".

**Jason Cusick**  
Lead Pastor



# Sundays at Journey

At Journey of Faith, our Sunday services have become a cornerstone of our mission, fostering connection for regular attenders and a place that is designed to reach people who are new! This past year, we've seen remarkable growth in attendance, with a palpable energy and excitement each week. Our services at both the Torrance and Manhattan Beach campuses feature inspiring worship led by our talented team and impactful messages from Jason, Jill, Alex, Krista, and our other teaching pastors. We love our time together, worshiping and learning in a welcoming and vibrant environment that embodies the spirit of our church.

Take a listen to our  
original music:



[jof.link/listen](https://jof.link/listen)

Total  
Membership:

461

Actively  
Engaged:

2116

## Message Series Recap

### Reflecting on Our Message Series

Over the past year, Journey of Faith has taught through many parts of the Bible during our encouraging and challenging message series. Highlights include "Positive Influence," focusing on impacting others positively; "Simple Faith," which reminded us of the beauty in straightforward belief; "Right Side Up," which challenged our

worldviews; "Be Well," emphasizing holistic wellness in Christ; and "Relationship Goals," providing insights into building strong, loving relationships. Each week, our teachers offer "Action Steps" to implement in your life. Which ones stood out most to you, and what have you changed as a result of these messages?





# Groups

At Journey of Faith, our groups serve a vital purpose: bringing people together to live in community as God intended. This year, we have focused on fostering meaningful, life-changing relationships within our church family. Our groups are central to this mission, providing a supportive and welcoming environment where individuals can

grow in their faith and connect with others. Our care groups provide specific support through challenging times of life. Through the relationships gained and skills learned, we believe life change happens and everyone can experience all that God has planned for them.

"Our group and Journey has re-centered and re-sparked a love for Jesus and faith in their lives, which feels so incredibly needed in this tricky period of life (mid to late 20s). Including me, we are all extremely grateful for this and the community that our church has fostered for us."



"Our group was a wonderful, cozy community and I'm so grateful we got to lead this session."



## CARE GROUP STATS

Number of  
Care Groups

11

People in  
Care Groups

120

Newest  
Group

Anxiety  
Field  
Guide

## GROUP STATS

Number  
of Groups

45

People  
in Groups

512

Longest  
Running  
Group

20+  
Years



"It is simply amazing to see the healing power of God as He works in and through the individuals who have the courage to attend Care groups."



# OUTREACH



The Outreach team at Journey of Faith is dedicated to extending love and support to our community and beyond. Through various programs and initiatives, we aim to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Whether it's through local food drives, global missionary support, or special events, our focus is on serving others and embodying Christ's love in tangible ways. Our team members find deep fulfillment in these efforts, forging meaningful relationships and experiencing personal growth as they work together to make a lasting impact.

"I love volunteering with the Journey of Faith Outreach team because it's important to me to donate my time and resources to serve the Lord by serving my community."

"Serving with the Outreach team has shown me how faithful God is to the community and how he provides. Being a vessel of God's love to his people has been a great impact on my life and I encourage everyone to join the Outreach team!"

300+

Patients helped in the past year from our blood drives

1000+

Pop-Up Pantry food boxes delivered

33

Global missionaries supported

5  
Million

Meals packed with Feed My Starving Children by 2025

150

Families served through Adopt-A-Family in 2023



# Family Ministry



Over the past year, Journey Family Ministries, encompassing both Journey Kids and Journey Student Ministries, has significantly impacted the next generation here at Journey of Faith. Journey Kids provided a nurturing environment where children learned about God's love through engaging Bible lessons, crafts, and games, fostering faith and friendships. Journey Kids has also hosted fun family events,

Kids Camp, and taken kids to Hume Lake. Meanwhile, Journey Student Ministries helped Middle and High School students explore their faith and discover how a relationship with Jesus can shape their lives. Weekly programs combined worship, messages, and group discussions, creating a cohesive and supportive environment for students. JSM also has regular events and the highlight of the year at Hume Lake.

"Student ministry has seriously changed my life! Before getting involved in small group, I was an anxious 8th grade girl who didn't know where she belonged. After coming to Journey of Faith, it was evident that I belonged in a community of believers that would support me through everything. Nothing brought me closer to God than watching the people at Journey spread his love to me and set the example of what it means to be a Christian. This community has turned me into the God loving girl I am today and I am infinitely grateful for the amazing people who helped me along the way."



# STUDENTS



"Student ministries are important because they help establish a group of teens who grow alongside each other and establish a strong foundation of believers. We can share personal information about ourselves and our spirituality while having a group to rely on. It has really helped me grow as a Christian and find a group of people I will hold close to for years. I also think that student ministries help encourage participation in the church and help people find a sense of belonging in the church."

