

Sunday Headlines

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The Birth of a Miracle

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. It shows the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus in a manger, with a star above them. The scene is set within a simple outline of a stable. The background is dark with white stars and a bright star above the manger.

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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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.



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) **this Wednesday 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.

Campus Service Ministry

The Campus Services Ministry is comprised of about 25 dedicated individuals, divided into several crews (listed below), serving once per month. We're blessed that many hands make light work and save the church a tremendous amount of money. Currently, we have open positions on the following crews:

- **Grounds Crew (Snow Angels):** As the mowing season ends and volunteers take a much needed break, we need 4 individuals to serve as "snow angels" for a few months—clearing the sidewalks and steps of snow one Sunday per month (if it snows).
- **Cleaning Crew:** Whether it's wiping tables, shining glass, pushing a vacuum, or swinging a mop, individuals serve one day per month (usually less than 2 hours) and clean an assigned area of the building. Several areas need additional volunteers to lend a hand.
- **Maintenance Crew:** Current projects include replacing light bulbs, light maintenance, and interior painting.

Please complete the response form if you'd like to learn more about these important tasks.

Make Some New Connections!

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!



Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Manifesting Your Divine Potential

Key Verse:

"To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God. . . . The sower sows the word." *Mark 4:11, 14.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *Trading My Sorrows*
I Give You My Heart

Affirmation Poem

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *Sing*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Reckless Love*

Prayer

Scripture: *Mark 4:1-20*

Sermon: *Sow the Word! - The Process of Manifesting Your Divine Potential*
Jason Powell

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

Closing Song: *Something Beautiful*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I confess times when I've allowed fear to stop me from accomplishing Your higher purpose in my life. Today, You have entrusted to me the secret of how to manifest the latent, divine potentials that You've placed inside me—just like a seed. Help me to endure the challenging stages of sowing, so my life may produce harvests of beauty and well-being for myself and others. 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)
 - 1:00 pm Financial Peace University, Room 8
- Monday**
- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6
- Tuesday**
- 7:00 pm Local Outreach Board (Open Meeting), Room 7
- Wednesday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Newcomers Welcome Reception, Room 8
- 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 Breakfast, Dayspring Center

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	126
11:00 am Service Attendance	182
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	89
General Offering: Last Week	\$11,054
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,092
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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Save the Dates! Holiday Schedule

Dec. 16 • 9:30 am & 11:00 am
Christmas Musical Extravaganza
LifeJourney Church

Dec. 24 • 7:00 pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
LifeJourney Church

Dec. 25 • 1:00-8:00 pm
Christmas Dinner and Open House
Pastors Jeff and David's House

Dec. 31 • 7:00 pm - 12:00 am
New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance
Garrison at Ft. Harrison.

LifeJourney welcomes you, your family, and friends to be part of these wonderful events.

Congratulations *Pastor Chris!*

Recently, 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!

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Newcomers Welcome Reception
- Campus Services: (circle) Snow, Cleaning, Maintenance
- Hospitality: Makes Some New Connections

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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
 Nov. 18 attendance = 308

Thank you for being here on this Thanksgiving holiday weekend, your attendance is helping us reach our goal.

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.