

The Elders have been praying and discussing the future of Journey Church--as always--but even more so after Randy shared his plans with us—earlier this year. Randy has faithfully served the church as leader of the congregation for almost three decades. He has overseen a church reconciliation, a building campaign, the move to this building, retirement of the mortgage debt, assembly of our current tenured and talented staff and so much more—humbly leading in truth and pastoring all of us--in times of grief and needed comfort--and in times of celebration and always in thankfulness to God. We want to thank him for his dedication to Christ and His church. Fortunately for Journey church, He won't be going away and will continue to serve the church in some capacity beyond August 2025. We are happy that he will be able to step back from the pressure of being Senior Minister to enjoy his family, friends, and more importantly his grandchildren. As elders, we have always prioritized the consideration of future leaders from within the church. We have sought council and have asked God to reveal just such a candidate to pick up where Randy will be leaving off. The Elders have concluded that there is someone from within the current staff that would be capable of leading Journey Church into the future. We believe that man is Zach Carmichael. We have been praying for, investing in and mentoring Zach for several months and will continue to do so going forward. He will immediately take more of a leadership role so you all can get to know him better. He will be preaching more often, especially after the first of the year prior to August of 2025. We know God prepared and brought Zach to us-just as he brought Randy. We ask our church family to be in prayer in support of Zach and the Elders as we make this crucial transition.