

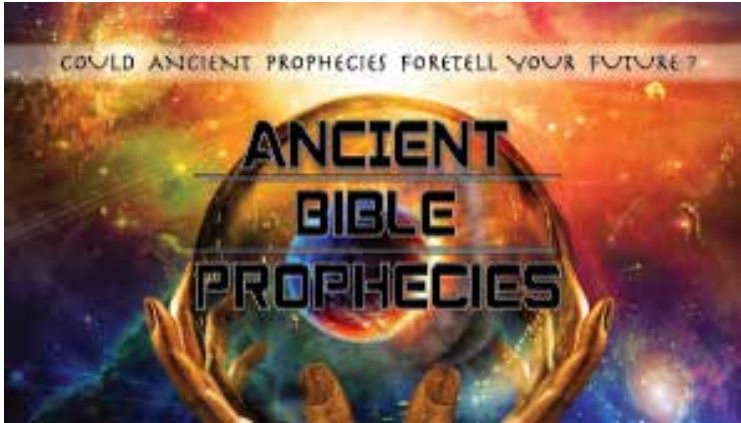
# Sunday Headlines

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April 23, 2017



## New Series Begins Next Week



Wouldn't it be incredible if God sent a prophet to provide supernatural guidance for your life? Well, God has! In this new sermon series, we'll take four famous Bible prophecies and apply them directly to our own lives, as if God was trying to speak directly to us through them – because God is! You'll be amazed at how much wisdom we can gain when we take these prophecies as "God's Word to me!"

### Today's sermon...

will be presented by our Pastoral Intern, Samantha Hasty-Zander. Samantha is in her final year of seminary at Earlham School of Religion.

## Monthly Prayer Gathering

Please join us **today at 2 pm**, in the Sanctuary, for our monthly church-wide prayer gathering.

This is a time when we support one another with deep prayer for the personal challenges we face, and a time when we bathe the work of our church in prayer. All are welcome!

## Senior Shenanigans

The next Senior Shenanigans will be hosted here at the church this Saturday evening at 6:00 pm. Our Seniors will be enjoying an evening of games and fun together. For more information or to RSVP to all the shenanigans, complete the response form in today's bulletin!



## Amazing New Beginnings!

Five weeks ago we launched a bold new era in the life of our church. We want to share God's love with those in greatest need right here in our own city – and we want to do so extravagantly. We're off to an incredible start! Here's a quick update:

- **Immigrant & Refugee Ministry.** Eighteen volunteers from our church are now working in partnership with the Immigrant Welcome Center to help immigrants and refugees learn conversational English. Another 8 volunteers are providing logistical support for the Welcome Center's monthly distribution day. Plus paralegals in our congregation are helping with the Welcome Center's legal aid days.
- **Homeless Ministry.** Over 20 volunteers from our church now provide breakfast most Saturday mornings at the Dayspring Center for homeless families. Our volunteers are divided into 4 teams, so each volunteer typically serves once per month. A team of our folks will also soon spend a Saturday rebuilding the main stairwell at Dayspring Center.
- **LGBT Youth Ministry.** Ten volunteers from our church are now being trained to serve as mentors to LGBT Youth at the Indiana Youth Group (IYG). Another group is gearing up to help maintain the building and grounds at IYG.
- **Martindale-Brightwood Neighborhood.** Our Local Outreach Board has just completed several months of intensive dialogue with residences of a neighborhood near our church that struggles with the impact of systemic poverty and racism. The Board is now preparing a matching grant application, seeking funding to launch a community garden ministry in Martindale-Brightwood. If the grant is awarded, we will begin seeking volunteers to help starting this fall.

Would you like to be part of this amazing tidal wave of love? Just fill out the response form in today's bulletin, and we'll be in touch to tell you about your options for involvement.

## HELLO... I AM

Are you new to LifeJourney today or within the past six months? If so, you're invited to a casual reception in your honor (snacks included) **this Thursday at 7:00 pm.**

We'll get acquainted and answer questions you may have, like, *"Is this church the right place for me? How do I fit in and make friends? What resources are available?"*

**RSVP through the response form in today's bulletin.** Questions may be directed to: [PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church](mailto:PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church) or call the church office at (317)722-0000 x103.

# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

The Interplay of Faith and Doubt

## Key Verse:

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” *Hebrews 11:1.*

## Order of Service

### Welcome

**Songs:** *Everyday*  
*Oh How I Love Jesus*

### Connection Moment

### Offering our Gifts and Resources

**Song:** *We're Blessed*

**Special Music:** *Come Alive (Dry Bones)*

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8-12*

**Sermon:** *Faith, Doubt, and Somewhere in Between*  
Samantha Hasty-Zander

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

### Song

### Closing & Benediction

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

### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, forgive me for always wanting certainty before I act. Help me to recognize that doubt is an ordinary part of any vibrant faith journey. Instead of letting doubts paralyze me, may I boldly bring my doubts to You, and trust that, if I mingle faith with doubt, You can work it all out and make the impossible happen in my life. 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. **Gluten free** communion wafers are now available, upon request for those with dietary restrictions.

Sermon Notes:

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### 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.*

**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.*



# 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 noted below and on the calendar.)**
- No registration is required. If you're new, it's suggested you **contact the church office** to ensure times/locations have not changed due to special events or unforeseen circumstances.

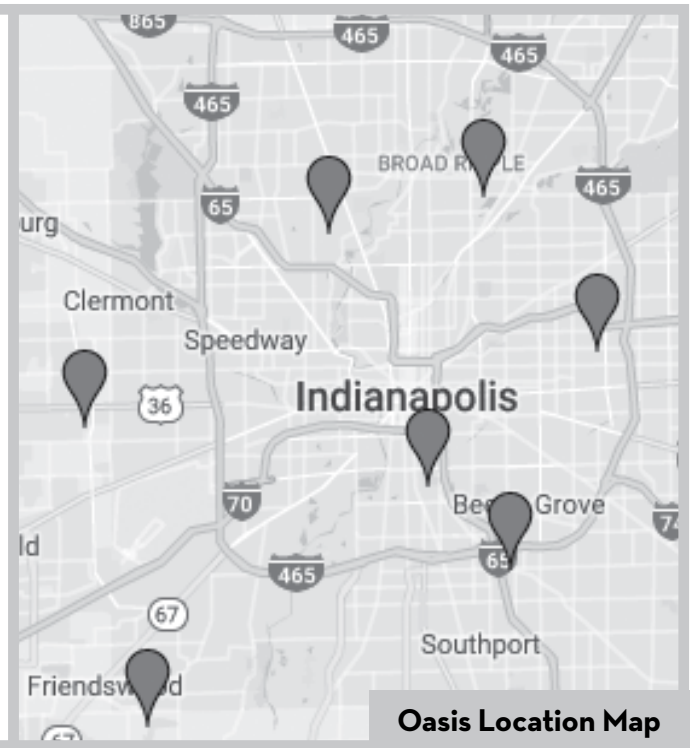
**MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.

**TUE:** Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.  
Mornings with God Oasis, Room 6 at 10:00 am.  
Southwest Oasis, 6561 Walton Dr. N, Camby.  
Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.

**WED:** Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave, Indianapolis.  
F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis, Room 7.  
LJC Kids! Oasis, Room 2 at 6:30 pm.  
Wednesday Evening Oasis, Room 6 at 6:30 pm.

**THU:** Garfield Park Oasis, 615 E. Southern Ave., Indianapolis.  
Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Rd., Indianapolis at 6:30 pm.  
Thursday Evening Oasis, Room 6.

**FRI:** Friday Evening Oasis, 609 New Moon St., Avon.



## The Week Ahead...

### Today

- 9:30 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
- 11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
- 11:00 am The Bridge 2.0 (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5)
- 11:00 am Teen Life (9-12 grade), The Loft (Room 10)
- 1:00 pm Student Ministries: Caregiver Meeting, Room 7
- 2:00 pm LJC Monthly Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

### Monday

- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Discipleship 102 (Registration Required), Room 7
- 7:00 pm Newcomers Welcome Reception, Room 8

### Friday

- 6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
- 8:00 pm Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 6

### Saturday

- 8:00 am Homeless Ministry serves at Dayspring Center
- 6:00 pm Senior Shenanigans: Game Night, Cafe

