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Dear Journey Family,

Today I am excited to introduce you to The Journey's **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering that begins this month and continues through January 31, 2018.

As we look back on the first six years of our church, it's incredible to see how God has used and blessed us since our first service in February 2011. We have seen hundreds of people baptized and hundreds more come to faith in Christ, we've served thousands through outreach and community ministry initiatives, and we've done all of this to give the people of South Florida *the best opportunity to become fully-developing followers of Jesus*.

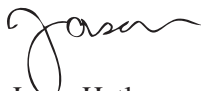
2017 has been a year of transformation for The Journey, as we moved from being a "portable" church meeting at Boca Raton High School and Grandview Preparatory School, to one that owns a building and is establishing a permanent presence in Boca Raton. The future is exciting, but we've only just begun.

As we look forward to 2018, I believe the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering will allow us to deepen our impact for Jesus in South Florida and around the globe. Here's how your giving to the Special Offering will help us to do just that:

- **Transforming OUR CHURCH**
Through Completing the Worship Center
at our New Permanent Building
- **Transforming OUR CITY**
Through Evangelism and Community Ministry
- **Transforming OUR WORLD**
Through Supporting National
and International Missionaries

Please read through this booklet to learn about this exciting opportunity for us to give sacrificially and expand our impact for Jesus. Will you begin praying now about what God would have you give (*over and above your regular giving*) to this Special Offering? Allow God to stretch your faith!

Together, let's see our church, community and world **TRANSFORMED** like never before!



Jason Hatley

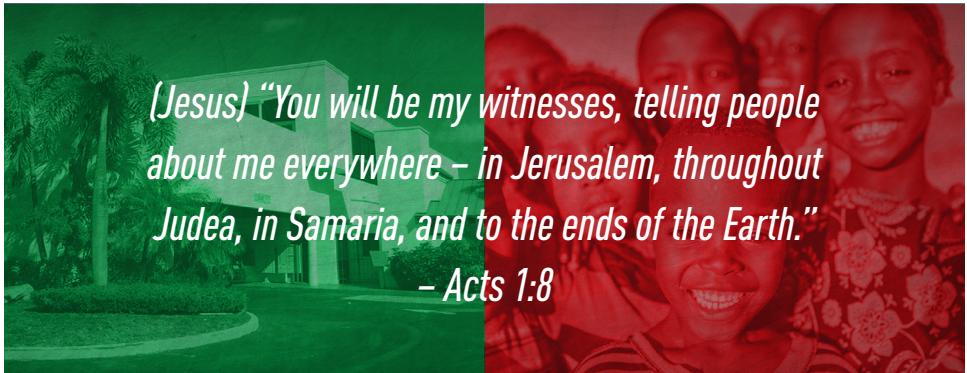
Lead Pastor, The Journey Church

P.S. – This booklet will give you an overview of the Special Offering and answer many common questions. However, if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 561.420.0606 x3 or jh@bocajourney.com.

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SPECIAL OFFERING

OVERVIEW



The **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering is a call to sacrificial giving with a goal of \$26,000 for three important ministry and missions areas:

Transforming **OUR CHURCH** Through Completing the Worship Center at our New Permanent Building:

- Establishing a home for our church where we can develop leaders and disciples
- Creating a worship space in our community where thousands can come to Christ
- Providing a permanent ministry center where we can reach out to and serve our community



Transforming **OUR CITY**

Through Evangelism and Community Ministry:

- Reaching college students through new outreach initiatives at FAU
- Sharing God's love through ongoing evangelism efforts in our community
- Meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the poor in our area through community ministry

Transforming **OUR WORLD**

Through Supporting National and International Missionaries:

- Equipping missionaries who are sharing Christ and starting new churches in the U.S. and Canada
- Supporting missionaries who are taking the Gospel around the globe
- Fulfilling the Great Commission to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth

The TRANSFORMED Special Offering will be received through January 31, 2018.

- Give by using the enclosed offering envelope. Write the amount of your gift on the red "TRANSFORMED" line and mail the postage-paid envelope to The Journey office or drop it in the offering on Sunday.
- Give online at www.BocaJourney.com/Transformed.
- Give by texting "Transformed" and the amount you would like to give to 561-962-1772.

TRANSFORMING OUR CHURCH

THROUGH COMPLETING THE WORSHIP CENTER

AT OUR NEW PERMANENT BUILDING

Establishing a home for our church where we can develop leaders and disciples.

