

Sunday Headlines

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Did You Know?

Did you know that Pastor Jeff has written one of the best-selling books on the Bible and homosexuality—a book that has gone global, translated into 6 languages? In June, he will share a three-part sermon series on homosexuality and the Bible called *Think Again*:



June 10: Doesn't the Bible say "man shall not lie with man"?

June 17: Gay relationships celebrated in the Bible.

June 24: How to decide what's sin and what's not.

Do you know friends or family members who need to hear this? Why not invite them to church in June? Grab some invitation cards at the Welcome Desk for an easy way to offer an invitation to someone you know!

New Frontiers for Alex!



After several years as a LifeJourney Pastoral Intern, Alex Pittaway graduated from seminary last week. Today he is preaching his final sermon at LifeJourney, then returning home to Australia. Alex has been elected Senior Pastor of MCC Brisbane. During today's worship services, we will offer a Commissioning Prayer for Alex. There will also be a special reception after both worship services in the Cafe.

As a token of our deep appreciation, our church is making a donation of \$1,085 to Alex's new church. Alex, we love you, appreciate you, and will be praying for you as you launch a lifetime of powerful ministry!

Part-Time Position: Family Life Asst.

Recently, we launched our search to refill the part-time position that Michelle and Ceci have held in recent years. The position is being slightly reconfigured. The new title will be Family Life Ministry Assistant. Instead of focusing exclusively on our youth, the new position will serve both children and youth. It will report to the Family Life Minister and will be for 5 hours per week (initially). It will focus on supporting our Sunday morning programming by filling-in as needed, handling various logistical matters, and assisting children and youth volunteers. The balance of the hours will likely be applied to mid-week programming. A full position description and application instructions are available at the Welcome Desk. If you know someone who might be interested, please share this information!

PRIDE MONTH SPECIAL EVENTS SUPPORT LGBT

Pride Worship Service - Next Sunday

Indy Pride's Official Interfaith Pride Worship service will be right here at LifeJourney next Sunday at our 9:30 am worship! Among spiritual leaders from different faith traditions, the Indianapolis Men's Chorus will also be presenting. (Our 11:00 am worship service, that same day, will take place as usual and will follow our normal format. It will also include the Men's Chorus!)

Pride Parade - June 9

Indy's annual Pride Parade offers us a great opportunity to let thousands of people know that LifeJourney is a wonderfully welcoming church home for LGBT people.

But making that statement effectively requires a lot of people. Imagine the reaction of people watching the parade if they see a *dinky* group of 10 people marching for a church. *Underwhelming!* But now imagine the impression if they see 50, 60, or 70 people from the same church. *Very Impressed!!*

If you could share a few hours of your time with your church on Saturday morning, June 9, please fill out the RSVP in today's bulletin. By your mere presence, you will be a witness to God's goodness for people often ostracized by other churches.

Bingo Fundraiser for IYG & LJC - June 23

In conjunction with Indy Pride, LifeJourney will be hosting a fun-filled night of bingo MC'd by Indy Drag Queen, India Black!

Proceeds will benefit Indiana Youth Group (IYG) and LifeJourney. Sixty tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Although this will be a dialed-down version of traditional Drag Bingo fanfare, we recommend attendees be at least 16 years old. Tickets \$25. For full info, and to purchase tickets, go to: <https://goo.gl/1n1qaQ>, or visit the ticket table in the Lobby today.



Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

How Parents Affect How We See God

Key Verse:

“This is what the Lord says - the One who created you, Jacob, the One who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'" *Isaiah 43:1.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *Say So*
Worthy Is the Lamb

Affirmation Poem

Connection Moment

Offering Invitation

Song: *We Will Not Offer You*

Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

Song: *Above All*

Prayer

Scripture: *Isaiah 43:1-7*

Sermon: *Child, You Are Mine*
Alex Pittaway

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

Closing Song: *Alleluia*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, there are some powerful negative experiences from my past that could adversely impact how I see You and relate to You. Heal me from those experiences. May I never confuse you with anyone else in my life. Help me to feel Your love and pride radiating toward me right now. 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:

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 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 and 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.~~

~~New Castle Oasis, 205 S 21st St., New Castle.~~

TUE: Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave., Indianapolis.

Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.

Mornings with God Oasis, Cafe at 10:00 am.

Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.

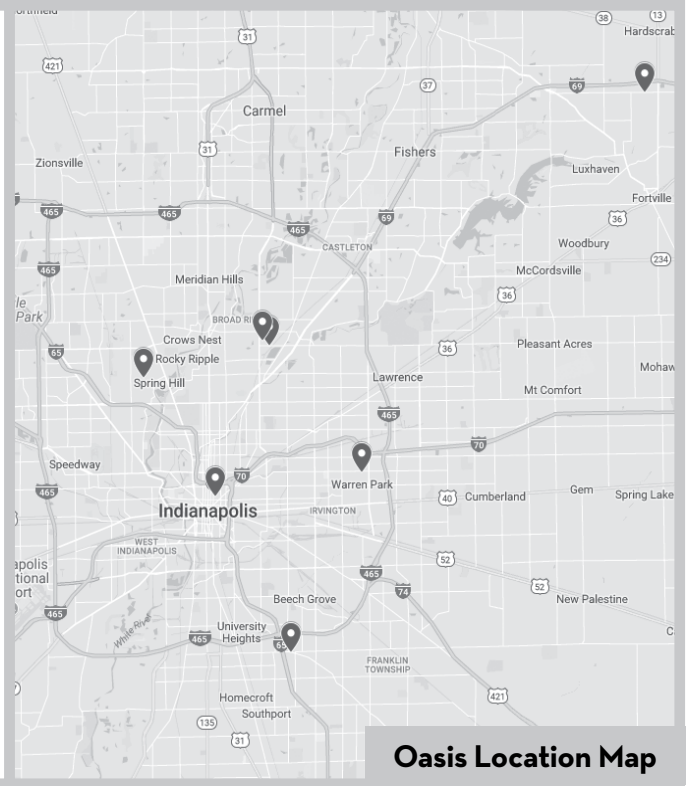
WED: F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis, Room 7.