"Student ministries are incredibly important and a big part of my life. I've been able to grow so close with such amazing people and also allowed me to grow with God. Journey Student Ministry is important to me because it teaches me that walking in the life of the Holy Spirit is the greatest gift of life and so much more. I thank God everyday for the community of people he has brought into my life."



"We are incredibly thankful for Journey Kids. We've been dropping off our two children there every week since they were just a couple of months old, and have always trusted the volunteers with our babies. Their kindness and love ensure that my kids are in good hands, allowing me to attend church weekly with peace of mind. It's heartwarming to see our children growing in their understanding of God, even at such a young age, thanks to the wonderful program at Journey Kids."

"The Journey Kids Team are rockstars! I love how they met the needs of my youngest (who has special needs), my middle son who has lots of energy, and my oldest who LOVES to care for little kids. I appreciate the thought, insight, and planning that goes into their experience as well. I can always say yes to any event BECAUSE I know my kids are being cared for in the BEST way possible, especially my special needs kiddo. I truly mean that."

"I love Journey Kids because the Teachers are so kind, loving, and supportive of everything we do."

# KIDS

## STUDENTS STATS

**42 students** that actively go to our program graduated this year!  
**35 students** baptized this year  
**203 students** went to summer camp  
**26 students** in our Leadership Program  
**4 different high school campuses** have Christian clubs led by our students  
**25 adult small group leaders** come weekly, pouring into the lives of the students





# Connections

Our Connections team at Journey of Faith is dedicated to helping people become an integral part of our church community. We host Journey Culture, an event where newcomers can hear from our staff about Journey's unique story, mission, vision, and values, ask questions, and connect with others. Additionally, we offer Start Your Journey, a four-week class for those beginning

their faith journey or seeking a deeper understanding of the foundations of faith. We also encourage all believers to be baptized, an important outward expression of an inward change, signifying a commitment to follow Jesus. Through these initiatives, we aim to foster a strong, supportive, and spiritually enriching community.

The 2024 Volunteer Summit at Journey of Faith was an incredible celebration of our dedicated volunteers. This impactful event brought together phenomenal individuals for a day of growth, learning from senior leaders, engaging in prayer and worship, and enjoying fellowship over meals. The Summit underscored the vital role of serving in our mission, making every moment of the five-hour event valuable and meaningful. Whether seasoned or new, volunteers left feeling inspired and equipped, reinforcing our vibrant community of service and dedication.

**156**  
Volunteers  
Attended

## THE STATS

**101**

Baptized

**40**

Attended Start  
Your Journey

**40**

Attended  
Journey Culture





# ELDERS

Leadership at Journey of Faith is shared by three diverse groups – our professionally trained staff, an elder board of congregation members who serve four years, and our congregation members who give, serve, and vote on various items each year. Each year, members are nominated and vetted by the qualifications found in Titus 1:5-9, 1 Tim. 3:1-7, and 1 Peter 5:1-4 to serve as Elders. Here are our current and nominated leaders.

## Currently Serving



John Burge  
Term 2021-2025



Rick Cambra  
Term 2021-2025



Jason Cusick  
Lead Pastor Elder



Stu Johnson  
2022-2026



Terence Powell  
2019-2024



Andrew Sullivan  
2019-2024

## Nominated Elders

Term 2024-2028



Mark Bishay



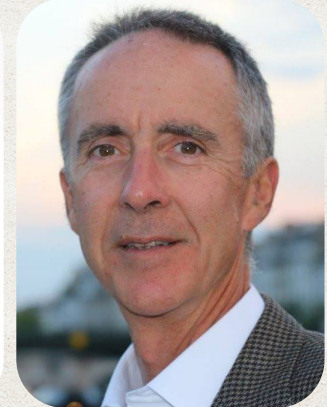
Dan Charlin



Gregg DeNeui



Bill Hall



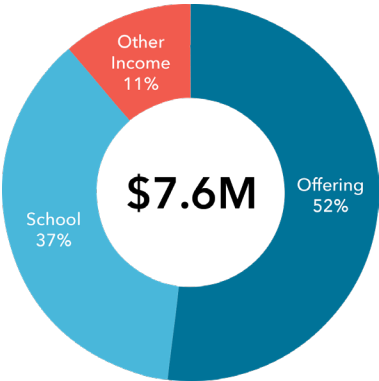
Cary Walker



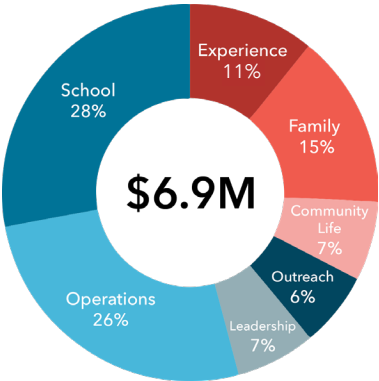
# Generosity Matters

Your generous giving fuels the ministry of Journey of Faith, making all our initiatives possible. Over the past year, your contributions have supported local campus ministries, food outreach initiatives, care groups, global missions, online resources, and community events. Every act of giving, no matter the size, plays a crucial role in bringing the hope of Jesus to our communities and beyond. Nothing we accomplish happens without your faithful support. Thank you for partnering with us to make a lasting impact.

