

Sunday Headlines

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Membership Orientation Today!

LifeJourney Membership Orientation will take place today between 1 pm and 4 pm in Room 6. If you've not had a chance to register, you are still welcome. Just show up at 1 pm. Feel free to bring your own lunch.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner, Thursday

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the many good things that have happened in our lives. And each year, we open the church for our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner—for anyone wanting to give thanks with their church family.



The dinner will be on Thanksgiving Day from 12-4 pm. LifeJourney will supply the ham and turkey; we ask guests to supply the sides and deserts. Please register your dish on the form at the Welcome Desk (to ensure that we don't get inundated with cookies).

Snow Angels

Each winter, volunteers clear our sidewalks and steps of snow and ice before Sunday worship services. Our light weight snow blower, ergonomic shovel, and salt spreader help make this task pretty simple. If you don't mind being called upon to complete the important task, once per month if it snows, please complete the response form on the back page.

Congratulations *Pastor Chris!*

Last weekend, our Family Life Minister Chris Edwards was officially ordained by the Apostolic Celtic Church. Before coming to LifeJourney 8 months ago, Chris trained and served in various capacities in the Celtic Church—eventually leading a local parish, teaching in sister churches, and serving in the College of Bishops. The Bishops wanted to bestow ordination as a symbol of their high regard for, and affirmation of, Chris' new ministry at LifeJourney, designating him "a gift to the world," which he most certainly is, especially to us!

The Celtic Church goes back centuries. It emphasizes faith as a way of life and deep discipleship based on lifelong connections. It believes that God acts in both natural and supernatural ways, and teaches that we should live each day as an act of worship.

We're so glad for the role the Celtic Church has played in shaping the faith and ministry perspective of Pastor Chris. Be sure to congratulate him on his official ordination!

Amazing Final Results!

In recent weeks, we have been inviting everyone to consider making a giving and attendance commitment to help us meet the two key conditions laid out by our bank to get a capital improvements loan for our building. Our goal is to replace the rotting wood siding on our building, resurface our broken main parking lot, and create larger code-compliant restrooms. Here are the amazing results!

Attendance Goal = 300+ per week in Nov/Dec.

Weekly attendance commitments = 123

Invitations to guests = 47

Nov. 4 attendance = 333

Nov. 11 attendance = 313

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, next Sunday will be a challenge since some will be on travel. If you're in town, please be sure to be here!

Giving Goal = Increase by at least \$650 per week

New givers = 43

Increased regular givers = 64

Net increase per week = \$1,254 - almost double our goal!

Deepest thanks to everyone! If we all follow through on our responses, we will meet the bank's goals and be able to close on the bank loan in January and get started on our critical capital improvements! We will provide weekly updates in our Sunday worship bulletin. Thank you SO MUCH.

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, Nov. 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 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:
Living Courageously

Key Verse:

"The land we have gone through . . . devours its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. . . . And to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them." Numbers 13:32.

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise / Be Glorified*
Sweeter

Affirmation Poem

Connections

Membership Inductions (Second Service)

Offering Invitation

Song: *Another Breakthrough*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *I Look to You*

Prayer

Scripture: *Numbers 13:1-33, selected verses*

Sermon: *Giants In the Land*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Closing Song: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, it's so easy to be overwhelmed by doubts and obstacles, then drift into despair. Remind me that I have the power to choose to see through the eyes of faith or the eyes of despair. I can choose to focus on possibilities or problems. Give me the courage to cultivate a relentlessly positive, thankful heart. 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:

