

# Sunday Headlines

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## **VIOLENCE & HATE** Tomorrow Evening

With three mass shootings in less two weeks (and all the other things going on in our country and the world), many of us have lots of feelings swirling inside—unnerved, stirred up, angry, ready for action, fearful, worried, etc.

On Monday evening at 7:00 pm, Pastor Jeff and Pastor Vivian will host a gathering at the church. We will invite those present to share how they're feeling, explore options available to us to respond, then join together in a group prayer loosely based on the "Stations of the Cross," but adapted to the situation at hand. If this speaks to you, gather with us tomorrow evening at LifeJourney.

## Helping Desperate Families

Exciting news! LifeJourney is becoming part of a network of Indianapolis churches who provide temporary housing for homeless families. That means next year we will have homeless families staying in our church for three one-week periods. The network we're working is called "Family Promise," and welcomes all families, including LGBTQ. Our Local Outreach Board has spent months in dialogue with Family Promise and now we're ready to take the plunge!

Next year, we will host families for three weeks. They will sleep in our building (on cots provided by the network) and we will provide meals and a few entertainment options for the kids. During the day, they will be at work, school, or at the network resource center. We will use a van to transport them to and from the center each morning and evening.

Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least among you, you have done it unto me." This new initiative will allow us to express the love of God to these families in a very direct and powerful way. But for the three weeks we have families in our building, we'll need lots of our folks to volunteer in various roles (cooking, serving, entertaining, transporting, sleeping over). In the months ahead, we will begin recruiting volunteers to help with our first week, which will be the week of December 29 through January 4! Stay tuned for more information!

## SAVE THE DATE

Next Sunday: LJC's 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

August 24: Troubadours Concert

September 15: Annual Church Picnic

## 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), **Wednesday, August 28 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 on the back. Questions may be directed to: [PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church](mailto:PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church) or call the church office at (317) 722-0000 x103.

## PURDUE Polytechnic High Visit

Purdue is doing something special in our community for high school education. Kids won't be sitting in chairs, taking notes or staring at Power Point presentations! Instead they'll be building prototypes, creating business plans and working alongside some of the top employers in the state to solve real problems. Purdue Polytechnic High School is changing everything you think you know about education!

Today, Karen Puffer, a representative from the school, will be chatting with our youth during TeenLife. She will be sharing information about the school and opportunities to get involved with this innovative program. Learn more by visiting [pphs.purdue.edu](http://pphs.purdue.edu).



## October Prayer Retreat

LifeJourney will host the second Silent Retreat of the year on October 13 - 14. It begins Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM and continues through Monday (Columbus Day) at 6:00 PM.

The Silent Prayer Retreat will be hosted at Fatima Retreat House on 56th Street (just down the street from the church). It is local, so travel will be minimal. *Impact can be maximal!*

The retreat includes Sunday dinner, then breakfast and lunch on Monday. The time together will conclude with an afternoon devotional and then going out for coffee together Monday, late afternoon, for a debrief and discussion. The cost is \$72 per person. This price includes meals (excludes coffee outing). Paid reservations must be submitted by October 1.

Pastor David will be available for any questions and you may also complete the response form in today's bulletin for more details. Mark your calendars now for this spiritual retreat!

# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

The Haunting Beauty of Life

## Key Verse:

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.” *Psalm 23:5.*

### Order of Service

#### Welcome

#### Affirmation Poem

**Songs:** *Sing*  
*Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)*

#### Connections

#### Offering Invitation

**Song:** *Show Yourself Mighty*

#### Blessing of Our Offerings

**Song:** *Reckless Love*

#### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Psalm 23:1-6*

**Sermon:** *This Crazy Thing Called Life*  
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

**Song:** *It Is Well with My Soul*

#### Closing & Benediction

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

#### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, I confess that often I have lived as though I am all alone in this world. Awaken me to the gift of Your presence. Help me to live with the confident expectation that You are always with me, ready to help me find comfort, strength, and beauty even when war breaks out around me. 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.

