

# Sunday Headlines

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## Thank You LifeJourney!

Thank you for coming out to support LifeJourney and the LGBTQ+ community as Indianapolis celebrated pride earlier this month! To the organizers, volunteers, walkers, we could not have done it without you! Stay tuned for 2020 plans...



## MCC Denomination Update

LifeJourney is part of a small denomination called the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). Like many denominations, MCC is struggling. MCC's struggles do **not** adversely affect us at LifeJourney, but we want our members to be aware of the financial and organizational challenges MCC is facing.

MCC's General Conference will occur in early July. Votes will be held to elect a new Moderator, a new Governing Board, and to consider organizational restructuring.

At LifeJourney's last Congregational Meeting, members asked our Board of Directors questions about the viability of MCC and whether we should remain part of it. The Board is monitoring the situation and the results of the upcoming General Conference, and will host a forum later this summer to share updated information and hear your input. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to speak to Genese Parker, Vice Moderator of the Board, or email us at [Board@LifeJourney.church](mailto:Board@LifeJourney.church).



## Lunch Love



Join our Youth Team to help those experiencing homelessness in our community this month!

Sunday June 30 • 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Youth & families will make lunches in the Loft after the second service before driving to the Indiana War Memorial Plaza to deliver to individuals experiencing homelessness.

**Can't Join us?** Donate lunch supplies (peanut butter, jelly, fruit snacks, chips) to the collection box at the Children's Concierge Desk.

**Questions?** Contact Pastor [ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church](mailto:ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church) or 317.722.0000 x102.

## Mission Team Meeting

The Mountain-Top Missions Team will be meeting today at 12:45 pm in Room 6.

## Interested in a Medical Missions Trip?



LifeJourney's Global Outreach Board is in the early stages of exploring the feasibility of organizing a medical missions trip to either Guatemala or Haiti in the next year or two. Historically, our missions trips have focused on construction projects. For example, next month we'll be sending a team to the Appalachian Mountains to renovate homes for impoverished families, and we're planning to send a construction team back to Guatemala June 13-21, 2020. But we're also aware that we have many medical professionals in our congregation who might be interested in a medical mission. If that's you, please fill out the response form to the right and circle you areas of interest and expertise.

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

- Hospitality Ministry
- Child Fun Sponsor
- Medical Missions:
  - I might be interested in participating in a trip.
  - I would be willing to help the Board evaluate trip options.

Circle your occupational area(s):

MD DO PA PharmD RPh RN LPN CNA OT PT Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

The Gifts of Imperfection: Embracing Who You Were Meant To Be!

## Key Verse:

“Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He replied, ‘My name is Legion; for we are many.’” *Mark 5:9.*

## Order of Service

### Welcome

**Songs:** *Sweeter*  
*Tremble*

### Affirmation Poem

### Connections

### Offering Invitation

**Song:** *Jesus, The Mention of Your Name*

### Blessing of Our Offerings

**Song:** *Living Hope*

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Mark 5:1-13*

**Sermon:** *Cultivating Stillness*  
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

**Song:** *Wonderful Peace*

## Closing & Benediction

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

### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, I confess that stillness can be frightening. I'd rather keep myself busy so I don't have to face my demons. But then I'm always on edge and apt to "go off" when stressful things happen. I need your peace. Give me courage to practice solitude, face my demons, and allow your healing presence to calm my soul. 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

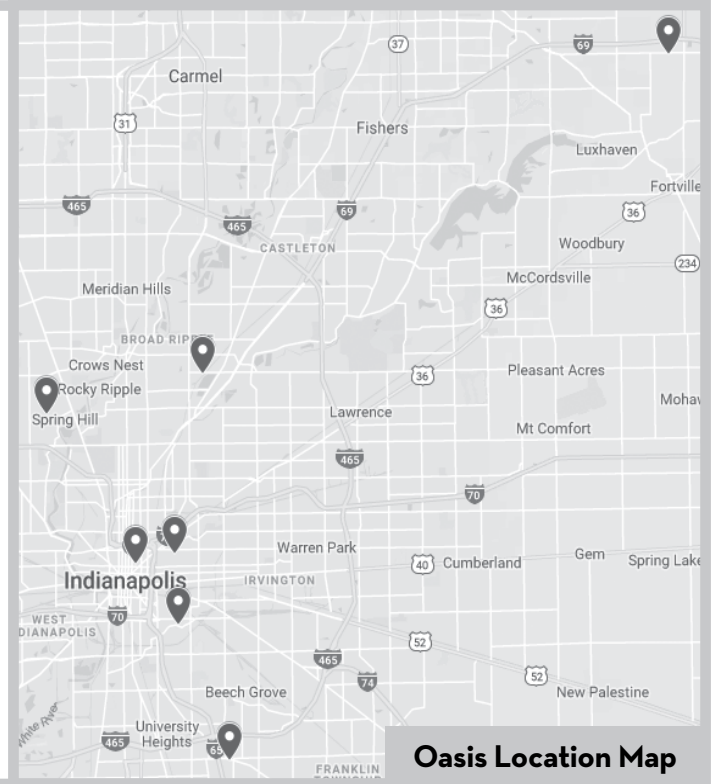
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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.

