

## The Journey It's an Adventure! Seriously!

By Pastor Dave Izenbart

When was the last time you had a really great adventure? I mean the kind where you were stretched, challenged, humbled, encouraged, and blessed. Perhaps you have experienced some great adventures on a trip or when you were younger. But I wonder how many of us could say we have experienced a really great adventure - in church?

Here's the good news: you CAN have a great adventure! In church! In over 25 years of doing ministry, I have never come across anything as valuable and potentially life-changing as The Journey: An Adventure in Spiritual Growth. It is truly an adventure that will stretch you, challenge you, humble you, encourage you, and bless you.

One of the great things about this great adventure is that you get to do it in the company of fellow adventurers. And this community of adventurers could be one of the most beautiful groups you have ever been a part of.

Another great thing is that this adventure happens right here, right at Living Springs! You don't have to travel to outer Mongolia or even Chicago. The Journey takes place right here in our own neighborhood. How convenient is *that*?

**WHAT IS IT?** The Journey: An Adventure in Spiritual Growth is a 7-month intensive spiritual formation and process to help people grow as followers of God and as emerging leaders. It is designed to help emerging leaders discover who God is, who they are, and what God is calling them to do. It is for anyone interested in growing spiritually and also for those who just want to become more effective leaders in the church or in the marketplace.

### There are five key elements of The Journey through which people grow:

1. Weekly instructional sessions in small group communities
2. Individual study
3. Mentoring
4. Ministry experiences
5. Team-building events

### When Does it Start?

- November 4 – Orientation and Kick off following the second service – 12 p.m. ish in room 220. The length of the process is approximately 7 months
- The cost has been drastically reduced in order to make the experience more affordable. The Journey is a great adventure. Do you need a sign from God to convince you to consider this opportunity? Here it is:



It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

Grief Share groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each Grief Share session has three distinct elements: Video seminars with a leader, Support group with a focus on the video and what is going on in your life and Personal study and reflection that is done through the week in the workbook.

**Launch date: Wednesday night, November 14**

**Where: room 220**

**When: 6:30 - 8:00pm.**

If you would like further information, please call Carolyn Ray at 708-473-9949.

# November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Christian Brookens <i>Jim &amp; Kathryn Aggen</i>	2 <i>Tracy &amp; Kim Kitchell</i>	3 Barbara Brown Stanley Marsh
4 	5 Andrew DeYoung Walter Schultz <i>Forrest &amp; Tara Sodergren</i>	6 Jeannette Contreras Melanie Doornbos Sheila Hawker	7 Mel Webb	8 Jeanette Bartak Ryan Castady Kali Cienkus Ray Myles	9 Merric Denman Jean Schultz	10
11 Issy Neibert	12 Dave Brown	13 Coralee DeBruin Josh Izenbart Isaac Jules-Ray Graziella Lucas Margie Toigo	14 Martin Schranz	15 Quinn Hanna Erika Holliday Allen Jongsma <i>Kevin &amp; Christine Biegler</i>	16	17 Tarris Brookshire Francine Castillo Violet Doornbos Dana Injerd
18 Tricia Schranz	19 Dollnetta Jordan Dave Shepard	20	21 Alvy Butler Jared Hoekstra Abigail Saldok Aubree Scheutzow <i>Eric &amp; Kim Zender</i>	22 Anika Izenbart Geri Piepenbrink	23	24 Darcey Angelini Randle Elmore Tim Redmond <i>Wayne &amp; Edie Aardsma</i>
				<p>The church office will be closed on November 23 &amp; 24, in observance of Thanksgiving.</p> 		
25	26 Rob Rankin	27 Madeline DeYoung Linda Stroh	28 Esther Derks Deborah Dixon Gracen Sikkema	29	30	

All are invited to attend our annual

## Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m.  
childcare is provided for ages 0-2

Each year at our Thanksgiving service, we invite people of the church family to come and share what God has done in his/her life. If you would like to be part of this inspiring service or would like more information, please contact Keith Piepenbrink at [keith@livingspringscc.org](mailto:keith@livingspringscc.org) or (708) 709-0100 ext. 11.