

# Sunday Headlines

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## LifeJourney's 2020 Missions Trip!

A team of volunteers from LifeJourney will be returning to Guatemala this year—the week of June 13 - 20. The Missions Team will do desperately needed construction work for poor families under the supervision of Mission Guatemala, while building deep friendships and experiencing a beautiful country and culture. It will be an amazing spiritual experience.

If you'd like to explore participation, plan to attend an interest meeting, next Sunday at 12:45 here at the church. If you can't attend the meeting, fill out the response form and we'll contact you with information.

## A Wonderful Week of Service

Last week we hosted four homeless families in our church—six adults and eight children ages 1 to 11. This was a 24/7 endeavor. Deepest thanks to all our Oasis Groups and volunteers—and all our regular donors—whose generosity and service made this possible! This was the first of three weeks in which we'll host homeless families in 2020. Our next week to support families through the Family Promise network is in April.

### 2020 Soul Care Planning Booklets

are available at the Welcome Desk today and also on the church website at:  
<https://lifejourney.church/soulcare>.

## F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis

Join the F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis as they explore the topic of gender, and its relationship to faith and identity. Learn about the importance of respecting pronouns and how to co-exist in a community of all genders—binary and nonbinary.

The series will be hosted in Room 7 on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, beginning January 15. All ages are welcome to join the F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis for this important discussion. If interested, please complete the response in today's bulletin.

## Sisterhood Group

Did you know we have a social group for all those that identify as female? It's our Sisterhood Group and they have great events planned for Saturdays in the month ahead:

- January 11 at 10 AM: **Chair Exercise Class** (LJC Cafe)  
*Hosted by a certified instructor from NIFFS.*
- January 11 at 6 PM: **Game Night** (East Indy)
- February 1 at 6:30 PM: **Card Night** (Fishers)

To learn more details about or to RSVP to these events, complete the response form in today's bulletin.

## Discipleship Courses

### Discipleship 101/102 – Following Jesus

Sundays 1 - 4 pm, January 19 - April 5 (with a few Sundays off)

Teacher: Pastor David Zier • Fee: \$40, includes workbook

This is our flagship course that we encourage everyone in our congregation to take at one point or another. In this course, we will take a deep dive into what it means to be a follower of Jesus, experiment with different ways of praying and engaging the Bible, explore what it means to be part of a church community, and make some wonderful new friends in the process! As an added bonus, once you've completed this course, you're eligible to become a voting member of LifeJourney if you wish.

### Jesus & Me (Kids Discipleship Class)

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm, January 28 - February 25

Teacher: Pastor Chris Edwards • Fee: \$20, includes materials

Jesus & Me is a five-week course in a larger series designed to teach children the basics of faith, much like a catechism class. In this course we explore Jesus as Storyteller, Teacher, Friend, and Healer. This is the same material used for a variety of scout organizations for their merit badges, but you do not have to be in scouts to participate. This particular course is targeted at children in Kindergarten - 2nd Grade, and is designed for parents to attend with their children. The deadline for signing up is January 19, but those who sign up early will be able to begin the course with their own copy of the materials.

*Register on the response form below. Registrants covenant to attend all sessions unless ill or out of town. Fees are listed in the course description and will be collected at the first class meeting, but scholarships are always available and may be requested on the response form.*

### Discipleship Course Registration

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form in the offering or in the jar at the Welcome Center.*

# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

Jesus, Light of the World

## Key Verse:

“Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 18:3.

## Order of Service

### Welcome

### Affirmation Poem

**Praise & Worship:** *Amazing*  
*Another Breakthrough*

### Connections

**Offering Selection:** *We're Blessed*

### Offering Blessing

**Song of Preparation:** *Through It All*

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Matthew 18:1-7*

**Sermon:** *Like a Child*  
Rev. Jeff Miner

**Communion** (9:30 Service in Room 9, 11:00 Service in Sanctuary)

**Congregational Hymn:** *Teach Me your Way O Lord*

### Closing & Benediction

## Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, I confess my tendency to think I know more than I do, control more than I do, and regard myself more highly than I should. It's a heavy burden to carry. Help me to give up all pretensions of self-importance. Help me to embrace a humility that will free me to simply be Your child once again. Amen.

### Consecration of the Elements

**Proclamation of our Faith:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ is here now, and Christ will come again. Alleluia!

### Distribution of the Elements

**If this is your first time with us:** You are welcome to receive Holy Communion (or simply observe). You can take Communion alone, or with friends or family. Ushers will release rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a prayer. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to come forward, please notify an usher.

Sermon Notes:

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**Webcast Reminder:** The morning services are recorded for our webcast; crowd shots are included. To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the center section of seating.

*If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the left section.*



## Decision Form:

*If you feel moved to respond in a tangible way.*

- I am making a decision to become a follower of Jesus, or I want to rededicate myself to that decision.
- I have questions about spiritual things and would like to talk to someone.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

One of our pastoral staff would be happy to make an appointment to talk with you about your spiritual life and what steps might come next – but only if you wish.

