



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE JOURNEY, 10/11/2026

****TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT** at the Journey is scheduled for October 31 in our parking lot from 4pm until 6:30pm!

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. We also need volunteers to help set up before, manage parking, help with safety, and help with clean up after the event. Please sign-up at the table in our foyer if you plan on setting up your vehicle for trunk or treat or how you would like to specifically help with this event. We also have stacks of flyers for you to take and give out to neighbors, friends, family, businesses, etc. Let's make this a SUCCESSFUL, FUN & SAFE event for our community!

***FEARLESS & FUN FITNESS PROGRAMS CONTINUE!** 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.

***BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN is meeting on THURSDAY MORNINGS, 10am, at The Journey!** This study, led by Karen Blevins, looks at 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! *It is not too late to start attending!*

****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.

****DEEPLY ROOTED, JOURNEY WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Calling all Journey women to attend our first ever event on Saturday, November 7th from 10am-12pm! Join us as we fellowship

together with "Gratitude & Joy" and make our own gratitude journals. More information is available as well as a sign-up list at the welcome desk in our Journey foyer.

****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:**

admin@thejourneyranch.com

***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:** Queen sz bed, dresser, loveseat, table & chairs, microwave, blankets, diapers.

****OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD HAS ARRIVED AT THE JOURNEY!** We have over 100 empty OCC boxes for you to take and fill! Now is the time to take as many boxes as you would like to fill with small gifts. We also have many items FREE for you to take and add to your boxes. OCC boxes & items are set up in our church nursery area across from the worship center doors. Please remember to mark the boy or girl tags on your box as well as include your donation that goes to cover shipping costs all over the world, rubber banded to the outside of your box. 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! Please only include NEW items in your boxes and **remove packaging** from those items before packing them. Also, please remember that soap, toothpaste, other liquids, candy, and sharp objects are NOT allowed in boxes. For ideas of what you can include in your shoebox, check out the Samaritan's Purse website: <https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

Many children receiving boxes have never heard of God or Our Savior Jesus Christ and OCC is an awesome way to introduce Jesus to their culture. You can also visit this website to see children from all over the world receiving a box, find out more, or donate to Operation Christmas Child: [Click here to view more information from Samaritans Purse](#)

ALL OCC BOXES ARE DUE BACK TO THE JOURNEY BY NOVEMBER 15, 2026. 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!

