

Welcome New Members

Let us welcome our new members:

Patricia Mickel

Jeremy & Taylor Price

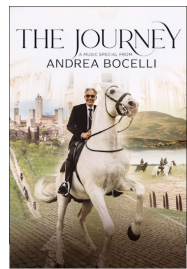


The Journey: A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli

This movie will be showing at the Cinemark Movie Bistro in Charlotte on April 2-4 at 4 PM & 7 PM and April 6 at 4 PM.

“Combining world-class musical performances with intimate conversations across the awe-inspiring Italian countryside, THE JOURNEY: A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli is an exploration of the moments that define us, the songs that inspire us, and the relationships that connect us to what matters most.

Bocelli and his wife Veronica travel on horseback along Italy’s Via Francigena, an ancient road traveled by pilgrims for centuries in the footsteps of the apostles and saints. Along the way, they are joined by friends Michael W. Smith, Tori Kelly, Tauren Wells, and TAYA for world-class musical performances in some of Italy’s most magnificent venues and majestic locations.



Following a blessing from the Pope, Bocelli’s children Matteo and Virginia make appearances in this amazing adventure, as well as musicians and singers Katherine Jenkins, Clara Barbier Serrano, 2Cellos, 40 Fingers, and many others.

You’ll be swept away by THE JOURNEY of beautiful music, creation, faith, and love.”

Tickets need to be preordered from Cinemark.com

Backpacks for Hope Cards

If you are interested in sending the 10 middle schoolers who receive food backpacks each week an Easter card or encouraging cards, please drop them off in the church office.



March 19, 2023

IF THE SON SETS YOU
FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE
INDEED

John 8:36

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Sunday, March 19, 2023

Jesus Gave Me Grace and Forgiveness (John 8:2-11)

The Point: Jesus took my guilt and set me free.

The Bible Meets Life: Several years ago, I was preaching on forgiveness. I spoke of how God had forgiven others. The very next day, a man was waiting in my office to speak to me about my sermon. To know someone wants to “discuss the sermon” fills every pastor with a note of uncertainty. Will this be praise or a heavy critique? Was he going to point out some ill-advised illustration I had used? Was he going to critique my interpretation of the text?

What I found was a man in tears. He told me that he had done some horrible things in his life, and he wasn't sure he could ever be forgiven. Many people live under this heavy burden. They know the pain they have caused, and they live daily in shame and guilt. The good news I shared with this man is the same good news that is available to all. Jesus came to forgive and to give grace to all who will trust in Him.

Live It Out: Confess sin. What are some ways sin has reared its ugly head in your life? Take a moment and think about the consequences of that sin. Confess those sins to Christ. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). **Write a prayer.** Most of us speak our prayers, but writing prayers can be a powerful exercise. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for saving you from your sin. Mention His mercy and grace. Ask Him to help you show grace to others even as He has shown grace to you. **Extend grace.** Rarely a week goes by when there is not some situation that has me flustered. Prepare yourself now to extend grace. Extend grace to others. When you do, you reflect Christ to others.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

My Encounter with Jesus

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| Sunday, March 26 | Jesus Opened My Eyes to the Truth
(John 9:1-7, 32-33, 35-38) |
| Sunday, April 2 | Jesus Died for Me
(John 19:16-19, 28-30, 38-42) |



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Indoor Worship
- 10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

- 6:30 PM Online Worship
- 6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Electric Stove

If anyone is in need of a used electric stove, please talk with Stacey.



Service Attendance

Sunday, March 12

Indoor: 52

Online: 61



Wednesday, March 15

Online: 57

Youth: 11

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

March Offering

To Date:

\$7,121.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson
Gary Clontz
Terry Cox
The Hedgepeths
Mike Helms
Christine Hinson
Gabe Horne
Lillian Lewis
Tammy Lovingood
Rich Majewski
Claudette Kay
Richie Raines
Global Missions
Local & NAMB
Area Schools/Admin
1st Responders
The Sick & Elderly
Backpacks of Hope Students

Baby Registry

There's still time to celebrate Brandy & Amrit!
Brandy & Amrit Ghimire are registered at Walmart.

Registry link:
<https://bit.ly/3k40VTa>

