



## *Don't forget to stay connected during the week!*

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Would you like to serve and discover what God can do in you and through you? We'd love to connect with you. Let us know through your connection card or by speaking with one of our leaders.

### CHURCH IN THE ALLEY

An important part of our church's DNA is serving those in need. On June 27, we'll be sharing hope, prayer, and the love of Jesus in the streets of our city as we serve alongside the ZN RED community.

### YOUTH GATHERING

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., students ages 12–18 gather to connect, grow in their faith, and build meaningful friendships in a safe and fun environment.

### WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for a special evening of worship, prayer, and community as we seek God's presence together. It will be a meaningful time to grow in our faith and worship as one church family. Join us on Friday, July 31, at 7:30 PM.

# *Hello!*

## *Glad to see you!*



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## FAITHFUL IN THE WAITING..

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## 3 POINTS, ACTION AND PRAYERS IN THE WAITING

**POINT #1** — WE AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WAITING.

**ACTION #1** — Move from being self-focused to SERVANT FOCUSED.

*—Jesus: "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."*

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**PRAYER #1** — God, SHOW ME who I can serve as I wait.

## POINTS, ACTION AND PRAYERS IN THE WAITING,

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## FINAL THOUGHTS:

- God was in the STEP and the STOPS of Joseph's life.
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## NOTES

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