- I would like to schedule a time to talk.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Place this form in the basket at the Welcome Center.*

# Oasis Meeting Times...

- Oasis groups are small groups that meet regularly for friendship, support, study, and prayer. This is a great way to make connections!
- Groups are open to everyone and meet evenings at 7:00 pm in various locations. (Exceptions will be noted.)
- No registration is required. If you're planning to visit an Oasis for the first time, you may confirm meeting details by calling the church office.
- **If a group or location is crossed out please look for the revised information under "exceptions" in "The Week Ahead" section below.**

- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.  
Pendleton Oasis, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton
- TUE:** Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.  
Mornings with God Oasis, Cafe at 10:00 am.  
Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.
- WED:** F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis (age 20-30 something), Room 7.
- THU:** Downtown Oasis, 225 E North St. #2500, Indianapolis.  
Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Road, Indianapolis at 6:30.  
Thursday Evening Oasis, Room 6



Oasis Location Map

## The Week Ahead...

### Today

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM LJC Kids! (PreK-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM LJC Kids! (PreK-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
- 11:30 AM Teen Life (6-8th grade), The Loft (Rm 10)

*Youth are released from the Sanctuary before the sermons.*

### Monday

- 7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6

### Tuesday

- 7:00 PM Global Outreach Board, Room 8

### Wednesday

- 6:00 PM SAFY Foster Parent Support Group, Room 6
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday

- 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Dinner Church, 1820 Orange St, Fountain Square

### Friday

- 7:00 PM Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
- 8:00 PM Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 7

### Saturday

- 8:00 AM Homeless Ministry, serves Dayspring Center
- 10:00 AM Sisterhood Chair Exercise Class, Cafe
- 6:00 PM Sisterhood Game Night, Eastside (contact for details)

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## Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	134
11:00 am Service Attendance	149
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance (Holiday)	22
General Offering: Last Week	\$10,797
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$9,325
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,119

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## Board Election Notice

At our 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting, we will elect four members to our Board of Directors, each for a three-year term. Those positions have been filled by Genese Parker, Robert Ferguson, Graham Melendez, and Tina Sherrard. Genese, Robert, and Graham are willing to stand for reelection, but Tina had to step down recently due to unexpected life circumstances.

Under our Bylaws, the Board is responsible for creating a Nominating Committee before each election to ensure at least one outstanding candidate is available for each position. The Bylaws provide that the Nominating Committee shall consist of the Senior Pastor, one Board member (Tim Paschal), and two other church leaders who are not Board members. When selecting those two additional members of the Nominating Committee, the Board looks for leaders who know lots of people within the church and have not served on the Committee recently, so as to promote diversity of perspectives. This year Andrea Platt and Louann Daniels have agreed to serve on the Committee.

The Nominating Committee will canvass for interest, review all individuals who express interest, then prepare nominations. To stand for election, you must be a church member for at least 6 months, be regular in worship attendance, and be a regular giver. Board members are expected to attend regular monthly meetings (second Tuesday evening of each month) and to serve in various functions of church governance. Important qualities include: spiritual depth, collegial attitude, and strategic thinking. Tina Sherrard was in line to become the next Treasurer of our Board. With her position vacant, the Nominating Committee will especially be looking for someone with the experience and willingness to fulfill that critical role.

If you are interested in being considered, please email [Board@LifeJourney.church](mailto:Board@LifeJourney.church) this week and we will send you the Board candidate questionnaire to complete.

### Yes! I'd like to respond to these articles:

- 2020 Mission Trip Info
- Friends Oasis Gender Discussion
- Sisterhood Group/Event Details
- Dinner Church Information
- Volunteer Information (circle):

Snow Angels · Worship Arts Leader  
Hospitality · Account/Bookkeeper

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile/Text \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form in the offering or in the jar at the Welcome Center.*



## Do You Like to Gamble?

If the answer is yes, then we have the perfect ministry opportunity for you! You see, Snow Angels are a group of on-call volunteers that clear our sidewalks and steps of snow on Sunday mornings. But here's the thing... you only have to clear snow if it falls on your assigned Sunday! The odds are greater than 1:4 that you won't have to touch a shovel. Complete the response form for more details about this winning opportunity.

## Worship Arts Leaders Needed

LifeJourney's Family Life Ministry is looking for a few people who have a passion for worship and are willing to pass that passion onto the next generation of children!

Each Sunday, our children meet together as a large group for storytelling and worship. The curriculum used provides music videos with motions to the songs, so instrumental skill is not necessary (though it would be a bonus). We believe worship is more than a time for music, it is a time where we focus 100% of our attention on God, and it can take a variety of forms.

If you love worship, have a lot of energy, a relentlessly positive attitude, and some patience, we would love for you to inquire about this volunteer position. Please complete the response form in today's bulletin and we will be in touch.

## Kitchen Helpers

The Hospitality Ministry could use some extra helping hands to prepare light refreshments for our fellowship time after services on Sundays. Volunteers serve during one Sunday service per month.

## Accountant or Bookkeeper?

Occasionally, our Board of Directors finds it helpful to consult with CPAs or bookkeepers on financial or accounting questions. So it's helpful to know who in our congregation has that kind of expertise. If you do, and you wouldn't mind an occasional question, please fill out the response form on the back of today's bulletin.



Are you looking for a daily meditation to sustain your soul during the week? Join our new Facebook Group, **LifeJourney Church Daily Meditations**. Study and discuss a **new** variety of devotions from guests and also our very own Be Still authors.