

# Sunday Headlines

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December 2, 2018

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. It shows a stable with a manger in the center containing baby Jesus. Mary and Joseph stand on either side of the manger. The scene is set against a dark blue background with white stars and a bright star in the sky. The title "The Birth of a Miracle" is written in a glowing, cursive font at the top.

*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

## Help Us Seal The Deal!

To get a capital improvements loan to upgrade our restrooms, repave our parking lot, and replace siding on our building, the bank has told us our giving for 2018 must equal or exceed \$490,000. Recent substantial increases in weekly giving, if sustained, will get us very close to that goal, but likely leave us a tad short since it took a few weeks for the increases to kick in.

To make sure we meet the year-end number set by the bank, we're inviting those who can to consider making a one-time year-end lump sum contribution. Those contributions will not only ensure we meet the bank's number, but also be applied to the restroom renovation, thereby reducing the amount we have to borrow! We're hoping to raise \$14,000 in year-end gifts. Here's an example of how that could be achieved.

1 Gifts of \$ 5,000	= \$ 5,000
2 Gifts of \$ 2,000	= \$ 4,000
3 Gifts of \$ 1,000	= \$ 3,000
4 Gifts of \$ 500	= \$ 2,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>

If you would like to participate, go to <http://LifeJourney.church/donate>, click the red online donation button, then check the box that says "Building Fund." Alternatively, you can place a check in the offering plate and write "Restroom Renovation" on the memo line.

Every dollar donated now will save us \$1.65 in interest charges over the life of the loan, almost doubling the impact of your donation!

**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.

## Capital Improvements Loan Update

We're halfway through a two month dash to meet two key conditions laid out by our bank to get a capital improvements loan to replace the rotting wood siding on our building, resurface our broken main parking lot, and create larger code-compliant restrooms. Here's the latest:

### Attendance Goal = 300+ per week

- Nov. average = 306
- Let's keep the momentum going!
- Please be here every Sunday you're in town.
- And invite family and friends to our Dec. 16 Christmas Extravaganza!

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

- Prior weekly avg. = \$8,726
- Nov. weekly avg. = \$9,732
- Weekly increase so far = \$1,006
- Wow! Thank you for amazing generosity!

# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

Digging Deeper Into The Meaning Of Christmas

## Key Verse:

"This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed, so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too." *Luke 2:34.*

## Order of Service

### Welcome

### Advent Candle

**Songs:** *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*  
*Chain Breaker*

### Affirmation Poem

### Connections

### New Member Induction

### Offering Invitation

**Song:** *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

### Blessing of Our Offerings

**Scripture:** *Luke 2:22-35, selected verses*

**Sermon:** *Christmas In Shades of Blue*  
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

**Closing Song:** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### Closing & Benediction

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

### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, I confess that I sometimes wish I could excise all the pain from my life. But in the process I would lose the chance to find so much beauty lurking in the shadows. Like Jesus, like all great artists, may I dare to see suffering as a creative crucible that can give rise to great beauty—if by faith I open my heart to it. 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:

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## 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.

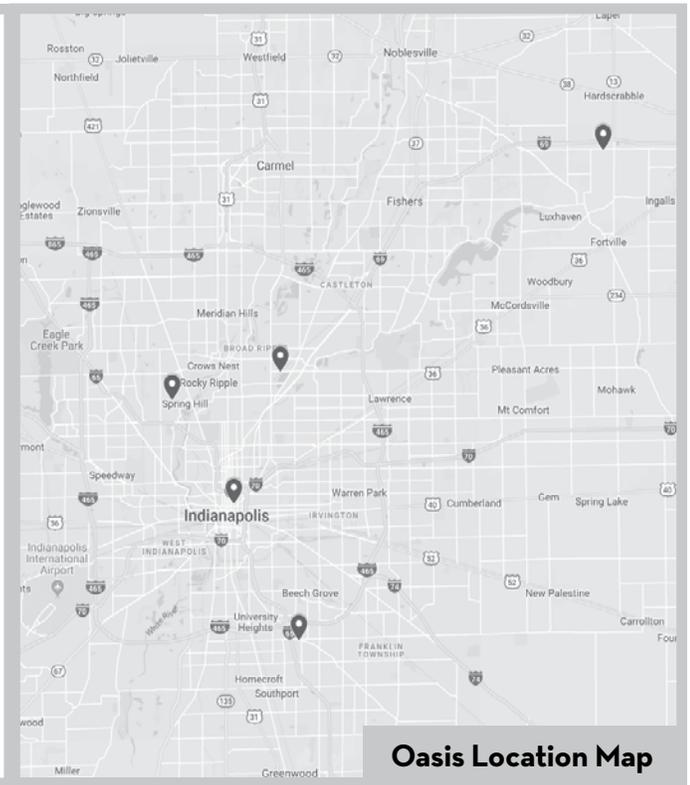
*If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit the back half of the left section.*



# 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, 14294 Moonlight Path., Fishers.
- 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)
- Monday**
- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6
- Tuesday**
- 7:00 pm Global Outreach Board (Open Meeting), Room 7
- Wednesday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
  - 6:00 pm SAFY Foster Parent Support, Room 6
  - 7:00 pm Christmas 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 Breakfast, Dayspring Center

- Exceptions...**
- Mon. Pendleton Oasis has changed locations for the month of December (as listed above).
  - Wed. Family Oasis hosts SAFY's monthly meeting.

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

# Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	122
11:00 am Service Attendance	150
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	(Holiday) 23
General Offering: Last Week	\$12,258
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,642
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](http://LifeJourney.church/give)

Text your giving amount

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- Jeff Miner**  
Senior Pastor
- Vivian Ampy**  
Minister of Congregational Life
- David Zier**  
Minister of Discipleship
- Spencer James**  
Minister of Operations
- Jason Powell**  
Minister of Worship Arts
- Chris Edwards**  
Minister of Family Life

## Holiday Event 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's Global Missions efforts include ongoing sponsorship of many children from around the globe through Children Fund International.

Unfortunately, we have four children that have lost their sponsors recently. Would you consider providing for these children? Sponsorship is only \$24 per month; there is an additional bonus of being able to communicate with your sponsored child via letters. It can be quite the rewarding experience.

For more information, complete the response form below and of Global Mission team will reach out to you.



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## Annual Giving Tree Begins Today

Each year, LifeJourney's Giving Tree benefits individuals and families, both within our church and at the Dayspring Center (a homeless shelter for families).

Take a look at the Giving Tree located in the Lobby. If you can help make someone's Christmas a little easier, take a tag from the tree. After you purchase the gift, bring it to church and set it under the tree, **unwrapped with the tag attached**. Gifts will be collected through Sunday, December 16.



## Giving Tree Wrap Up Event

Youth, Families, and all who wish to participate... join the Teen Life students in the Loft (Rm 10) after the second service on December 16 to wrap gifts from this year's Giving Tree. There will be hot chocolate, seasonal snack, and lot's of fun. See you there!

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

#### RSVP and/or More Info:

- Child Fund International Sponsorship Info
- Hospitality: Makes Some New Connections
- Campus Services: (circle) Snow, Cleaning, Maintenance

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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!



## 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.**