



*Special Offering to Support Our Vision,
Our Generosity and Our Budget
Goal: \$60,000*

Dear Journey Family,

In the Bible, God's people gave back to God two different ways. They **tithed** 10% of their income on a regular basis throughout the year, and they gave extra through **special offerings**. As a special offering, The **All In** initiative is an opportunity for us to give above our regular giving to help people find and follow Christ.

I'm excited to share with you details regarding our **ALL IN** initiative that begins now and continues through January 31, 2023. We have the opportunity through this initiative to make a difference in many people's lives!

Over the past 13 years, we have seen God change many lives in our community and around the world. As we look to the future, there are opportunities and challenges ahead of us. With this special offering we have the opportunity to invest in changed lives now and in the future.

Last year, our goal was \$15,000, and the people of Journey Church generously gave \$26,447.15, nearly double the goal! With that in mind, as well as the shortfall in our 2023 budget (details included in this packet), we have set the goal at \$60,000. That's a big number, but we serve a BIG God!

Your contribution to the **ALL IN** initiative will enable us to:

- Supplement our 2023 budget
- Provide support for local organizations
- Fund local generosity initiatives, including helping people in our church, and various acts of kindness and generosity in our community

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

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!**

God Bless,

Jim Clayton, Lead Pastor

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 feel free to contact me by phone (317-560-2144) or by email at info@journeychurch.net.

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. -- Philemon 6



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THE PURPOSES OF THIS OFFERING

Supplement our 2023 budget (\$51,000)

Due to a recent decrease in giving and an increase in expenses, our budget for 2023 is significantly underfunded. (The approved 2023 budget is included with this document.) That means our projected income is \$50,000 less than our projected expenses, even after making budget cuts. Any further reductions would require cutting staff, and that is an option we do not want to consider at this time.

Provide support for local organizations (\$5000)

Your generosity will provide support for Assist (\$2500) and Kic-It (\$2500). ASSIST works with individuals who have been directly and/or indirectly affected by sexual, domestic, and physical violence in the community. Kic-It provides help and support for homeless youth in Johnson County.

Fund local generosity initiatives, including helping people in our church, and various acts of kindness and generosity in our community (\$4000)

We want to have funds available to help people in our church in need, and we'd like to do a variety of acts of kindness and generosity in our community. Examples of acts of kindness and generosity would be dropping off food for first responders and teachers.

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. -- Proverbs 11:24-25

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 2022. **This will enable us to impact more lives in our church and in our community.**

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. Occasionally, there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way beyond our regular giving. This Special Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith. **The special offering amount should be above your normal giving.**

How Much Should I Give?

Since the goal is \$60,000, 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. Some in our church can give \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 or more. Others will be able to give less than \$1000. Remember: You can give part as an upfront First Fruit Offering and part as a one-year Faith Commitment. 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?

Since we started Journey in 2009 we have been a church that has dreamed big dreams for God. Big dreams require big faith and big funding. The accomplishment of these big dreams will be determined by your gifts to this Special Offering.

What If We Don't Meet Our Goal?

We will divide it proportionally between the three initiatives, even if we fall short of our goal.

What If We Exceed Our Goal?

If we exceed our goal of \$60,000, the remaining funds will be divided proportionally between the three initiatives.

When Should I Give?

The best time to give your First Fruit Offering will be the first Sunday after you receive this packet. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. However, you can give your First Fruit offering anytime before January 31, 2023. Whether paying by app, cash or check, please make sure you designate your gift for the All In initiative. **PLEASE GIVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE END OF 2022 TO HELP US GET OFF TO A GOOD START IN 2023.**

How Can I Give?

The easiest way is to give through the Journey app (journeychurch.net/app). You also can drop your gift in the offering boxes on Sundays, or send a check directly to the church (3062 Hudson Street Franklin, IN 46131). **However you give, make sure you indicate the amount of your gift that goes to the All In initiative.**

Can I Give In-Kind Gifts of Stocks or Bonds?