In April 2016, we committed ourselves as a church to the dream of owning a permanent building in Boca Raton for our church to call home. Just 18 months later, that dream is now coming true, as we recently closed on a 16,000-square-foot, two-story office building at 2200 NW Boca Raton Blvd., in the heart of Boca Raton.



This building will serve as our permanent home, beginning Spring 2018.

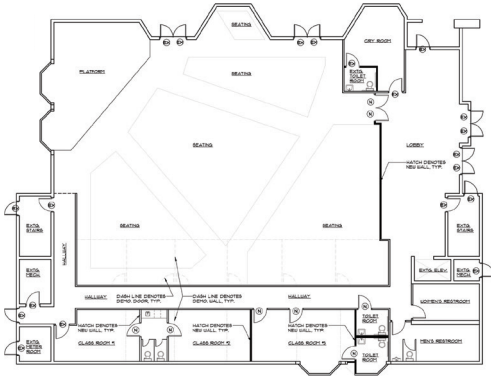
But we still have work to do, and your giving to the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering will help us turn this office building into a church home where we can develop leaders and disciples.



Creating a worship space in our community where thousands will come to Christ.

Renovations to the new building are beginning, and for the first time in the history of our church, we are creating our own worship space – without the limitations of when or where we can meet.

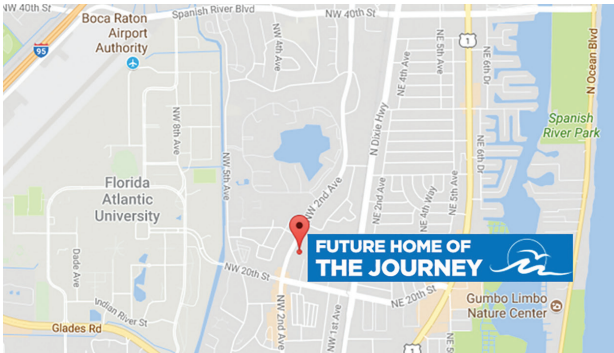
While it's not easy, quick or cheap to transform an office building into a church, your giving to the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering will help us create a worship space where thousands will come to Christ in the years to come. This is an investment, not in a building, but in changing lives for eternity!



Architect's rendering of the worship and Kidz ministry space in our new building.

Providing a permanent ministry center where we can reach out to and serve our community.

One of the greatest challenges our church has faced in the last six years is being visible for only a few hours on Sunday in rented facilities. With the opening of our new building, we will now have a 24/7 presence in our community. While we know that the church is not a building (it's the people), for those in our community that we want to reach and serve, completing this new space provides



a sense of stability, presence and opportunity that will extend our impact far beyond Sunday.

When you give to the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering, you are helping provide a ministry center that will impact our community for years to come.

TRANSFORMING OUR CITY

THROUGH EVANGELISM AND COMMUNITY MINISTRY



Sharing God's love through ongoing evangelism efforts in our community.

A recent study from the Barna Research Group showed that our community leads the nation in the percentage of people who have never been to church, and that South Florida is one of the most "unchurched" areas of the country. In fact, 83% of the 420,000 people who live within seven miles of our church do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. There are literally thousands of people within our sphere of influence who desperately need the hope and saving power of Jesus in their lives.

The **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering will help expand our evangelism efforts here in South Florida, including our Servant Evangelism efforts and other creative outreaches, so that we can continue to reach our community with the love of Jesus.





Reaching college students through new outreach initiatives at Florida Atlantic University.

One of the areas of our community that we most want to reach are the students at FAU.

With the opening of our new building in Spring 2018, we will be within walking distance of thousands of students who attend FAU. We have piloted some early outreach efforts on campus this fall, and through your giving to the Special Offering we will be able to expand those efforts and help reach college students for Christ.

To meet the spiritual and physical needs of the poor in our area through Community Ministry.

We are a church that serves the “least of these.” Through the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering we will expand our partnerships with local organizations that are meeting the physical and spiritual needs of those in our community.

One of those partners is Boca Helping Hands, which provides meals, medical care, job training and placement, backpack programs for children in need, and more right here in our community. As a church, we can make a difference in their lives through our serving and giving.

(Jesus) “I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!”

– Matthew 25:40



Your gifts will help provide food, medical care, and job training to needy families in our community.

TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

THROUGH SUPPORTING NATIONAL AND

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

Equipping missionaries who are sharing Christ and starting new churches in the U.S. and Canada.

