



# The Joy of the Journey

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## How To Use This Book:

This little book outlines the goals, activities and classes that are planned for 2026.

Spend a little time reading through this so you will become familiar with what is going on this year. Work your vacations around the planned events this year. The fridge magnet will help remind you of the wonderful opportunities for you to learn and grow.

A new approach to the Lord's Supper (see page 10), a new event for the men (see page 8) and a special Fall Focus on Parenting are part of the exciting plans for 2026.

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## Opportunities for You To Feast



Throughout the villages of Medieval Europe, massive banquets would take place in the palaces and castles. The finest foods would be served. The best meats, vegetables and deserts would be offered to the guests. All one had to do was pick up a fork. There was so much to enjoy.

In a spiritual parallel, this is what is offered here at Charlestown Road. There is a variety of spiritual foods to consume on a daily basis. We have blogs, podcasts, videos, quick quotes, Bible reading schedules, weekly classes and sermons. There are special group studies and classes offered throughout the year to help you on your journey. Our sermons come with fill in the blank notecards to help you learn and remember. Our website (charlestownroad.org) is a virtual library of help for you.

On top of that, we offer private Bible studies for those who are interested.

Read. Listen. Watch. Write. Learn. Grow. Become. The table is full. Just bring your folk.



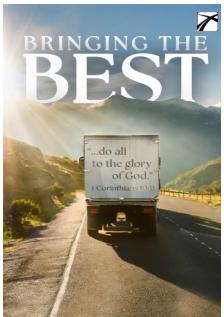
**Weekly Sermons & Bible Classes**



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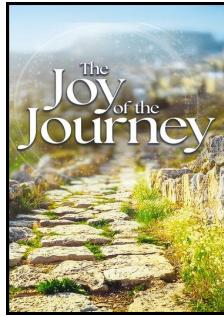
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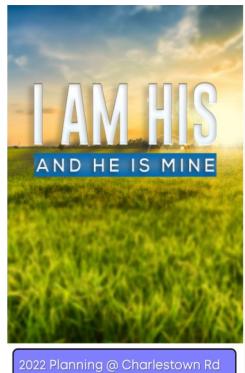
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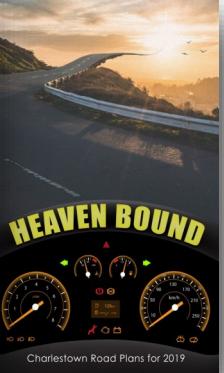
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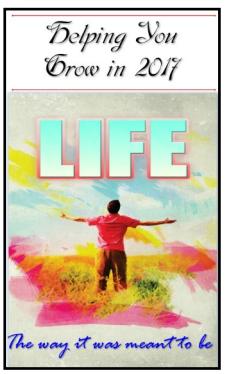


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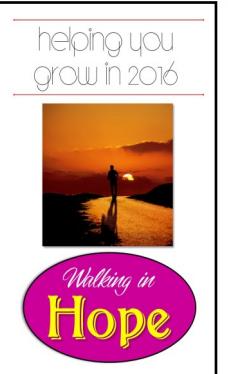


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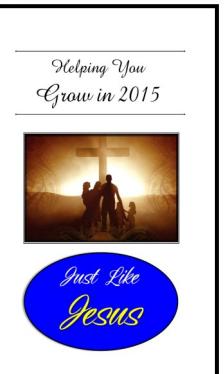
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## The Joy of the Journey

Many a parent has started a vacation with dreams of fun, sun and adventure. But complaining kids, long lines of traffic, over priced food and crowded theme parks quickly turns the trip into a nightmare.

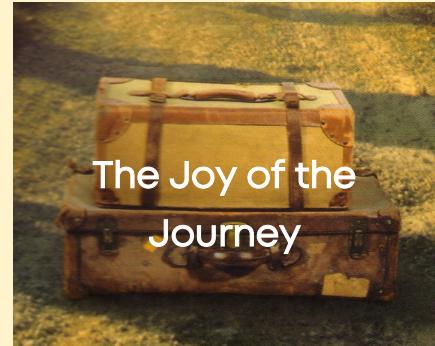
For disciples of Jesus, our journey with the Lord can be viewed as long, difficult, and filled with obligations and duty. As one writer well said, "It does little good to make the trip and miss the joy of the Journey."