- SUN:** Teen Life After Hours (grades 9-12), Room 10 at 6:00 pm.
- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.  
Pendleton Oasis, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton
- TUE:** Fountain Square Oasis (Child care available at location.)  
1820 Orange Street, Fountain Square at 6:30 pm  
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 Missions Team Meeting, Room 6
- Monday**
- 7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6
- Tuesday**
- 7:00 PM Local Outreach Board, Room 8
- Wednesday**
- 7:00 PM Homosexuality and the Bible, Room 6
- Thursday**
- 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
  - 7:00 PM Spiritual Principles of Dating, 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

## Exceptions...

Thur. Southside Oasis will not meet this week.

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	155
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	110
General Offering: Last Week	\$5,237
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$8,759
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,119

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## Last Chance! Register Now for Summer Discipleship Courses!

### Discipleship 101/102

Sundays 1 - 4 PM, June 30 - August 25 (skipping July 7)  
Teacher: Pastor David Zier · Registration Fee: \$40

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.

### Homosexuality and the Bible

Wednesdays 7:00 PM, June 26 - August 14 (skipping July 3)  
Teacher: Pastor Jeff Miner · Registration Fee: \$20

If someone asked you to explain how the Bible affirms gay people, would you be able to confidently answer? If they claimed Romans 1 or the story of Sodom condemns gay people, would you be equipped to respond? Are you able to explain the five most powerful affirming passages in the Bible and why they're so important? By the end of this course, you will be! Pastor Jeff will teach this course drawing on his book *The Children Are Free*, which has sold thousands upon thousands of copies and been translated into seven languages.

### Spiritual Principles for Dating

Thursdays 7:00 PM, June 27 - August 15 (skipping July 4)  
Teacher: Pastor David Zier · Registration Fee: \$20

Relationships are sacred and, thus, should be formed with great care and intentionality. We owe it to ourselves and the people we date to grapple with critical questions like: What are the most common mistakes people make in dating? What kind of person should I be looking for? How am I preparing myself to be a great partner? What kind of courtship process do I feel led to follow? How soon should we move in together? How soon should we have sex- or should we wait? We won't all reach the same conclusions. The goal will be to help each of us figure out the best answers for ourselves, while integrating God and spiritual values into the dating process.

*Registrants consent 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 readily available and may be requested on the response form to the right.*

## ChildFund International

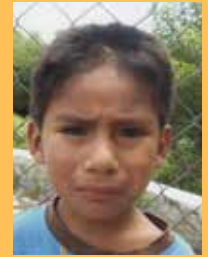
LifeJourney Church sponsors many children through Child Fund with the support of generous individuals in our congregation. Currently, we have three children that are in need of a replacement sponsor. If you feel called to sponsor a child, please complete the response form for more details.



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## Hospitality Enhancements

The Hospitality Ministry is hard at work enhancing our food and beverage offerings at church. Here's what's happening:

- **Beverage Fridge:** The vending machine has been transitioned from an outside company to a compact beverage fridge. This change should improve quality control and selections, while supporting future enhancements within the ministry. Beverage may be purchased on the honor system for \$1. (Please place money in the collection box.) Additionally, we'll continue to serve our free coffee and juices before and after service.
- **Reverse Osmosis Filtration:** To ensure we have great tasting water and coffee, a local company is installing a reverse osmosis system to improve the water supply to the kitchen.
- **Signature Coffee Roast:** In July, they will begin offering coffee sourced from a local roaster. This supplier is helping to create a signature "LifeJourney" blend to enhance the taste of our coffee, which will continue to be free.

If you would like to learn more about joining this ministry, please complete the response form.

### Registration Response Form:

- Discipleship 101/102
- Homosexuality and the Bible
- Spiritual Principles of Dating

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Requesting Registration Scholarship

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