

Sunday Headlines

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LifeJourney
Church

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.

CUSEN Fall Network Gathering



LifeJourney Church is part of a denomination called Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). Within the denomination are networks of regional churches. Our own, Pastor David Zier, is the Network Coordinator of our region's network, Central United States Eastern Network (CUSEN).

This coming weekend, LifeJourney will be hosting the CUSEN fall network gathering, October 19 - 20. This will be an extra special gathering as MCC is celebrating 50 years on a mission to "Transform ourselves as we transform the world." Think of all that has happened and how the world has changed over 50 years—and we could still benefit from more transforming, including ourselves!

So let's come together and remind ourselves that we are all God's people—equally valued and loved. ALL OF US!

For the CUSEN network this means continuing to love and support each other while building the future. This year's gathering will be a reminder what it means to be a diverse community in 2018 for all people. There will also be conversation about generosity and how a follower of Jesus can live in a generous way—How does our heart truly follow where we put our treasure? Time will also be set aside to talk about what is happening in MCC at the denominational level. This will be a wonderful opportunity to listen and share.

The cost for the entire weekend event is only \$35 and includes three meals. (Friday only, \$10; Saturday only, \$25)

If you would like more information on this event, complete the response form in today's bulletin. Additional information is also available at the Welcome Center.

New Oasis Coming Soon: Life Recovery Oasis!



On October 23, a brand new Life Recovery Oasis will begin meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 8! This group is for persons who have personally struggled with addiction who are seeking connection, accountability, real conversation, and encouragement to overcome harmful dependencies and to support one another in their personal journey in recovery.

Stephen Hudson will lead the group. Stephen works in the Dual Diagnosis/Addictions field and has a Masters of Social Work degree. He is also a member of our church. No need to register in advance; just show up. Although you are welcome to fill out the response form in today's bulletin if you would like to talk to Stephen in advance.

We'll Pray for You...

Deacons are available in the sanctuary, after the service, to pray with you.

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, October 24 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 or call the church office at (317)722-0000 x103.

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

God's Promise In Our Lives

Key Verse:

"Esau despised his birthright." Genesis 25:34.

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *Lift Him Up*
More Than Anything

Affirmation Poem

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *Mighty to Save*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Cleansed*

Prayer

Scripture: *Genesis 25:21-34, selected verses*

Sermon: *Becoming*
Jeff Miner

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

Closing Song: *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I'm often tempted to respond to life's experiences in superficial reactive ways, with an eye toward short-term gratification. Forgive me. Remind me that every situation is suffused with deep spiritual meaning and potential. Help me to practice responding to life's challenges as a spirit being who has access to the power of the Spirit. 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 available, upon request for those with dietary restrictions.

Sermon Notes:

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.

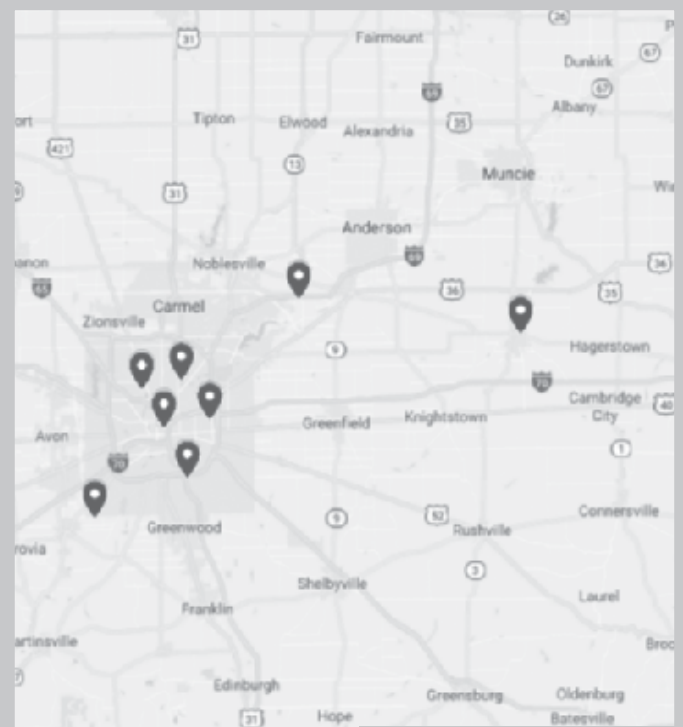
If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit the back half of the left section.