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: _____

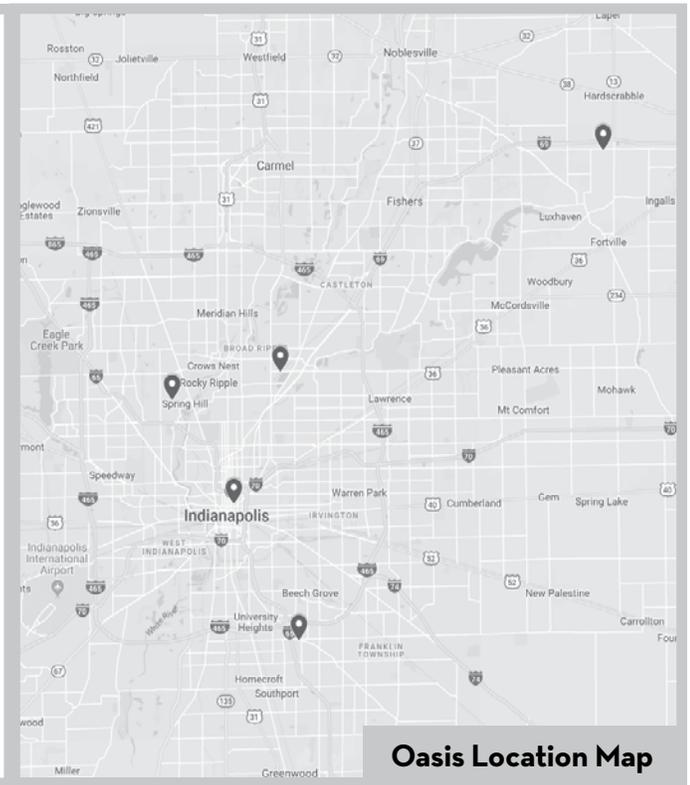
Email: _____

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.
- TUE:** Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.
Life Recovery Oasis, Room 8.
Mornings with God Oasis, Cafe at 10:00 am.
~~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)
 - 12:30 pm Youth Lunch Love, Room 10
 - 1:00 pm New Member Orientation, Room 6
 - 1:00 pm Deacons Meeting, Room 8
- Monday**
- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday**
- Thursday**
- 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 Breakfast, Dayspring Center
 - 3:00 pm TransIndy (Open Meeting), Room 6

Exceptions...
Many Oasis Groups and Musicians will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	148
11:00 am Service Attendance	165
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	99
General Offering: Last Week	\$11,097
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$9,214
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.

Enroll in automated giving or make a one-time gift

GIVE+Online
LifeJourney.church/give

Text your giving amount

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- David Zier**
Minister of Discipleship
- Spencer James**
Minister of Operations
- Jason Powell**
Minister of Worship Arts
- Chris Edwards**
Minister of Family Life

The Birth of a Miracle



The miracle of Christmas all over again in a multi-sensory experience of song, dance, and dramatic works.

LifeJourney Church Christmas Program
+ Invite your friends and family to this event. +
Sunday, December 16 @ 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Featuring LifeJourney's: Christmas Choir • Children Choir Soloists • Duets • Ensembles Dramatic Works • Sacred Dance	Special Guests Musicians: Michael Thomas, Vocalist Dr. Eric Edberg, Master Cellist
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Lunch Love



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

Happening Today • 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 them along with warm hats & gloves for the cold weather.

Can't Join us? Donate lunch supplies (peanut butter, jelly, fruit snacks, chips) ... or winter hats and gloves (all sizes) to the collection box at the Children's Concierge Desk today before 12:30 pm

Questions? Contact John Chambers on our Youth Team at John.patrick.chambers@gmail.com or 317.618.0626.

Youth Baptism Invitation

Sunday, December 30, will be an exciting day at LifeJourney! Not only will we be anticipating the new year, we'll also be baptizing one of our children.

If your child is also interested in being baptized, we'd be more than happy to include them in the ceremony.

Would you like information about baptism (for a child or adult)? Complete the response form below and Pastor Chris will be in touch with you.

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!



Thank You...

for the gift of your presence today!
Remember to take a moment to say a silent prayer for the person sitting in front of you.

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Newcomers Welcome Reception
- Youth Baptism Info & Registration
- Campus Services: Snow Angel
- Hospitality: Makes Some New Connections

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Out with the Old, In with the New!

LifeJourney's New Year's Eve Dance is the place to be on December 31 from 7:00 pm to Midnight. Hosted at The Garrison, this venue is known for its food—so rest assured the menu is fabulous. Included, will be champagne toast at midnight; a cash bar will also be available. Music will be provided by Dazzling D. How better to bring in the New Year and say good bye to the old?



If you did not purchase your ticket earlier this year, tickets will be on sale in the Lobby. This all inclusive evening is \$50 per person, cash and credit card are accepted.