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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

BUILDING MANAGEMENT PERSON NEEDED

Destiny has a large facility in need of a volunteer to manage building and ground issues and concerns. Things like keeping light bulbs changed, making sure furnace filters are replaced, and communicating and connecting with staff and third party contractors for general upkeep, maintenance, and repairs. If interested, email destiny@destiny4square.org and/or contact the main office.

THIS CITY BELONGS TO JESUS — Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 pm @ Landmark Community Church

This is the first of four citywide prayer, praise, and proclamation nights leading up to an October 1 event at The Monument event center, where our mayor will officially make a declaration over our city.

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 the author of 8 books on leadership and church culture, along with several devotional books. Pastor Justin and Kim are currently senior pastors at Family Worship Center in Watertown SD

TUESDAY NIGHT OF WORSHIP — Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 pm @ Pure Bean Coffeehouse Event Room

Big news! Harp + Bowl is moving to a new location downtown! We will still be meeting every other Tuesday night. We believe that this is a step towards evangelizing and reaching the heart of Rapid City and our college campus.

Worship: Simple. Passionate. Pure. Bring a friend and come and worship with us!

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MESSAGE NOTES

2.11.25 | SEEK, Part 4: Living As a Follower of Jesus

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 NIV***

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN?

1. Being _____.
2. Being in love with God.
3. Extending _____.
4. Shining a _____.
5. Giving generously.

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage."

*"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven." **Matthew 5:13-16 MSG***

6. _____ Good News.

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. **Romans 1:16 NIV***

• The Greek word *euangélion* means _____.

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation." **Mark 16:15 NIV***

*"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." **Matthew 24:14 NIV***

7. Make _____.

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20 NIV***

8. _____ one _____.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." **John 13:34 NIV***

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 NIV***

*"By this, everyone will know that you are My disciples if you love one another." **John 13:35 NIV***

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