

Sunday Headlines

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December 9, 2018



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

Will You 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 Gift 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
Grand Total		\$14,000

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!

Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsals
Today at 1:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1:00 pm

4th Sunday • 1st Service

The Hospitality Ministry (almost) has a full team. Two people are needed prepare refreshments on the 4th Sunday of the month during 1st service. Please complete the response form if you are able to help. (Better yet, ask a friend to serve with you!)

Progress Update for Capital Improvement Loan Requirements

Attendance Goal: 300+ per week

275 325

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306

Let's keep it going! Please be here next Sunday.
Be sure to invite a friend to the Christmas Program, too!

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

\$8,726 \$9,726

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\$9,078

Lower than the new norm due to timing of electronic deposit cut-off date. This week should make up for that quirk.

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Exploring the Deeper Meaning of Christmas

Key Verse:

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." *Isaiah 9:6.*

Order of Service

Advent Candle

Welcome

Songs: *Lift Him Up*
I Give Myself Away
Here I Am to Worship

Affirmation Poem

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *Lord Prepare Me*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Christmas Hallelujah (Cloverton)*

Prayer

Scripture: *Luke 6:31-38*

Sermon: *The Gift*

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

Rev. Jeff Miner

Closing Song: *What Child Is This*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, the hoarding impulse runs deep. I'm so afraid of giving away too much of myself. I know You risked everything for us—and now call us to take similar risks. It's scary, but I do want to be more like You and share Your joy. In the days, help me to stretch the limits of my generosity, knowing that it will come back to me pressed down and running over. 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, 14294 Moonlight Path., Fishers.
- TUE:** Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.
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 Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Room 5

Monday

- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors (Open Meeting), Room 7

Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 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

- 10:30 am Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 1:00 pm Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Room 5

Exceptions...

- Mon. Pendleton Oasis has changed locations for the month of December (as listed above).
 Tue. Life Recovery Oasis breaks until the new year.

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

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	143
11:00 am Service Attendance	161
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	71
General Offering: Last Week	\$6,464
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,771
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

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LifeJourney.church/give



Text your giving amount

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

Blue Christmas

Friday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 PM

The upcoming days hold many expectations, emotions, and experiences for those of us on a journey through grief. Stepping away from the busy activities of these winter holidays to remember a loved one may give peace and comfort.

Blue Christmas will be a special time of remembrance—a time to light a candle and think of those special to you, regardless of how much time has pass since the loss.

Holiday Event Schedule

Dec. 16 • 9:30 am & 11:00 am
The Birth of a Miracle
LifeJourney Church

Dec. 21 • 7:00 pm
Blue Christmas Service
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
10838 Midnight Dr, Indianapolis

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

Giving Tree Ends Next Sunday

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 next 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, next Sunday, 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 Ministry

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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. The team needs just a couple more volunteers for this season. If you don't mind being called upon to complete this important task, once per month if it snows, please complete the response form on the back page.



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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