

Sunday Headlines

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September 8, 2019



**All Church
PICNIC**
Sunday, September 15

Everyone is welcome to join the fun after church
NEXT SUNDAY from 12:30 - 3:00.

Bounce House · Pony Rides · Petting Zoo
Adult Tricycle Race · Church Photo

Hamburgers · Hotdogs · Veggie-Burgers
Register your potluck dish at the Welcome Center.

Forum About Our Denomination

On Sunday September 22 at 12:45 pm, the Board of Directors will host a forum in the sanctuary. The Board will provide a briefing about the challenges facing our denomination (MCC), then take questions and seek your input about whether we should remain within MCC. The Board is not yet making a recommendation whether we should remain or stay. Before formulating a recommendation, the Board really wants to hear your thoughts. This is an important conversation, so please plan to attend if you can. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Communion Ministry Open House

Do you love to pray? Would you like more opportunities to bless LifeJourney church by praying? Come to our fall cookout on Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 pm. Ask questions, get to know the Communion Ministry, and find out if this ministry is right for you! To RSVP or request more info, complete the response form on the back page.

Oasis Exceptions in September

Journey Through the Bible will be taking a hiatus beginning this week as they attend "Jesus and Politics" as a group. **Thursday Oasis** will not meet this week. **Pendleton Oasis** has a location change this week (see page 3). **Southside Oasis** invites you out (see below) . . .

Southside Oasis Invites You Out

The Southside Oasis invites you to join them at Garfield Park Sunken Gardens Biergarten from 6:30 - 9:00 pm on Thursday, September 19. The Garfield Brewery will have hand-breaded tenderloins, water, and micro-brews (or eat before you come; no outside food or beverages are allowed). Admission to the Biergarten is free, but be sure to bring your own seating. For more info, complete the response form on the back page.

Welcome to LifeJourney!

Married, divorced, and single here,
It's one family that mingles here.

Conservative and liberal here,
We've all gotta give a little here.

Big and small here,
There's room for us all here.

Doubt and believe here,
We all can receive here.

Gay, trans, and straight here,
There's no hate here.

Woman and man here,
Everyone can here.

Each and every gender here,
In all our splendor here.

Whatever your race here,
For all of us, grace here.

Christ above us,
Christ beside us,
Christ within us.

Amen.

New to LifeJourney?

Pastor Jeff would love to connect with you!
The next Newcomer Welcome Reception happens
Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 pm.

We're Making Progress!

We are starting to see the finish line. Work should be wrapped up soon. Here's where our three projects stand:

- **New Restrooms:** The walls are framed. Additional plumbing and ventilation have been installed this week. Work is progressing quickly!
- **Exterior Siding:** Our new siding installation is almost complete. What an amazing transformation!
- **Parking Lot Resurface:** Parking lot work is scheduled to begin later this month, so we don't have heavy truck traffic on the new asphalt.

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

When Everything Falls Apart

Key Verse:

“We walk by faith, not by sight.” // *Corinthians 5:7.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Affirmation Poem

Songs: *Lord You Are Welcome*
Everlasting God

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *New Season*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Trust In you*

Prayer

Scripture: *1 Kings 12:1-16*

Sermon: *When A Dream Dies*
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, when something bad happens, I often get stuck asking why, trying to figure out the impossible. Thank you for being patient with me. Instead of always asking why, help me to summon the faith to ask, “What’s next?” – confident that you will work with me to breathe new life into dead dreams. 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: _____