The key to finding the "Joy in our Journey" is not in avoiding the storms of life, but rather in keeping those storms on the outside of our hearts. One cannot control what happens on the outside, but we certainly do determine what happens to us on the inside.

What a pleasant journey we take with the Lord. This is helped by the wonderful encouragement that comes from God's amazing people. And, as the journey rolls on, we are headed to a special place made for God's people: HEAVEN.

It does little good to make the trip and not enjoy the journey. All along this wonderful journey with the Lord there are great blessings, encouragements and beautiful promises that enrich our hearts.

Our focus this year is finding the Joy in this Journey with Jesus. Come join us on this trip.



# Connecting with One Another

Fellowship is an integral and important aspect of our spiritual life. We need each other. Together we work, pray, cry, laugh and help one another. The better we know each other, the stronger our bond will be. There are a variety of groups designed to help you serve and get to know each other better.

## Our 2026 Groups

- **Encouragement Group:**
- **Teens Group:**
- **Young Couples Group:**
- **Young Families Group:**
- **Young Men's Group:**
- **Deeper Bible Study Group:**
- **College Age Group:**
- **Koinonia Konnections:**

You will be given opportunity to sign up for these groups electronically. Being a part of these small groups helps you to connect with your church family and to draw closer to each other.

**Koinonia Konnections** is a way to meet another member one-on-one. Spending a couple of hours with another from your church family only enriches our fellowship and helps you to be a part of this great church family.

## KOINONIA KONNECTIONS



**1 Peter 1:22** “Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart”

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## Reflections for the Lord's Supper

### September:

6	# 171	The Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:23-26)
13	# 165	Thus Remember Me (1 Cor 11:27-32)
20	# 179	Lead Me to Calvary (Luke 9:18-24)
27	# 5	How Great Thou Art (Titus 2:11-14)

### October:

4	# 4	Blessed Assurance (Heb 10:19-23)
11	# 671	He Carried My Sorrows (Isa 53:3-5)
18	# 160	One Day (Acts 1:6-11)
25	# e687	How Deep the Father's Love For Us (Heb 2:5-10)

### November:

1	# 162	Night, with Ebon Pinion (Mark 14:32-41)
8	# e368	Before the Throne of God Above (Heb 4:14-16)
15	# 538	Majesty (Rev 5:6-13)
22	# e823	Cornerstone (1 Pet 2:4-10)
29	# 159	When My Love for Christ Grows Weak (Heb 12:1-3)

### December:

6	# 604	I'm the One (Matt 27:15-23)
13	# e440	Triumphal Entrance (John 12:12-15)
20	# 186	I Stand Amazed (1 Tim 1:15-17)
27	# 269	Nothing but the Blood (1 Cor 5:6-8)



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## Reflections for the Lord's Supper

### April:

- 5 # 174 Christ Arose (Matt 28:1-6)
- 12 # e156 I Am the Way (John 14:1-6)
- 19 # 314 There is a Fountain (Zechariah 13:1)
- 26 # 557 Resurrection (John 11:17-26)

### May:

- 3 # s44 Give Thanks (2 Cor 8:9)
- 10 # e943 Highly Exalted (Phil 2:8-11)
- 17 # 167 We Saw Thee Not (John 20:24-29)
- 24 # e603 Just As I Am, I Come Broken (Rom 3:21-26)
- 31 # 161 Hallelujah! What a Savior! (1 John 4:9-14)

### June:

- 7 # 164 The Depth of God's Love (Rom 5:6-8)
- 14 # 369 Mended and Whole (1 Pet 2:22-24)
- 21 # e634 Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer (Eph 3:14-19)
- 28 # 168 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (1 Cor 1:18-31)

### July:

- 5 # 359 Victory in Jesus (1 Cor 15:56-57)
- 12 # e171 In Christ Alone (Rom 8:31-39)
- 19 # 157 At the Cross (Isa 53:6-10)
- 26 # 170 In Gethsemane Alone (Heb 5:7-9)

### August:

- 2 # 158 Nailed to the Cross (Col 2:13-15)
- 9 # 154 Near the Cross (1 Peter 3:18)
- 16 # 567 O Father, Let Us See His Death (Luke 23:32-34)
- 23 # 156 Tell Me the Story of Jesus (John 20:30-31)
- 30 # 175 The Breaking of Bread (Heb 7:26-8:2)