See more events or subscribe to the calendar at:  
<http://LifeJourney.church/events-calendar>

## Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	228
11:00 am Service Attendance	267
Oasis Attendance	118
General Offering: Last Week	\$7,708
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8950
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,704
Budget Variance: Weekly Average	\$ -754



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## Update From The Board

Last October, we began paying lower assessments to our denomination (MCC) under a denominational program that allows churches to temporarily reduce their assessments during times of financial stress. Last summer and fall was a stressful time for us financially, with lower than usual giving and operating reserves dropping below a prudent level. In accordance with MCC guidelines, the Board voted to reduce our assessments from 11.5% of church income to the lesser of 2% or \$1,000 per month for 6 months.

At its last meeting, the Board reviewed our financial progress. Giving has been bouncing back nicely, almost matching budget for the past few months, but not yet high enough to allow us to restore our operating reserves. So the Board voted to continue our period of reduced assessments until giving matches budget for 3 consecutive months and reserves equal \$47,050 (i.e., one-month's operating expenses plus \$5,000). We'll keep you posted on progress!

If you have any comments or questions, feel free to email Board@LifeJourney.church, or attend the next Board Listening Posts after both worship services on May 21, or attend the next Board meeting on May 9 at 7:00 pm. All Board meetings are open to all!

### Meeting Reminder

Caregivers, meet in Room 7 at 1:00 pm for a Student Ministries meeting regarding the OWL Series.

## People Of African Descent

Our denomination (MCC) will host a conference for people of African descent in St. Louis, August 3-5, 2017. Friends and advocates are also welcome! The conference will be filled with worship, workshops, plenary sessions, fellowship, and social events. For more information, pick up a flier at the Welcome Desk or to go PADConference@MCCchurch.org.

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

#### RSVP and/or More Info:

- Newcomers Welcome Reception
- Senior Shenanigans
- Local Outreach Opportunities
- Gait Keepers Oasis

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Save the Date for These Events

### May 7: Cooking with Eli

This event is for students (grades 5–12) and will be hosted here at church from 12:30–3:30 pm. Consent forms and more details are available at the Welcome Center.

### May 7: SAFY Information Session.

After church, explore the topic of foster parenting when Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth visits the church.

### May 13: OWL Retreat.

Students (6–12 grade) enjoy a retreat before they launch into their exciting educational series beginning this Summer.

## Love Warrior Book Discussion!

The Book Club Oasis will begin a new book discussion this Monday. The new book is titled, *Love Warrior*, by Glennon Doyle Melton.

*Love Warrior* was a 2016 Oprah Book Club selection and a New York Times Bestseller. Amazon describes it as, "A gorgeous and inspiring account of how we are born to be warriors: strong, powerful, and brave; able to confront the pain and claim the love that exists for us all."

This chronicle of a beautiful, brutal journey speaks to anyone who yearns for deeper, truer relationships and a more abundant, authentic life. Come join the discussion at 7 pm on Mondays.



## Gait Keepers Oasis

**Gait** (*noun*): a person's manner of walking. Gait Keepers Oasis is ready to step off! This new Oasis group, combining your love of walking with thoughtful conversation, begins the last week of April. The group will walk for about 45 minutes each week and then spend some time in engaging discussion. The group will be moving together for 12 weeks throughout the spring and early summer months. We want you to tell us what day and time of day works best for you. Simply complete the response form and we'll connect with you to get your input.

## “Champions of Change” Gala

Powerhouse Church is hosting a “Champions of Change” Gala Dinner Friday evening May 19 at the downtown Marriott. The dinner will honor advocates, political leaders, and entertainers who have championed positive change in central Indiana.

Pastor Jeff has been selected to receive an award, on behalf of LifeJourney Church, for championing LGBT inclusion and “years of unflinching commitment to social justice and equality.” Other honorees will include Congressman Andre Carson and Dana Black, who ran against Brian Bosma in last year's state-house election. If you would like to participate in this elegant evening of fun, food, fashion show, and celebration, tickets are available at 317-762-5878 or [www.empowerindygala.org](http://www.empowerindygala.org). The Gala begins at 7 pm; the VIP reception at 6 pm.