

Sunday Headlines

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Changing Africa

Back in 2002, our church published a book on homosexuality and the Bible called *The Children Are Free*. Since then, it has been translated into 7 languages, changing countless hearts and minds across the globe. A couple months ago, an organization called Crossing Lines Africa asked if we could help them fund a translation of our book into Swahili. The repression of LGBTQ people in East Africa is horrific. Crossing Lines Africa will use the book as a primary educational tool in its work with pastors, educators, and government officials.

In October, our church provided \$3,000 to fund the Swahili translation. That translation is now complete and will soon be used at a large conference of thought leaders in Uganda. Meanwhile, here are photos of the leader of Crossing Lines Africa doing a small-group training on our book for pastors in a refugee camp in Kenya where several LGBTQ people have recently been killed. Your generous giving is helping save lives and change the world. Thank you!



The Children Are Free: Audio Book

The CD audio book is now available for MP3 download. Visit our online bookstore and use coupon code: AUDIO to save 50%.

Thank You Scott, Welcome Caleb!

After more than 5 years of service to LJC, Scott Middleton left his role as drummer a few weeks ago, so he can increase his involvement with various traveling bands. This new opportunity came along so quickly for Scott, we didn't have time to give him a proper send off. We're grateful for his years of service to our congregation.



We are pleased to welcome Caleb Hudson as our new drummer. He brings a range of experience to our team and deeply appreciates the diversity of our congregation. Please give Caleb a warm LifeJourney welcome!



Discipleship Course

Last Chance to Register!

The Sacred Path of Transformation Through Relationships

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm, February 12 - March 18
Teacher: Rick Lamberson, LMFT, LCAC · Fee: \$20 ea.

In every relationship the question eventually arises, "What am I doing here? Is it really worth the effort?" Such concerns might surface in the first week of being together, or after years or decades. But sooner or later, when a relationship starts to feel more like work than fun, we begin to wonder if we're on the right track. Why keep going when the initial excitement fades or when we keep hurting each other? Or when intimacy with another exposes parts of ourselves we would rather not look at? Or when we start to doubt whether we have what it takes to live with another person, or to love anybody at all on a daily basis?

Join Rick Lamberson, a marriage and family therapist who is also a member of LifeJourney, for a discussion which looks to answer these questions and offer practical solutions which you can utilize to improve your relationship, or which can help you learn and grow from these difficult experiences. This course is intended for anyone seeking better relationships, with others and/or with themselves. Single or in a committed relationship or people who want to work on other key relationships in their life, such as parent/child or with siblings, etc. . . All are welcome! Register on the response form on the back page. Scholarships are available upon request.

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

New Hospitality Leader

LifeJourney's Hospitality team welcomes Jill Edwards as a new leader within the ministry. Jill has a background in health and wellness and currently works with the Marion County Health Department. Jill is experienced in community kitchen operations and brings strong leadership skills in both volunteer and corporate environments.

Paula White remains a part of the leadership team, assisting in leadership as her health permits. Paula is currently awaiting a kidney transplant; please continue praying that a donor will be found soon.



Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Jesus, Light of the World

Key Verse:

“People ought always to pray and not to faint.” Luke 18:1.

Order of Service

Welcome

Affirmation Poem

Praise & Worship: *Holy Are You Lord
God I Look to You*

Connections

Offering Selection: *One Thing Remains*

Offering Blessing

Song of Preparation: *The Lord's Prayer*

Prayer

Scripture: *Luke 18:1-8*

Sermon: *How Does Prayer Work?*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Congregational Hymn: *In the Garden*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, forgive me for all the times I want an easy fix through quick, shallow prayers. Help me to do the deep work of Venting Prayers, coupled with Listening Prayers, so that the petitions I do raise are centered in Your will. Then help me to persevere in prayer like a dog with a bone. 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:

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: _____

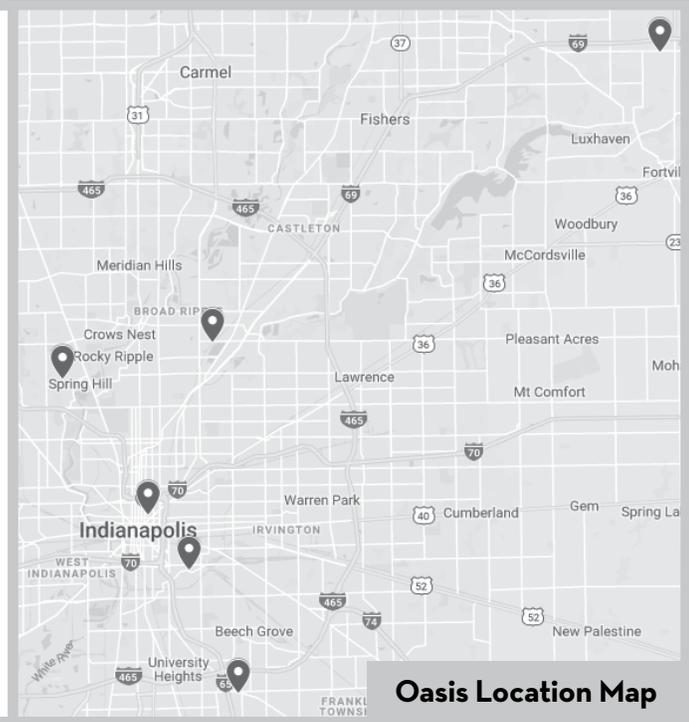
Email: _____

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 (First Monday of the Month), 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.
 12:45 PM Family Life Easter Planning, Room 5
 1:00 PM Discipleship 101/102, Room 7

Monday

- 7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6

Tuesday

- 6:30 PM Jesus & Me, Room 5
 7:00 PM Global Outreach Board, Room 7

Wednesday

- 6:00 PM SAFY Foster Parent Support, Room 6

Thursday

- 6:30 PM Dinner Church, 1820 Orange Street, 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

Coming Soon...

- Feb 9 Middle School Laser Tag,

See the full events calendar from LifeJourney!

View this month at: LifeJourney.church/events

Stay connected to recent news from LifeJourney!

Subscribe by email at: LifeJourney.church/subscribe

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	129
11:00 am Service Attendance	161
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	67
General Offering: Last Week	\$6,974
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$9,171
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,119

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Nominating Committee Report

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will occur on Sunday, February 23, at 12:45 pm in the Sanctuary. Congregational Meeting packets will be available two weeks in advance. At the meeting, we will vote on a proposed budget, on updates to our Articles and Bylaws to reflect changes in Indiana law, and to elect four members to the Board of Directors. After canvassing for interest and moving through a discernment process, the Nominating Committee has completed its work and is excited to nominate three current Board members for an additional term: Genese Parker, Robert Ferguson, and Graham Melendez. The fourth position is vacant and is slated to become our next Board Treasurer. The Nominating Committee has nominated John McDaniels for that role. John has a degree in accounting and has worked in accounting for years.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Louann Daniels, Andrea Platt, Tim Paschal, and Pastor Jeff. Under our Bylaws, members are also allowed to self-nominate outside the Nominating Committee process. If you would like to self-nominate, please request a nomination packet at Board@LifeJourney.church as soon as possible, but no later than February 9.

2019 Giving Statements for Taxes

Year-end giving statements have now been distributed by email to all givers for whom we have an email address and by regular mail to all other givers. If you have not yet received your giving statement, visit <http://LifeJourney.church> and click the red button to have your statement resent. Alternatively, you may email your request to Board@LifeJourney.church.

SAVE THE DATE

May 22 - 24

Couples Retreat @ The Seasons Lodge
Nashville, Indiana (Brown County)

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

- Discipleship: Sacred Path... Requesting Scholarship
- Easter Basket Donation
- Prayer Retreat RSVP/Additional Info

Name _____

Mobile/Text _____

Email _____

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



Creatives Continue Planning TODAY!

Do you consider yourself a creative person or simply enjoy planning events? Then join other creative minds today following 2nd service to help plan this year's Easter event for our families.

What we know for sure is the egg hunt and the gift basket auction will make a return, but there is so much more that we could do with the right team of creative planners.

If this team sounds like something you would enjoy, please meet in Room 5 at 12:45 pm.

Additionally, if you or your Oasis team would like to make an Easter gift basket for the auction this year, check the box on the response form in today's bulletin. The proceeds from the auction help ensure all families get to attend summer camp.

Prayer Retreat

*Listening For God's Gentle Whisper:
An Invitation to Christian Mindfulness*

St. Meinrad Archabbey Monastery, Ferdinand, Indiana

April 24-26, 2020

Overnight accommodations includes 6 meals and all supplies for \$186 per person. (Rooms are double occupancy.)

Payment Schedule: \$50 due on both Feb 1 and March 1.
Final balance of \$86 due April 12.

Complete the response form to RSVP or be contacted with additional details about this retreat.

Lost & Found

Missing something? The Lost & Found is located in the Lobby coat closet. Lost items are tagged and then donated if not claimed within 30 days.



**LifeJourney
Dinner Church**
Thursdays at 6:30 PM

 Fountain Square Area
1820 Orange Street

*Everyone, including children
are welcome around the table.*