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 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.
- TUE:** Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave., Indianapolis.
Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.
Life Recovery Oasis, Room 8 (begins Oct 23).
Mornings with God Oasis, Cafe at 10:00 am.
New Castle Oasis, 205 S 21st St., New Castle.
Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.
- WED:** Family Oasis, Room 6 at 6:30 pm.
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 Rd., Indianapolis at 6:30 pm.
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)
11:00 am Teen Life (6-12th grade), The Loft (Room 10)
1:00 pm Financial Peace University, Room 6

Monday

- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Grief Support Workshop, Room 8

Thursday

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

Friday

- 6:00 pm CUSEN Retreat, Cafe
7:00 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
7:00 pm Youth Lock-In, Room 10
8:00 pm Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 7

Saturday

- 8:00 am Homeless Ministry, serves Dayspring Center
8:30 am CUSEN Retreat, Cafe

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

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	97
11:00 am Service Attendance	154
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	90
General Offering: Last Week	\$10,979
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,699
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.

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make a one-time gift

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LifeJourney's *Halloween* Lock-In

This Friday, October 19, youth and teens will try to survive a haunting lock-in at the church from 7:30 pm Friday night to 7:00 am the next morning! Fun will lurk around every corner—ghoulish snacks, frightening movies, board games, a graveyard skit, and more!

Additionally, if you are interested in assisting with this event, volunteers are needed to help with breakfast, supply snacks, decorating, cleanup, etc. Complete the response form for more details.

Make Some New Connections!

Do you want to make some new connections at church? Then, stand around the coffee service counter on Sundays!

Our Hospitality Ministry is the center of attention on Sundays as people grab a snack and cup of coffee. Talk about an easy way to make connections for yourself, while also making others feel right at home! Volunteers lend a hand during one Sunday service per month. Complete the response form to learn more about the Hospitality Ministry!



Refer a Psychiatrist or Therapist

From time to time, congregants ask us for referrals for mental health professionals. If you have experience with a mental health professional whom you would recommend highly, please complete the response form below.

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- CUSEN Network Gathering
- Newcomer Welcome Reception
- Life Recovery Oasis
- Trunk-or-Treat & Chili Cook-Off (circle below)

Decorated Trunk • Chili Entry • Helpers/Judges

- Children & Youth Volunteers (circle below)
- Lock-In • Concierge • Activity Leader/Special Roles

- Mental Health Referral:

Professional's Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

Services (circle): Psychiatrist • Therapist • Counselor

Other Service: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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



Saturday, October 27 is going to be one howl of a night! Decorate your vehicle and bring some candy for the kids as they Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume and decorated vehicle.

For the adults, we have a chili cook-off, enter your cauldron of chili if you dare. Everyone come prepared to taste some of the best chili under the full moon. Then we'll vote for the winner!



In addition, we will have music, storytelling, and s'mores around the fire. It all starts at 6:00 pm, right here on the south lawn of LifeJourney Church. Bring a chair and blanket, too.

If you are interested in decorating a trunk, entering the chili cook off, or helping/judging, please complete the response form in today's bulletin.



Children Ministry's *Growth Spurt*

LifeJourney's Children's Ministry is growing! While experiencing this growth spurt, they have developed some innovative projects including: live worship, storytelling, and dedicated mentors for our children. Thankfully, some of their existing volunteers have stepped into these specialized roles, making room for a few more people to join the team.

Pastor Chris would love for you to consider being part of this exciting time in the life of our church and children! If you are interested in being an activity leader or other roles that could be explored individually, please complete the response from and he will be in touch with you this week.



Concierges at Main Street Station

Each Sunday, a couple friendly faces help welcome our children and new families to Main Street Station. It's a unique position that balances creating first impressions with helping to calm late arrivals on a hectic Sunday morning. It's such a vital role and we could use a few more warm and friendly smiles.

Another characteristic that will help a volunteer excel in this role is to be comfortable with computer software and typing skills—often new families will need to be registered in the check-in system before settling into a classroom.

If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, complete the response form in today's bulletin. Pastor Chris, Minister of Family Life, will be in touch this week.