We are a church that supports missions. This focus will continue through our **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering, as we have a great opportunity to join other mission-minded churches in supporting 5,600+ missionaries in the U.S. and Canada, many of whom are starting churches just like The Journey in various languages and in some of the most unchurched areas in North America.

Supporting missionaries who are taking the Gospel around the globe.

Through this Special Offering we will also support 4,200+ missionaries around the globe who are reaching out to every identified people group, especially those in highly unchurched countries. These missionaries are serving in some of the world's most important (and most dangerous) mission fields. With our support, and the support of other like-minded churches, we can literally make a difference around the world as new churches are established and people come to know Christ.



Your giving helps missionaries provide for the physical and spiritual needs of children and families in the poorest areas of Southeast Asia.



Missionaries provide medical care and share Christ with people in places like Syria, Ghana and the Dominican Republic.



Fulfilling the Great Commission to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus gave us a mission:

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20

Through the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering we will be able to help fulfill the Great Commission in 2018.



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FREQUENTLY

ASKED QUESTIONS



Why a Special Offering?

As part of God's plan to grow the faith of the people in His church, He calls us to sacrificial giving from time to time. This Special Offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and prepare for what God wants to do through our church in 2018. This is not because we are behind on budget, but to position us to make a greater impact in our community, in our church and around the world.

What's the difference between the regular offering and this Special Offering?

The regular Journey offering is the proportional amount (the full tithe of 10%) that we set apart on a systematic basis and give throughout the year. From time to time there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. This Special Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith, and should be over and above what you regularly give.

How much should I give?

Since the goal is \$26,000, this Special Offering will involve everyone. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Many in our church can give a \$1,000, \$2,000 or even a \$5,000 gift. Others will be able to give between \$100 and \$500. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

Why is the goal so large?

We are a church that has dared to dream big for God. The ministries supported by this offering are BIG: supporting global and U.S. missions, sharing God's love with our area through Community Ministry, and completing the worship space in our new building. Big dreams require big faith and big funding. Accomplishing these dreams will be determined by your gifts to this Special Offering.

When should I give?

The best time to give will be the first Sunday after you receive this packet. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. However, you can continue to give until January 31, 2018. Please use the “TRANSFORMED” area on the offering envelopes or include a note designating that your gift is for the Special Offering. Remember, consistent gifts over time add up: a person giving \$50 per week over a ten-week period will give \$500 to the Special Offering.

Can I give online via bank check, through auto-debit, or by text giving?

Yes to all. When you give at BocaJourney.com via **online giving**, simply select “TRANSFORMED Special Offering” under the “Fund” drop-down menu. Likewise, you can use your bank’s online payment option to send a check directly to the church office. Just mark in the memo area that your gift is for the TRANSFORMED Special Offering.

You can also give to the Special Offering via a simple **text message**. If you’ve never given to The Journey this way, text the word “GIVE” to 561.962.1772. You will receive an immediate response with instructions on setting up this option (it takes less than 60 seconds). Then you can text the word “TRANSFORMED” and the amount of your gift (i.e. TRANSFORMED 500 or TRANSFORMED 1000).

If you would like to make a special, one-time **auto-debit** over and above your regular giving, call 561.420.0606 x3 and speak with Pastor Jason – it’s quick and easy.

Can I make in-kind gifts of stocks or bonds?

Of course! Since The Journey is a 501c3 organization, there can be tremendous tax benefits for you by giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving, contact Pastor Jason at jh@bocajourney.com or 561.420.0606 x3.

Are my gifts tax-deductible?

All gifts to The Journey, whether via the regular offering or this Special Offering, are completely tax-deductible. Your gift will be deductible in the tax year given (i.e., gifts given in 2017 will be deductible on your 2017 taxes). Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you for your tax preparations. You are not required to utilize a tax deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.

How did we arrive at the \$26,000 goal?

The \$26,000 goal was prayerfully set by The Journey Pastoral Team, and is approximately four times our regular weekly giving. It is a God-sized goal that can only be reached through 100% participation and sacrificial giving by our Journey attenders and members. Since we are expecting God to bless this Special Offering, it has been determined that any amount over and above our goal will be divided equally between Missions and Ministry Advancement.

How will I know if we reach our goal?

Please pray for God's guidance as we all give sacrificially. You will be updated on our giving progress through our weekly email updates and during the Sunday services. Reaching this goal will be a celebration of what we can do together as we stretch our faith under God's leadership.

Have additional questions?

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