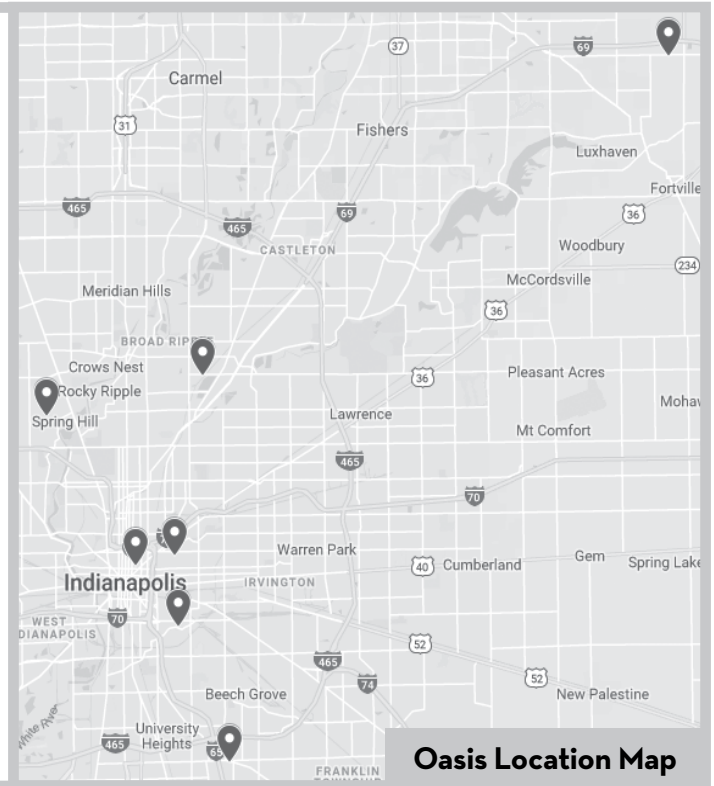
**SUN:** Teen Life After Hours (grades 9-12), Room 10 at 6:00 pm.

**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.*
- 1:00 PM Discipleship 101/102, Room 7

## Monday

- 7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6

## Tuesday

- 7:00 PM Board of Directors, Room 8

## Wednesday

- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Homosexuality and the Bible, Cafe

## 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...

- Mon. Book Club Oasis breaks for the Summer (Resumes August 26)

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

# Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	105
11:00 am Service Attendance	182
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	128
General Offering: Last Week	\$11,053
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$8,496
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,119

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# TROUBADOURS OF DIVINE BLISS

PRESENTED BY LIFEJOURNEY CHURCH



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 7:00 PM**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY OR AT [LIFEJOURNEY.CHURCH](http://LIFEJOURNEY.CHURCH)**

VOTED "BEST FOLK BAND" IN NEW ORLEANS AND LOUISVILLE  
"MUSIC THAT WILL MELT A STONE STATUE" –BBC RADIO

"THE TROUBADOURS OF DIVINE BLISS CREATE MUSIC THAT TRANSFORMS THE HEART AND ILLUMINATES THE SOUL. THEIR SONGS WILL BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY, LIFT YOUR SPIRIT, AND MOVE YOU. THE WARMTH OF THEIR HARMONIES, THE POWER OF THEIR WORDS, AND THE PROGRESSION OF THEIR MELODIES CARRIES YOU TO A MEDITATIVE PLACE AND GENTLY GROUNDS YOU BACK INTO YOUR BEST SELF." –JONATHAN COWHERD

### Teen Life After Hours

Each Sunday at 6:00 pm, high school youth meet in The Loft (Room 10) with Pastor Chris and others.  
(See Oasis Meeting Times on Page 3.)

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

- Newcomer Welcome Reception
- Prayer Retreat Information
- CUSEN Network Conference Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## CUSEN Network Conference

LifeJourney is part of the Central US Eastern Network of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). Our very own Pastor David is the Leader of the CUSEN Network and recently promoted to Network Facilitator for all of the networks in the MCC denomination. *Congratulations Pastor David!*

On October 4 - 5, the CUSEN Network will be gathering at Eternal Joy MCC in Dayton, OH. Come for the weekend as MCC celebrates 50 years!

Friday evening includes a dinner, prayer, and music. Saturday includes a worship seminar, updates from MCC's recent General Conference (not to mention breakfast, lunch, worship and communion together). MCC's newly elected Moderator, Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston, will be present as well as one of the denominational Elders.

The Red Roof Inn group rate is \$40, the cost for Friday and Saturday registration is \$35, including meals.

For more information, pickup an information sheet at the Welcome Center or complete the response form in today's bulletin. You may also register online at <https://bit.ly/2M9O26A>.

## It's Happening—Full Steam Ahead

As you can see, progress is really picking up around our campus. Here's where our three projects stand.

- **New Restrooms:** The restroom sewer lines have been installed and we're awaiting inspection by the city. Once that is complete, concrete will be poured back and framing of the floors and walls will begin.
- **Exterior Siding:** The old dilapidated burgundy siding has been removed while new structural components are being installed in preparation for our 30-year warranty cement-board siding. It's going to be exciting to see this dramatic improvement in the appearance of our building!
- **Parking Lot Resurface:** Parking lot work is scheduled to begin after the siding is installed, so we don't have heavy truck traffic on the new asphalt.

