



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE JOURNEY, 9/27/2026

***FEARLESS & FUN FITNESS PROGRAMS HAVE STARTED!** Join us for Senior Chair Workout on Monday mornings 9am-9:45am and/or for Strength & Core Workout on Thursday mornings 9- 9:45am right here at The Journey. Please bring some 2-5lb light weights and a mat for the Strength/Core class. Thank you to Ann Hager (our fitness guru) for offering these FREE classes in the Journey Worship Center!

***GRIEF SHARE, a Grief & Loss Support Group, meets at the Journey on Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm.** This 13-week seminar of GriefShare is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one or friend. These seminars are FREE and open to anyone. Please talk to Pastor Ted or Jon Christenson for more information, or sign up on our website.

REBOOT, Combat Recovery Ministry, meets at the Journey on Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm. This 12-week, faith based, peer-led course helps veterans, active-duty military, & their families heal from service-related trauma. For more information, please contact Stephen King, 505-239-3615.

***WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMING AT THE JOURNEY is for EVERYONE!** We meet at 6pm and offer a Bible Study with Pastor Ted for adults of all ages & also have The Lord's Army program for our children and youth, preschool through high school. Join us!

***BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN is meeting on THURSDAY MORNINGS, 10am, at The Journey!** This study, led by Karen Blevins, will be about the importance of "Hiding God's Word in Your Heart." The study is for women of all ages, so bring your Bible and join us on Thursday mornings!

****We are taking orders for Journey shirts & hats!** More information is available in our welcome center or you can talk to Ann Hager at church or give her a call 505-270-9087.

****If you would like to be included in our EMAIL list to receive Prayer Requests and other announcements for The Journey, please send your email information to us:**
ted@thejourneyriorancho.com

****TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT at the Journey is scheduled for October 31 in our parking lot!** We need donations of candy or small prizes and volunteers to bring their car or truck, decorate the trunk, and hand out candy to visitors. More information will be coming soon

with a sign-up list on how you can specifically help. Let's make this a FUN & SAFE event for our community!

SAVE THE DATE! Deeply Rooted Women (our new women's ministry) will be hosting their inaugural event November 7. More information will be coming soon for specific details, but if you would like more information about how you can get involved, contact Mary Beardsell.

***CLOTHING CLOSET NEWS:** Dan Olson continues to coordinate donations of gently used clothing (any size, infants to adults), gently used household items, and even furniture for anyone in need. **If you would like to donate any gently used items or know of anyone who might need various items of furniture, basic household items or clothing of any size, please contact DAN OLSON ON HIS NEW PHONE: 505-227-3301.** Also, if you would like to **VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THIS MINISTRY**, please contact Dan. Many families and organizations have been truly blessed by all your generosity, **THANK YOU!** ***CURRENT NEEDS:** a full-sized bed, sheets & blankets for any size beds, towels, small kitchen table & chairs, electric scooter for disabled person. **CLOTHING:** Girls sz 8 & 12/14, Boys sz 6, Mens clothing, coats, underwear, socks & shoes.

****GET READY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!** We will have over 100 empty OCC boxes **NEXT SUNDAY, Sept 27 for you to take and fill!** Start stocking up on items to fill your boxes and we will also have some items for free for you to take and add to your boxes. OCC boxes & some items will be set up in our church nursery area next week, across from the worship center doors. **Please remember to include the boy or girl tags on your box as well as your donation that goes to cover shipping costs all over the world.** For ideas of what to include in your shoebox, check out the Samaritan's Purse website: <https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

In addition to little gifts, you can always include a picture of you, a scripture, or a personal note and even personalize the box you pack your gifts in! Check out the picture below of how some people decorate the inside of their boxes.



Did you know that each child receiving a gift box will also hear the story of Jesus? In addition to hearing the Gospel, children also receive *The Greatest Gift*, a storybook that shares the message of salvation. The booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 110 languages. Many children have never heard the story about the greatest gift, Jesus, until they receive a gift box from you. Can you imagine the impact your box will have? **Our OCC Liaison is Lee Chavez and if you have questions, please contact her at 910-728-7486. Thank you, Lee, for all you do to make this event so meaningful and successful!**