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THURSDAY BLOG

Framework for Success

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Journey Church Cynthiana has volunteers serving on a local board of directors who build affordable housing. The labor is mostly donated. Some construction built to city codes require sub-contractors.

Materials then purchased for a new build become a 20-year, interest free mortgage, paid back to our nonprofit. This framework is similar to Habitat for Humanity organizations. First, we identify worthy families in our community—families unable to qualify for normal lending agencies. We then select families for consideration of each build. A small team of volunteers made up of active board of directors chooses a worthy family from applications received.

Current volunteers, plus earlier groups, have built roughly ten homes over the last 10-12 years. The dilemma in 2026 is a temporary delay (two years) of construction. One key factor slowing new startups has been inflation costs. A second key factor has been a natural turn-over of available volunteers to work, lead, organize, and fundraise for new resources and materials.

In hopes of minimizing building costs, we've stayed with a single floorpan, or framework—always 2 & 3 bedroom, bath, kitchen, living area, with approximately 1100 square ft.

We currently have property for two build sites in the city. We're hoping to move forward this summer by breaking ground for the next build. You can help, if interested, to volunteer. If you have a passion for construction—helping create more affordable housing in our community—let's talk. We can share more details of what is needed.

All this discussion about a framework for building homes, sets me up for our weekend series at Journey Church. Part-two of our series, Family Matters, offers relevant tips—like a framework for parents—building healthy families. After a blueprint is selected—the Bible—last weeks outline, we discover a framework—this time—getting everything covered before bad weather arrives. Are you interested to hear more?

We always say this. It is absolutely true. We are better together. Hope you can join us and grab a few tips most relevant for your own circumstance, situation—whatever your family looks like today. Big or small. Brand new, just getting started. Or, maybe a fixer-upper needing a little attention.

Keep this in mind: No one is without family when we have Jesus and His Church. Invite a friend who feels a bit overwhelmed, maybe even stuck—like our non-profit wanting to build more affordable homes for worthy families.

You and I are God's local "building project." Everyone has their own unique floor plan. One story or two. One parent. Two parents. Kids. No kids. Two jobs. Daycare. Dad works. Mom stays home.

Like volunteers on a local project building site—Help one another. This is our framework.

Go God. Summer 2026.