THU: Broad Ripple Oasis, Room 10

Downtown Oasis, 225 E North St. #2500, Indianapolis.

Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Rd., Indianapolis at 6:30 pm.

Thursday Evening Oasis, Lobby



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)
- 11:00 am Teen Life (6-12th grade), The Loft (Room 10)

Monday

- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6
- 7:00 pm Local Outreach Board (Open Meeting), Room 8

Tuesday

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm VBS Leader Meeting, Room 7
- 7:00 pm Discipleship 101/102, Room 7

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
- 1:00 pm Carl Campbell Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Exceptions...

- Mon. Book Club Oasis will not meet (see article).
- Wed. F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis meets off site (see article).

See the new and improved events calendar at:
<http://LifeJourney.church/events-calendar>

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	99
11:00 am Service Attendance	153
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	90
General Offering: Last Week	\$10,396
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$9,225
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$8,897

* When giving meets our budget goal, we are able to fully fund our ministries. When giving falls short, cuts are made to avoid deficit spending.

In Loving Memory...

On May 11, a beloved LifeJourney congregant, Carl Campbell, passed away at age 77. Please keep his spouse, Rick Kincaid, in prayer. Carl's Memorial Service will be at LifeJourney next Saturday, June 2 at 1:00 pm.



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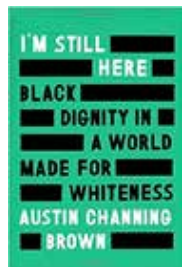
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F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis Events

Are you in your 20's or 30's and think you know the Friends TV show inside and out? Well lend your knowledge to the F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis as they battle it out at Books & Brews for a night of Friends Trivia. The night out begins Wednesday at 7:00 pm at 9402 Uptown Drive Unit 1400, Indianapolis.



Then, on Wednesday evening at the church beginning June 6, the F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis launches a study of Austin Channing Brown's book, "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness."

Last, the F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis almost always meets for Sunday lunch following worship services. Join the groups official Facebook Group page by searching: "LifeJourney Church Friends Oasis" on Facebook. There you can get the latest events and lunchtime locations!

LJC Pride Tent Representatives

Each year, LifeJourney Church has an information tent at the Circle City Pride Festival. It is a great opportunity to remind people that the Bible does not condemn LGBTQ+ people and there is a church family waiting for them at LifeJourney!



Would you like to represent the church at this booth? This simple, but important task involves sitting at our booth and being a friendly face. Volunteers keep brochures stocked and answer basic questions about LifeJourney.

Complete the response from below if you are interested in working a two-hour shift during the Saturday, June 9 event!

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Pride Parade Participant
- LJC Pride Tent Representative
- Exploring Spiritual Leadership Registration

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Exploring Spiritual Leadership

Eight-Week Discipleship Course, led by Pastor Jeff

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning June 20

Much of the wonderful work of LifeJourney is made possible by gifted volunteer leaders. Given the broad scope of our ministry endeavors, we are in regular need of additional gifted leaders. Volunteer leaders guide the work of our Ministry Teams, Oasis Groups, Discipleship Courses, and Administrative Boards. If you feel you might be called to leadership at LifeJourney, or you are a current leader and want to sharpen your skills, this course is for you! Topics include:

- Spiritual principles for effective leadership.
- The nuts and bolts of leadership in a church setting.
- Current leadership options at LifeJourney.

As part of this course, we will help you discern whether you are called to a leadership role and, if so, where and in what capacity. So please don't be bashful. If you have a hunch that God may want you to invest more of yourself in our church by serving as a volunteer leader, give this course a try! You won't feel fulfilled until you take steps to explore your sense of call! Register by completing the response form in today's bulletin.

Book Club Oasis

The Book Club Oasis will break for a couple weeks, then resume on Monday, June 11. When the group reconvenes, they will be reading the book, "Middlesex." Narrator and protagonist Cal Stephanides (initially called "Callie") is an intersex man of Greek descent with 5-alpha-reductase deficiency, which causes him to have certain feminine traits.

Those who wish to join the Book Club Oasis for this Pulitzer Prize novel should read chapters 1-2 before the first meeting.

Thank You from Kindezi School



Thank you LifeJourney, your generosity won the hearts of athletes at the Kindezi School Sports Banquet.

The Kindezi school, located a couple miles south of the church, is a school in need and LifeJourney answered the call.

A special thanks to our Local Outreach Board and volunteers for making this a special evening for some deserving students. LifeJourney hopes to continue partnering with Kindezi, showing God's love in wonderful ways.