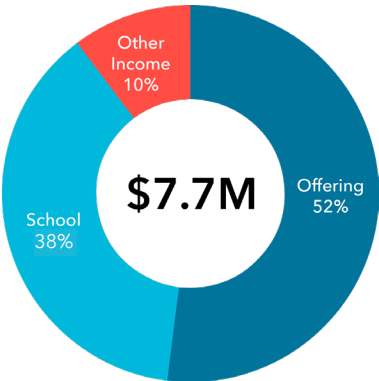
## Budget Breakdown



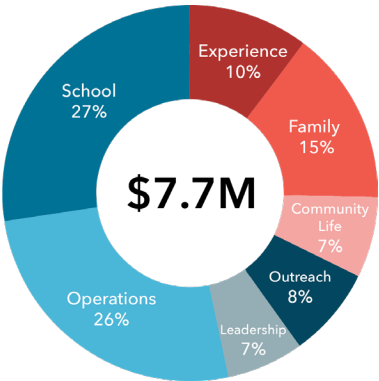
2023-2024 Income  
(Actuals)



2023-2024 Expenses  
(Actuals)



2024-2025 Income  
(Projected)



2024-2025 Expenses  
(Projected)

## Step Into Generosity

We invite you to begin giving or to prayerfully consider an increase in your giving to support the mission of Journey of Faith. Your contributions, no matter the size, are crucial to our efforts. The Giving Ladder shown below illustrates that people at all levels of giving are needed to fund our ministry.

From small, consistent donations to larger commitments, every gift helps us extend our outreach, support missions, and provide vital resources to our community. By climbing the ladder, you play a vital role in bringing hope and transformation through the love of Jesus. Thank you for your generosity.

### Giving Ladder



## What It Takes to Get There

Our projected budget for the 2024-25 Ministry Year will require committed giving in various amounts. As you consider your giving for the year ahead, here is a breakdown of what it will take to fully fund our budget. Will you consider where your own personal giving can help to meet this goal?

Gifts Needed	Amount of gift	Total per tier
4 .....	\$100,000 .....	\$400,000
12 .....	\$50,000 .....	\$600,000
26 .....	\$25,000 .....	\$650,000
45 .....	\$15,000 .....	\$675,000
55 .....	\$10,000 .....	\$550,000
140 .....	\$5,000 .....	\$700,000
225 .....	\$1,000 .....	\$225,000
450 .....	\$500 .....	\$225,000
<b>957</b> Total Number of Gifts		<b>\$4,025,000</b> Total General Fund Donations 2024-2025

## Our Mission

**Inviting you  
to follow Jesus  
to make a difference  
in your world.**

## Are you all in?

As we turn the final page of this year's journey, and look towards the future, we invite you to reflect on the stories we've shared and the growth we've experienced together. Now, we look forward with excitement and ask you: **How will you join in the mission of Journey this year?** Whether it's through attending weekly, giving faithfully, volunteering regularly, joining a group, inviting someone to church, or simply sharing your story, your unique contributions help us grow stronger as a community. Let's step into this new chapter together, ready to make a difference, support one another, and continue living out our faith in meaningful ways. How will you be a part of the mission here at Journey of Faith this year?

**Share your commitment with us at [stories@journeyoffaith.com](mailto:stories@journeyoffaith.com)**

# The Story Project

This June 2024 we're kicking off something really exciting called THE STORY PROJECT. It's an 18-month deep dive where we'll explore the Bible from start to finish. Each week, we'll unpack some of the most impactful stories to understand the big picture—the grand narrative of the Bible. The Bible isn't just an ancient book; it's filled with stories that are surprisingly relevant to our lives today.

In fact, the Bible is our story! By the end of this journey, we're not just going to know these stories; we'll see how they connect to us personally, shaping our understanding and growth. Whether you're familiar with the Bible or just exploring faith, this project will make the Bible accessible, engaging, and genuinely transformative. So, let's get ready to see how these age-old stories echo in our lives today!

Prehistory

The Prophets

The Patriarchs

Jesus' Life and Teaching

The Exodus

History's Climax:  
Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Judges

The Early Church

Unified Kingdom

The First Missionaries

Divided Kingdom

Letters to the Church

The Exile

The Revelation

Follow along with us with The Story Project Bible Reading Plan.  
Find it online at [jof.link/readingplan](https://jof.link/readingplan)





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