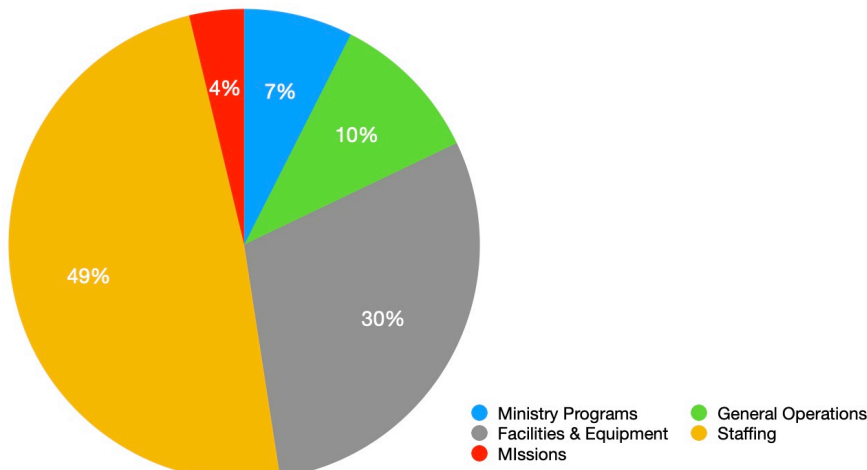
Of course! Since Journey is a 501c3 organization, there can be tremendous tax benefits from giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving, contact Lead Pastor Jim Clayton at (317) 560-2144 or send an email to info@journeyfranklin.org.

Are My Gifts Tax Deductible?

All gifts to 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 2022 will be deductible on your 2022 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 take a tax deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.

Have questions? Please contact Pastor Jim Clayton at info@journeychurch.net or call (317) 560-2144.

ESTIMATED INCOME (based on recent giving trends)	\$180,000
EXPENSES	
5000 Ministry Programs	
5100 Children's Ministry (Curriculum, snacks, craft supplies, decorations, & other materials and supplies)	\$3,000
5200 Growth Groups (Small groups, Growth Track and other classes)	\$500
5400 Worship (Journey Cafe, audio/video, decorations, volunteer expenses & security)	\$3,400
5500 Encouragement/Fellowship (Volunteer appreciation, promotional items, & bereavement)	\$2,000
5700 Missions (Local outreach events, benevolence/assistance, missionary support & support for church planting)	\$9,000
Total 5000 Ministry Programs	\$17,900
6000 General operations	\$25,500
(Advertising, insurance, computers, professional fees, website, Internet, printing, off. supplies & equip.)	
7000 Facilities and Equipment	\$71,000
(Mortgage, utilities, maintenance, repairs, furniture/furnishings & decor)	
8000 Paying workers	
8100 Payroll Expenses (Salaries for four staff, plus retirement, & health/dental insurance for Pastor Jim)	\$105,240
8900 Contract Services + Honorariums (Pay and honorariums for guest speakers and musicians, as well as other contractors)	\$11,400
Total 8000 Paying workers	\$116,640
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$231,040
NET INCOME	-\$50,540





SPECIAL OFFERING COMMITMENT CARD

*** FOR A DIGITAL VERSION OF THIS CARD, GO TO JOURNEYCHURCH.NET/ALLINCARD ***

***PLEASE TURN THIS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31. ***

*** Drop this in an offering box or mail to Journey Church 3062 Hudson St. Franklin IN 46131 ***

First Fruits Offering - This is the amount you will give to the All In initiative before the end of January.

One-Year Faith Commitment - This is the amount you will give above your regular giving, from January 1 through December 31, 2023.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My/Our **First Fruit Offering** (giving by January 31, 2022) is \$_____.

My/Our **Faith Commitment** (January-December, 2023) is \$_____.

(This is the total amount. You can spread this out over the year however you choose.)

If you're not already giving, or you're not sure you can give more.

The table below shows how small amounts can add up. These are just some examples. Pray and ask God to provide for you and make a Faith Commitment. Keep praying and asking God to provide each month, and as He does your faith will increase. You can make a difference!

First Fruit Offering	+	Giving Weekly	OR	Giving Monthly	=	Total All In Giving
\$200		\$16		\$67		\$1,000
\$500		\$29		\$125		\$2,000
\$1000		\$38		\$167		\$3,000
\$2000		\$58		\$250		\$5,000
\$3000		\$87		\$375		\$7,500
\$5000		\$96		\$417		\$10,000