

# Sunday Headlines

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## LifeJourney Christmas Events

Dec. 15	9:30 AM & 11:00 AM	A Christmas Oasis: The True Gift Unwrapped LifeJourney Christmas Program at both services.
Dec. 20	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service
Dec. 24	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Pastors Jeff & David's Christmas Open House



### Invite A Friend: December 15

Have you ever found yourself in a spirited debate over the true meaning of Christmas? Some may say it's all about gifts and selfless acts of generosity. For others, it's a time to be merry with family and friends. Christians might encourage you to believe it commemorates the birth of Jesus... But what is the true meaning of Christmas?

A *Christmas Oasis* takes you on a journey of eight friends as they unwrap the mystery of Christmas. Will these friends' collective spirits agree on the true meaning or will they need the profound insight of souls from Christmas' past? Find out as the true gift of Christmas is unwrapped!

A *Christmas Oasis: the True Gift Unwrapped* is an uplifting and insightful Christmas story woven together with some of the most beautiful songs of the season and participation for the whole family. All are welcome to come unwrap the true meaning of Christmas on December 15 during both services.



### Beginning this Thursday

This Thursday, LifeJourney will launch Dinner Church! Located in Fountain Square, dinner is centered around the Eucharist. Gather around the table for fellowship, discussion, and communion. The main dish is provided and you're welcome to bring a side dish if you like. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm, but the doors open by 6:00 pm for those who wish to prepare food and fellowship together.

Each week there will be a reading from the Narrative Lectionary, a 5-10 minute discussion starter, and open discussion about the text around the table. The setting is reflective, but informal. Children are welcome, along with the noise of laughter and side conversations they will inevitably bring. This is a space of generous orthodoxy, where all beliefs are honored and respected.

Plan to join in this unique Dinner Church service beginning this Thursday at 6:30 in Fountain Square (1820 Orange Street Indianapolis). For more information, please complete the response form on the back page of today's bulletin or contact [ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church](mailto:ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church).

# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

Hope

## Key Verse:

“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31.

### Order of Service

#### Welcome

**Advent Candle**      *Hope*

**Praise & Worship:**    *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Sweeter*

#### Affirmation Poem

#### Connections

**Offering Selection:**    *Tremble*

#### Offering Blessing

**Song of Preparation:** *I Love to Sing Your Praise*

#### Prayer

**Scripture:**              *Habakkuk 1:2-4 and 3:17-19a*

**Sermon:**                 *The Season of Hope*  
Rev. Vivian Ampy

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

**Congregational Hymn:** *I Need You to Survive*

### Closing & Benediction

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

#### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, when my guts start to tremble and my anxiety surges, remind me of the message of Advent. You have not abandoned me, hope is real, and something is coming. On this I stand. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

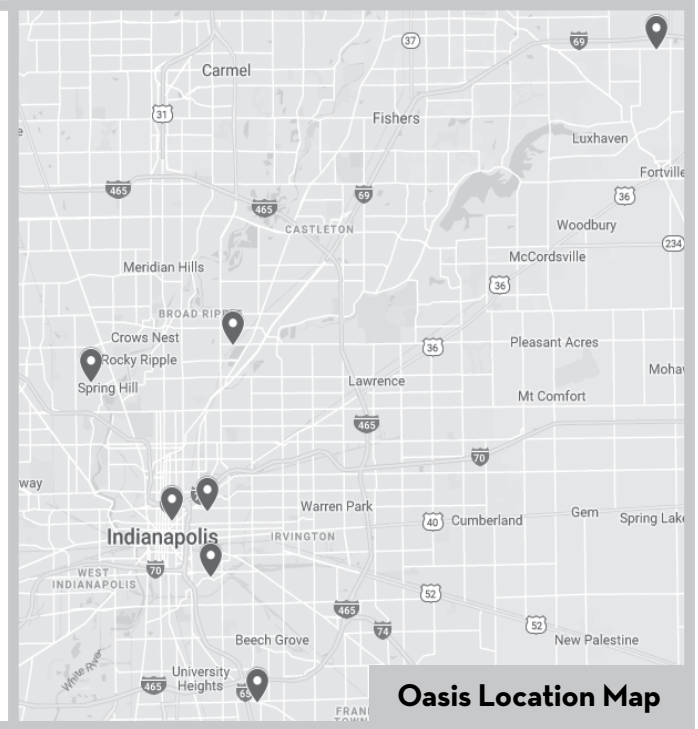
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*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.**

- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.  
Pendleton Oasis, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton
- TUE:** 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 Global Outreach Board, Room 8

**Wednesday**

- Thursday**
- 6:30 PM Dinner Church, 1820 Orange St, Fountain Square

- 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
  - 12:00 PM Sisterhood Group Luncheon, Cafe

## Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	142
11:00 am Service Attendance	132
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	72
General Offering: Last Week	\$6,445
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$8,518
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,119

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# Sisterhood

## Upcoming Sisterhood Group Events

Sisterhood is a newly formed group that fosters companionship and mutual support for those who identify as female.

The sisters' next large group activity will be a pitch-in lunch, here at the church, this Saturday at noon. In addition, there will be a cookie exchange on December 10 at 7 pm.

If you are interested in learning more about these events, complete the response form below. You may also review the events calendar on the church website. Join and celebrate sisterhood!

## Advent Day of Silence Retreat

In last week's sermon, Pastor David challenged us to take Isaiah 55 more seriously in our lives. As part of that challenge, he invited us to take a silent day for Advent. Modern life can be chaotic; what a radical shift to be *weird* this holiday season and spend 24 hours in silence to prepare our hearts right before Christmas.

If this speaks to you, join Pastor David as he hosts an Advent Day of Silence Prayer Retreat at the Fatima Retreat House, right down the street from the church on 56th Street. The retreat begins on December 17 at 4:00 PM with a short devotional at Fatima House and ends December 18 at 6 PM with a brief discussion over coffee at Starbucks.

The registration fee of \$72 includes Tuesday dinner, then breakfast and lunch on Wednesday (Starbucks not included).

Complete the response form for more details and to RSVP, paid reservations must be received before December 11.



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

- Dinner Church
- Sisterhood Group Info/RSVP
- Advent Day of Silence Prayer Retreat
- Newcomer Welcome Reception
- Creative Arts: Media Team Technician
- Campus Services: Cleaning Crew
- Hospitality: Helpful Donut Eaters

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile/Text \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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, Dec. 11 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 page.** Questions may be directed to: PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church or call the church office at (317) 722-0000 x103.

## Lights, Camera, *Action!*

Do you enjoy technology or working behind the scenes? Then perhaps being part of the Creative Arts Ministry might be a way you can have some fun while serving your church.



The Media Team is looking for some additional technicians to serve during both services, one Sunday per month. The following positions have openings:

- **Audio** (basic audio experience required)
- **Lighting** (no prior experience needed)
- **Cameras** (basic video/photography skills are helpful)
- **Stagehand/Assistant** (no prior experienced needed)

If you would like to learn more about serving with the Media Team or to shadow the team on an upcoming Sunday, please complete the response form.

## Tired of Cleaning Your House?

Then come clean the church! Did you know our church is kept clean and fresh by a crew of volunteers from our Campus Services Ministry? Whether it's wiping tables, shining glass, pushing a vacuum, or swinging a mop, individuals serve once per month (usually less than 2 hours) and clean an assigned area of the building. Several areas need additional volunteers to lend a hand. Does this sound like a way you can support LifeJourney? If so, please complete the response form to learn more!



### Taza De Amour

If you enjoy LifeJourney's signature coffee, it's available to purchase and take-home in whole-bean bags. (Proceeds benefit the Hospitality Ministry.)

## Eat Donuts While Helping Others

The Hospitality Ministry could use some extra helping hands on the 1st Sunday and 4th Sunday of each month. If you're able to prepare light refreshments and wouldn't mind tidying up the Cafe and Kitchen afterwards, the Hospitality Ministry would be grateful if you could serve during one Sunday service per month. (Early access to donut holes are a fringe benefit.) Complete the response form for more details.