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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP — Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 pm

Worship Nights are back! After a break since last fall, our First Wednesday Worship Nights are returning — and we couldn't be more expectant. Join us for an extended, unhurried night of worship, soaking prayer, and space to encounter Jesus. No sermon. No rush. Just room to seek His presence together. Make plans to be there and don't miss the first one.

28TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Sunday, March 8

Destiny is turning 28! Join us as we celebrate 28 years of life-change, ministry, and God's faithfulness—Destiny style, with birthday fun, donuts, balloons, and plenty of celebration. We're excited to welcome Quincy Goodstar as our special guest!

EVANGELISTIC CONVERSATIONS — Sunday, March 8, 1:00-5:00 pm

We all have people in our lives who don't yet share our faith. Some conversations about Jesus come naturally... others don't. We're hosting a workshop to help us grow in having respectful, grace-filled, Spirit-led conversations with people from all kinds of backgrounds and beliefs. Our goal isn't to win arguments — it's to represent Jesus well when God opens a door. Pastor Valerie will lead a short teaching time, along with some practical discussion and role play. We'd love for you to join us.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE — Wednesday evenings starting March 11

Starting Wednesday, March 11, from 6:00–8:00 PM, Destiny will host The Marriage Course—a 7-week, date-night-style experience designed to help couples strengthen their connection and grow deeper together. Each evening includes a welcoming atmosphere, engaging video teaching, and guided private conversations between you and your spouse (no group sharing required). Whether your marriage is thriving or facing challenges—whether you're newly married, engaged, or have been together for decades—this course offers practical tools for communication, resolving conflict, forgiveness, intimacy, and love in action. Invest intentionally in the relationship that matters most.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING — Sunday, March 22, after service

ALL WORSHIP SUNDAY + POTLUCK — Sunday, March 29

This month has five Sundays, which means it's time for All-Worship Sunday! Join us for a nothing-but-worship service with extended, passionate worship, followed by a potluck lunch together. Please plan to bring a light dish to share—chips and dip, sandwiches, fruit, charcuterie, veggie trays, or any favorite you'd like. It's a beautiful day of worship, food, and fellowship, and we absolutely cannot wait to gather together.

We love capturing moments of worship and community. Photos and videos may be taken today for Destiny Foursquare's online and promotional use. If you'd rather not appear, let our Welcome Team know.
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MESSAGE NOTES

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A REAL ENCOUNTER LEAVES EVIDENCE

(3) By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. (4) The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; (5) but whoever follows His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: (6) the one who says that he remains in Him ought, himself also, to walk just as He walked.

(7) Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. (8) On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining. (9) The one who says that he is in the Light and yet hates his brother or sister is in the darkness until now. (10) The one who loves his brother and sister remains in the Light, and there is nothing in him to cause stumbling. (11) But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes. **1 John 2:3-11 NASB**

1. The question of our age is: _____? Specifically, we are referencing the evidence of a life encounter with God.

2. Real faith produces real _____. (vs. 3)

- I will write My law on their hearts. **Jeremiah 31:33 NASB**

- I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes. **Ezekiel 36:27 NASB**

3. Obedience is not the _____ of salvation; it's the _____ of salvation. (vs. 4)

A NEW HEART WALKS A NEW WAY

4. Love "perfected" doesn't mean _____; it means brought into its intended _____. (vs. 5)

5. If I _____ in Jesus, I will begin to _____ like Jesus. (vs. 5b-6)

Abide in Me, and I in you. **John 15:4 NASB**

WHAT LIGHT LOOKS LIKE

6. The clearest evidence of real faith is _____. (vs. 9-11)

7. Real faith shows up in _____ places with _____ people.

8. Children of God begin to reflect God's _____.

These things I have written so that you may know that you have eternal life. **1 John 15:13 NASB**

9. Assurance grows as we cling to _____.