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## Calendar of Events

- **MARCH 27-29** Spring Meeting with **Jordan Shouse**
- **JUNE 21-24** VBS with **Shawn Jeffries**
- **JULY-AUGUST Wednesday** evenings: **Summer Series**  
(see page 7)

### Summer Series Theme: *Healing in its Wings*

July 1	Tommy Peeler	Avon, IN
July 8	Kenny Chumbley	Gibson City, IL
July 15	Gary Kerr	Bowling Green, KY
July 22	Steve Hardin	Plainfield, IN
July 29	Luke Capps	Clarksville, IN
August 5	Bryan Loughmiller	Fort Smith, AR
August 12	Aric Russell	Salem, IN
August 19	Bruce Reeves	Conway, AR
August 26	Josh Creel	Birmingham, AL

- **SEPTEMBER 19: Ladies Day Event**
- **SEPTEMBER 26-27 Fall Focus on Parenting: Phillip Shumake**
- **NOVEMBER 7: How to write & deliver a sermon**

### Past Summer Series Themes

2017	A Beautiful Life	2022	In Christ Alone
2018	Victory in Jesus	2023	Higher Ground
2019	Each Step I Take	2024	Exalted
2020	My Eyes Have Seen Your Glory	2025	My Jesus, I love Thee
2021	How Firm a Foundation		

## Our Journey with the Lord

*January–March*



Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu wrote, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." The first step.

Sometimes the first step is the hardest. The first step back to school after being out for a long time. The first step to recovery from an addiction. The first

step coming home, as the prodigal took.

The **Joy of the Journey** begins with the Lord. That's the first step. Before the church. Before wellness of heart, mind and soul. It all begins with the Lord.

Like Jonah, some want to run the opposite direction from the Lord. But when we do that, we find ourselves all alone. The journey can be challenging. The journey can be long. We need the Lord.

It is through the Lord that we are guided into going the right direction. It's through the Lord that our character is molded and shaped. It's through the Lord that we reach our eternal destination.

**The wonderful Shepherd Psalm (Ps 23) illustrates this:**

- He leads me beside quiet waters (2b)
- He guides me in the paths of righteousness (3b)
- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me (4)
- Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever (6)

***The Journey begins with the Lord!***

## *Reflections for the Lord's Supper*

### **January:**

- 4 # 152 By Christ Redeemed (Gal 3:10-14)
- 11 # s15 Exalted (Acts 5:30-32)
- 18 # 189 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross (Phil 3:7-11)
- 25 # s100 Lamb of God (John 1:29)

### **February:**

- 1 # 166 He Loved Me So (Rev 1:4-6)
- 8 # 183 Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow (Luke 22:39-43)
- 15 # e522 I Bring My Sins to Thee (Matt 11:28-30)
- 22 # 580 Ten Thousand Angels (Matt 26:47-54)

### **March:**

- 1 # e257 Wonderful, Merciful, Savior (Isa 9:2, 6-7)
- 8 # s7 Hosanna (Matt 21:1-9)
- 15 # e1063 In Need (Eph 2:4-13)
- 22 # 578 The Old Rugged Cross (Gal 6:14)
- 29 # e930 Behold Our God (1 Tim 6:13-16)

### **New This Year**

This year for our Lord's Supper focus we are combining a selected song along with a passage. We encourage both the song leaders and the men leading our thoughts to use these tools to help us think deeper and richer about the amazing sacrifice of our Lord. There is a connection between the song and the passage.

The song selection will be listed first, followed by a passage to read. The small "s" indicates the Supplemental book.

- Also this year, the offering of the Lord's Supper in the evening service will take place in the B-2 classroom as the congregation sings and concludes the PM worship.



