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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

UKRAINE/MOLDOVA COFFEE MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Our missions team has Moldova Mission Blend coffee bags available at the back of the sanctuary. There are whole bean, decaf, and ground options for suggested donations of \$20.00/bag. All proceeds go to the Ukraine/Moldova mission trip.

JOINT GAME NIGHT FOR MEN + WOMEN — Friday, Feb 16, 6:00 pm

It's going to be a fun night of laughter and competition in the office building. Don't miss!

SPECIAL GUEST: QUINCY GOOD STAR — Sunday, Feb 18, 10:00 am

Pastor Quincy will be sharing the 3rd part of our SEEK message series, titled "Mystery Hidden, Now Revealed." In the Old Covenant, the church was a mystery, but is now revealed in the New Covenant. Discover the benefits of fellowship and unity through this powerful revelation! You will be surprised and blessed.

FOLLOWING HOLY SPIRIT IN DECIDING IF A PROPHETIC WORD IS FOR THE CHURCH — Monday, Feb 19, 6:00-to-8:30 pm

Join us in the office building for this free mini-workshop by Black Hills School of Supernatural Ministry on partnering with Holy Spirit. This month we will focus on knowing if a prophetic word is to be shared with the church and if so, how to do so effectively.

26TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Sunday, March 3

No one throws a party like Destiny! We love to celebrate the goodness of God, and this year will be no exception. Party hats, blowers, and a whole morning of celebration!

Our special guest is Pastor Justin Manzey. Justin has been in ministry for 33 years. He and his wife Kim have two adult children. Justin has traveled throughout the world speaking on leadership and church development, focusing on getting churches and leaders healthy. He is the Founder/President of Latitude Ministries and has worked with churches and church networks locally and globally in over 38 countries.

Pastor Justin has a master's degree in Church Leadership. He also has his Doctorate in Philosophy of Theological Ecclesiology. He is an author of 8 books on leadership and church culture, along with several devotional books. Pastor Justin and Kim currently are senior pastors at Family Worship Center in Watertown SD

MESSAGE NOTES

2.11.24 | SEEK, Part 2: God Is Doing Something New

REMEMBER THE THINGS OF THE PAST

God is very much into the _____.

*This is what the Lord says—who makes a way in the sea, and a path through raging water, who brings out the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty one together (they lie down, they do not rise again; they are extinguished, put out like a wick) — “Do not remember the past events; pay no attention to things of old. Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert. **Isaiah 43:16-19 CSB***

Never underestimate the power of a _____ from God.

You are here because you have a God that brings you _____.

*Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back with a powerful east wind all that night and turned the sea into dry land. So the waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with the waters like a wall to them on their right and their left. **Exodus 14:21-22 CSB***

God wants you to _____ your history with Him.

*“This day is to be a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to the Lord. You are to celebrate it throughout your generations as a permanent statute.” **Exodus 12:14 CSB***

*Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you from there. Therefore I am commanding you to do this. **Deuteronomy 24:18 CSB***

GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING

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DON'T GET SO FIXATED ON THE _____ FROM THE PAST
THAT YOU MISS THE _____ THING GOD IS DOING.

*“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. No, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.” **Jesus, Matthew 9:17 CSB***

*Will you not revive _____ again so that your people may rejoice in you? **Psalms 85: 6 CSB***

There is a lot of _____ involved in the process of making wine.

- ARE YOU WILLING TO BE THE _____?

Instead of me praying, “Send revival.” Begin praying, “Send _____, a carrier of revival.”

DESTINY FAMILY

An Important Note From Our Church Council

At the end of 2023, we invited our denomination's financial team to come and audit our facilities and finances. We, the church Council, found the visit and review very insightful and helpful. Foursquare gave us a list of some organizational shifts we need to make. Some will be required for us to comply more fully with IRS and Foursquare regulations. And others are recommendations.

Please cover our team in prayer as we work through implementing these changes, in phases, throughout this year and the next. The Council manages many prayerful decisions concerning our facilities and finances every month, and we need the wisdom of Christ.

One of the shifts we need to make immediately is the collection of funds for individuals and/or specific ministries. Per instruction from our financial review:

According to IRS Publication 526 on rules governing the tax deductibility of charitable gifts, contributions earmarked to individuals are expressly not tax deductible. Allowing donations to pass through the church without control of those funds resting at the church violates this regulation and potentially jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of the Foursquare denomination.

The church must not receive funds designated for an individual [or a specific ministry]. The church must receive funds from either the general fund or a fund set up by the Church Council. Funds may be disbursed out of these donor-restricted funds at the direction of the church Council and not a donor.

WHAT THIS MEANS: Effective immediately, Destiny can no longer accept checks written or directed to a specific person or ministry. I.e., a check written to "Destiny Foursquare Church" with the request/memo for it to go towards "Pastor Suzy." Another example would be a check written to "Destiny" with a memo to have it go towards a specific ministry, such as "Via Love International."

As an alternative, you will see and hear Destiny collecting offerings, such as on our Missional Giving Sundays, towards our MISSIONAL FUND. We will share about *Via Love International*, as an example, and then collect money towards the MISSIONAL FUND. The Council can then decide to fund *Via Love* from that offering. According to the IRS, the Council, not the donor, must direct the funds. As another example, Destiny can share about a family in need and then ask for giving towards our established BENEVOLENCE FUND. The Council can then decide to give the totality of that offering to said family.

Lastly, suppose you want to continue to support Judah and Candace's church plant, for example. In that case, you must give to their ministry directly, not through Destiny. If you want to bless someone in our congregation, you must do it directly and not process it through the church.

Another change we are making **at the end of February** is **discontinuing the use of PayPal and Tithe.ly as digital giving options.** It was recommended that we narrow down our focus to one option. Per the financial review, *"Using more than one system is cumbersome and more arduous for the bookkeeper to reconcile. We recommend the church consolidate its electronic giving options to one merchant provider to simplify the process."*

Giving digitally at www.mydestiny.family/give, via text messaging, and through the Church Center app will continue to be available options as they are all processed through the same secure organization that we use to manage donations.

Thank you for your understanding and grace as we navigate change.

THE DESTINY COUNCIL



ENGAGEMENT PARTY

Please join us as we celebrate the engagement of
Pastor Shawn M. Shoup and Kimberly Stewart

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

THE GILCHRIST RESIDENCE
2946 Tower Ct, Rapid City, SD

Hosted by Sandra and Jon Gilchrist

Charcuterie and desserts will be served

SAVE THE DATES // WEDDING SERVICES:

Saturday, Feb 8, 2025, in Anaheim, CA
Saturday, Feb 15, 2025, in Rapid City, SD