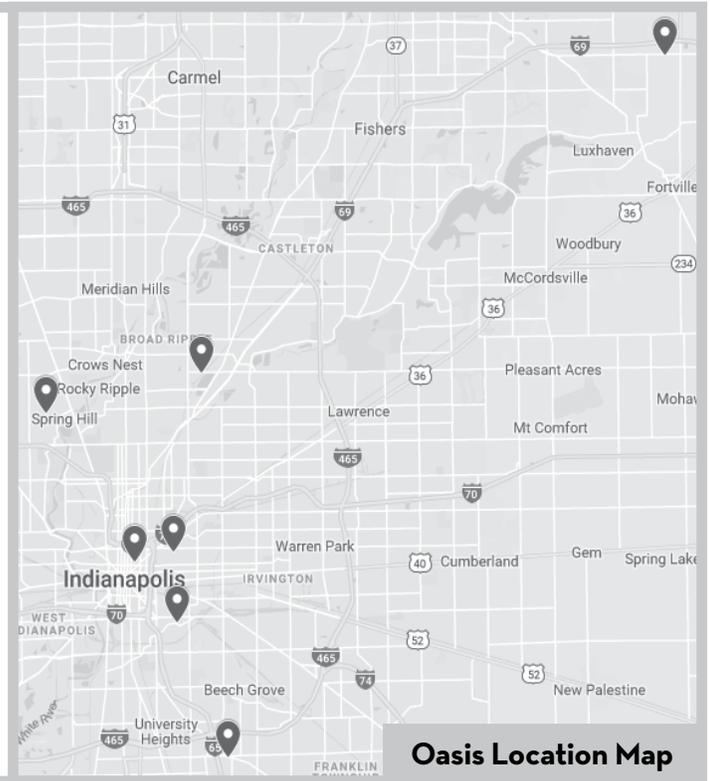
Email: _____

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, 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.*

- Monday**
- 7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6

- Tuesday**
- 7:00 PM Board of Directors (Open Meeting), Room 7

- Wednesday**
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

- Thursday**
- 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

- 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. Pendleton Oasis will meet at 14294 Moonlight Path Fishers, IN this week.
 - Thur. Thursday Evening Oasis will not meet this week.

See the full events calendar from LifeJourney!
View this month at: LifeJourney.church/events

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	115
11:00 am Service Attendance	148
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	92
General Offering: Last Week	\$6,393
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$8,611
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,119

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Minister of Family Life



LifeJourney Choir RE-LAUNCH

Sing for joy! It's that time of year again... The LifeJourney Choir is relaunching, re-uniting our existing choral vocalists and welcoming new voices.

It truly is an exciting time of the year; the choir continues to build momentum for the depth of inclusive worship at LifeJourney Church. They also play a vital role in our Christmas and Easter celebrations.

The choir is led by Pastor Jason Powell, Minister of Worship Arts. Jason studied choral conducting as an undergrad student and has worked with large and small choirs, through a variety of genres, across the nation. Jason is experienced in developing the voice and ear of vocalists; even if you can't read music you'll be coached on how to learn vocal parts, pitch awareness, and aural skills.

Being part of the choir also offers a spiritual component. For many, Wednesday evening rehearsals can be an uplifting time as individuals come together for a sense of community, prayer, and soul-inspiring music.

If being part of the LifeJourney Choir is an opportunity calling to you, then please complete the response form to be included on choir communications. The first rehearsal was last week, but still, feel free to join them on Wednesdays. Their first presentation in worship will be in the month of September!

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

- Choir Communications and Info
- Communion Ministry Open House
- Southside Oasis Outing
- Discipleship Courses (circle):
 - Discipleship 101/102 • Jesus and Politics
 - Monastic Habits for Everyday Life
- Requesting Scholarship

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Register Now Fall Discipleship Courses!

Discipleship 101/102

Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm (7 wks), bracketed by two Saturday Retreats, Sept. 14 & Nov. 23, each from 9:30 - 3:30 pm.
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.

Monastic Habits for Everyday Life

Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Oct. 10 - Nov. 21.
Teacher: Pastor Chris Edwards. Registration fee \$20.

Learn how monastic practices can be integrated into the everyday life of the modern Christian. These daily habits can enrich your spiritual life and guide you toward a closer walk with Christ. We will cover topics like the liturgical calendar, lectionaries, Lectio Divina, centering prayer, prayer beads, the Daily Examen, labyrinths, retreat, holy wandering, anamcharas/soul friends, and much more. Discussions will focus on how you can adapt these practices to your own busy life. Each session will include guided practice through one of the covered habits. In addition to serving as our Family Life Minister, Pastor Chris is also a member of a dispersed monastic community with the Celtic Church.

Jesus and Politics

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Sept. 18 - Nov. 6.
Teacher: Pastor Jeff Miner. Registration fee \$20.

We will explore how Jesus dealt with hot political issues in his time and consider how our faith informs our position on a variety of hot-button contemporary issues like prolife or prochoice, immigration, gun policy, taxation/government spending/deficits, racism and multiculturalism, environment, Republican or Democrat or beyond. We will explore these issues from all viewpoints, looking at the Scriptures relevant to each issue. The goal is not to all agree on the "right" answers, but to help each of us grow our own understanding, while engaging in open, honest, loving conversations.

Registrants covenant to attend all sessions unless ill or out of town. Fees are listed above 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.