

# TRANSFORMED

Transforming OUR WORLD

Through Missions and Church Planting

Transforming OUR CITY

Through Evangelism and Inner City Ministry

Transforming OUR CHURCH

Through Caring for Those in Need and Investing in the Next Generation

THE JOURNEY'S ANNUAL SPECIAL OFFERING

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2018 | GOAL: \$24,000

November 2017

Dear Journey Family,

I am excited to share with you information regarding the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering that begins now and continues through January 15, 2018.

From the very beginning, the goal of our church has been to glorify God in all that we do and make a deep and lasting impact for His kingdom both here in South Florida and around the world.

In the last five years we've seen God's blessing as hundreds of people have come to know Christ and been baptized, we've partnered with community organizations to meet the physical needs of our community, and we've supported missionaries who are taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We've worked hard to "give the people of South Florida the best opportunity to become fully-developing followers of Jesus."

Now with this Special Offering we have the opportunity to deepen our impact like never before by serving our community, enlarging our ministry to our regular attenders and children, and engaging those without a church in our country and world.

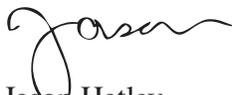
The **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering will be designated for:

- **Transforming OUR WORLD Through Missions and Church Planting.**
- **Transforming OUR CITY Through Evangelism and Inner City Ministry.**
- **Transforming OUR CHURCH Through Caring for Those in Need and Investing in the Next Generation.**

I hope you will carefully read over the enclosed documents to learn more about this exciting opportunity for us to give sacrificially and expand our influence.

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 **TRANSFORM OUR WORLD** like never before!



Jason Hatley

Lead Pastor, The Journey Church

**P.S.** – The enclosed documents 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](mailto:jh@bocajourney.com)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*(Jesus) "You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth." – Acts 1:8*

The **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering is a call to sacrificial giving with a goal of \$24,000 for the following important ministry initiatives:

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This Special Offering will be received now through January 15, 2018.

To give to the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering, use the enclosed offering envelope. Write the amount of your gift on the red line designated "Transformed" and either mail the envelope postage-paid to The Journey office or drop it in the offering on Sunday.

You can also give online at [www.BocaJourney.com/Transformed](http://www.BocaJourney.com/Transformed) or by texting the word "Transformed" plus any amount (Transformed 100, Transformed \$250, etc.) to 561.962.1772.

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THE PURPOSES

OF THIS SPECIAL OFFERING:

## Transforming OUR WORLD Through Missions and Church Planting:

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

In 2017, we helped launch Redemption Church, a new church like The Journey in Lakeland, FL. Through your gifts to the **Transformed** Special Offering we will be able to help launch other new churches and have an impact in Florida, the U.S. and beyond in 2018.

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.



*Your gifts to the Transformed Special Offering will help new churches like Redemption Church in Lakeland, FL reach their community for Christ!*

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.

In Luke 19:10 Jesus explained that his mission was to “seek and save those who are lost.” And in John 17:18 he entrusted the continuation of that mission to us:

*“In the same way that You gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”*

Through the **Transformed** Special Offering we will be able to live out this mission in 2018.



*Missionaries provide medical care and share Christ with Syrian refugees.*

# Transforming OUR CITY Through Evangelism and Inner City Ministry:

We are a church that serves the “least of these.” Through the **Transformed** Special Offering we have a unique opportunity to help those in greatest need in our community, both spiritually and physically. We will continue to partner with local organizations that are making a real difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

In South Florida, there are 784,110 people living in poverty, with 264,280 being children. That means almost one-third of those are children. In Palm Beach County and Broward Counties alone, 142,050 children go to bed hungry every night, and one out of four people who receive food at places like Boca Helping Hands is a child.

The need in our area is great. That’s why, through the **Transformed** Special Offering, we will be able to strengthen our partnership with Boca Helping Hands, providing meals and serving the poor and needy in our area. 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 to the IMPACT Special Offering help provide food, medical care, and job training to families in need our community.*

# Transforming OUR CHURCH Through Caring for Those in Need and Investing in the Next Generation:

We are a church that loves to invest in children and families. We consider it an honor to help a family make the best impact on their child's life, to help them raise a child that will choose to follow Jesus, and to have a strong home. To do this, we have designed a fantastic experience for children on Sunday called Journey Kidz, our ministry to children fifth grade and under. And we are planning improvements for 2018!

Through the **Transformed** Special Offering we will be able to make necessary upgrades to our nursery, replace worn-out toys and provide new Bible-learning tools throughout all of our classes to help ensure that Journey Kidz is the best hour of your child's week. This will put us in the best place to invest in your family spiritually and make an impact in the lives of these children.



*Your gifts to the Special Offering will enable us to provide needed upgrades in our nursery and elementary areas.*

# TRANSFORMED

## 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 to prepare us for what God wants to do through our church in 2017. This offering is not because we are behind on budget, but rather is 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 \$24,000, 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 \$2,000, \$5,000 or even a \$10,000 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 dares to dream big dreams 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, enhancing the Journey Kidz experience and expanding the EPIC middle school experience on Sunday. Big dreams require big faith and big funding. The accomplishment of these big 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 15, 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.

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### *CAN I GIVE ONLINE VIA BANK CHECK, THROUGH AUTO-DEBIT OR BY TEXT GIVING?*

Yes. When you give at JourneyNYC.com via online giving, simply select "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. Simply 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 a text message. If you've never given to The Journey this way, just text the word "GIVE" to 561.962.1772. You will receive an 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, simply call 561.420.0606 x3 and speak with Pastor Jason – it's safe and easy.

### *CAN I GIVE 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](mailto: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 A \$24,000 GOAL?*

The \$24,000 goal was prayerfully set by The Journey Pastors. It is approximately four times our regular weekly giving. It is a God-sized goal that can only be accomplished 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.

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