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## Adult Classes 2026

### First Quarter: Our Journey with the Lord- SUNDAY

- Building Blocks: (B-2): Luke (part 1)
- Thessalonians (Auditorium)
- E<sup>3</sup> Discipleship (small classroom)

### First Quarter: Wednesday

- Aspects of Salvation (Auditorium)
- Building Blocks (B-2): Things Disciples Do
- College Class

### Second Quarter: Our Journey with each other —SUNDAY

- Building Blocks (B-2): Luke (2)
- Philemon (Auditorium)
- Marriage (small classroom)
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### Second Quarter: WEDNESDAY

- Making the body stronger (Auditorium)
- Building Blocks (B-2): Rise up, O men of God
- Ladies Class: Seeking Christ (Colossians)

### Third Quarter: Our Journey through the World—SUNDAY

- In the world but not of the world (Auditorium)
- Building Blocks (B-2): Healthy Diet in a World of Junk Food
- Firm Foundations: Faith, Science and the Creator (Small classroom)

### Third Quarter: WEDNESDAY

Summer Series  
Sept: Your Questions/ Building Blocks: Dealing with Temptations

### Fourth Quarter: Fall—SUNDAY

- Kingdom Parables (Auditorium)
- Building Blocks (B-2): 2 Corinthians

### Fourth Quarter: WEDNESDAY

- Heaven (Auditorium)
- Building Blocks (B-2): Isaiah
- College Class

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## Second Quarter

### Our Journey with Each Other

*April–June*

One of the sweet blessings and joys of our spiritual journey is the incredible people of God that we get to meet. Opening our hearts to other disciples brings encouragement, prayers, support and comfort. This is the nucleus of a congregation. Men and women of all ages, backgrounds and experiences, joining heart and hand in this incredible journey we call "life."



The more you get to know your family in Christ, the richer, happier and healthier your journey becomes. Where would we be without our Lord and His army of believers?

### 2026 VBS June 21-24

**Shawn Jeffries** will be teaching the auditorium class

For the High School—ADULTS:



### **Journeying Together**

Sun AM: The need for One Another  
Sun Class: The need for Unity  
Sun PM: The need for Encouragement  
Mon: The need for Active Membership  
Tues: The need for Growth  
Wed: The need for Gratitude

### **The Theme for the Children's VBS:**

- Be Brave: Paul's 1st Journey for Jesus
- Be Happy: Paul's 2nd Journey for Jesus
- Be Ready: Paul's 2nd Journey for Jesus
- Be Busy: Paul's 3rd Journey for Jesus
- Be Right: Paul's Final Journey for Jesus



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Third Quarter

## Our Journey through the World

*July-September*

Within this journey with our Lord, there are pathways through dangerous valleys of life. The world doesn't help us with our journey. Discouragement, disappointment, trials, troubles and temptations can be part of this journey. Understanding these things and finding help through Scriptures, prayers and one another makes it possible for us to navigate through these stormy times, not just successfully, but with joy in our hearts.



While in many ways, we are traveling through "Lion Country," we do not travel alone. The Psalmist declared, "I fear no evil for You are with me" (Ps 23:4). Together with the Lord and with each other, we experience the Joy of the Journey.

### 2026 Summer Series: **Healing in its Wings**

July 1	As Light of Morning rises up with healing in its wings Tommy Peeler
July 8	Thru Your beloved Son, there is grace so undeserved Kenny Chumbley
July 15	O, Father, I do sin, and my heart breaks deep within Gary Kerr
July 22	For You have sought me Steve Hardin
July 29	Lifting my burden that is more than I can ever bear Luke Capps
Aug 5	Create a heart so clean that like You, I may be Bryan Loughmiller
Aug 12	Give it peace and joy to love and follow You Aric Russell
Aug 19	O, may I ever strive to live pure in Your sight Bruce Reeves
Aug 26	Free to glorify and honor You Josh Creel

Charlestown Rd Plans for 2026

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Fourth Quarter

## Our Journey Home

*October-December*



Years ago, the state of Indiana issued license plates with the logo, "Wander Indiana" as the theme. The idea was to just travel about the state. Wander doesn't have a specific destination nor path in mind. Travel this road. Travel that road.

While that may seem like a fun day-trip, it's a terrible way to live your life. One doesn't just happen upon Heaven. Our eternal home is a prepared place for a prepared people. Having purpose, wise choices, and specific direction is the key to reaching a destination. It is that way when it comes to reaching Heaven.

What Joy we will experience once we've reached that eternal home. There will be no other place calling for our attention. There is no other place that we'd rather be at. For all the glitter and happiness that this world offers, nothing will compare to Heaven. The best is yet to come.

## New This Fall

In the more than 70 years of combined preaching, Jason and Roger have written literally thousands of sermons. They will take one Saturday morning in November to work with the men to learn how to study a text, develop an outline and share practical tips in giving a lesson. This will be a great benefit to those new and those experienced in teaching God's word.



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