

# Sunday Headlines

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December 16, 2018



## Holiday Event Schedule

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  
Garrison at Ft. Harrison.

## Giving Tree Ends Today



Today wraps up our annual Giving Tree. Thank you for the amazing generosity! Collectively we were able to support Dayspring Center families and also families/individuals within LifeJourney. Thank you for your generosity.

If you forgot to return your gift today or still would like to participate, please drop your gifts at the church office by Wednesday.

## 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, today, to wrap gifts from this year's Giving Tree. There will be hot chocolate, seasonal snack, and lot's of fun. See you there!

## Wanted: Christmas Elves

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, every pot was stirring, with help of a spouse.*

Yep, that's basically how the story goes as Pastor Jeff and Pastor David prepare for a house full of people on Christmas Day. (Actually, rumor has it Jeff does the cleaning and David does the cooking.)

After all that prep, they deserve a break on Christmas Day to enjoy the gracious act of hosting their church family. This is where a small army of elves enter the story. These Christmas elves volunteer in shifts to help around the house, assisting with warming food, filling buffet pans, and especially helping to clean up after the 8:00 pm hour. (And if you've been around for the after hours, you know this is when the real party gets started... we're talking loud Christmas music, spoon licking, and hands-full of cookies and pies!)

If you can spare some time, before or after your own enjoyment of the party, please complete the response form and Pastor David will be in touch.

## 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.

## Progress Update for Capital Improvement Loan Requirements

Attendance Goal: 300+ per week

275 325

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305

Let's keep it going! We need everyone who's in town next Sunday to please be here. Invite a friend, too!

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

\$8,726 \$9,726

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\$9,672

Thank you for such overwhelming generosity!

# 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.*

## Presenting Today...



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

### Silent Confession

### 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.

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

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

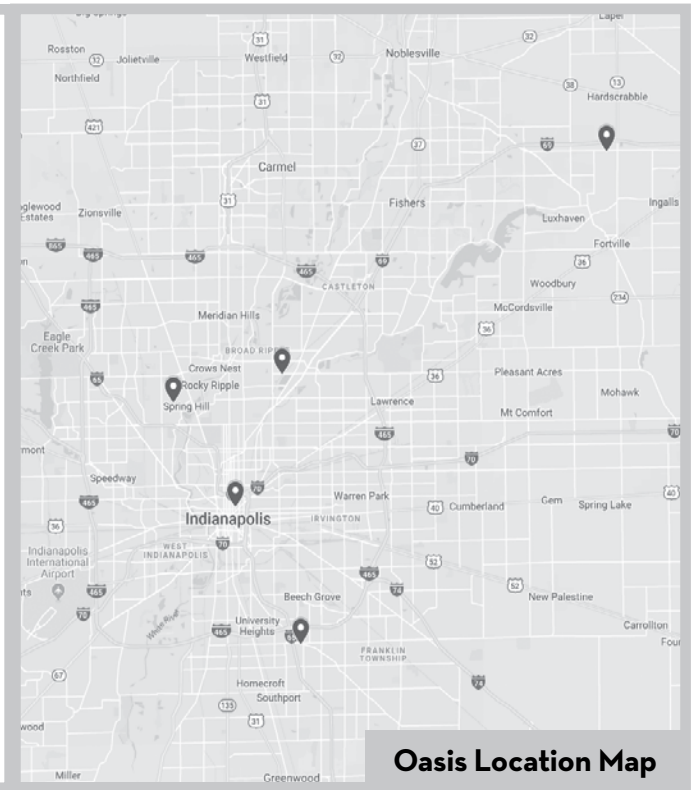
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*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
- 11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm Youth Giving Tree Wrap Up, Room 10

### Monday

- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Friday

- 7:00 pm Blue Christmas, Sanctuary
- 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

### Exceptions...

- Mon. Pendleton Oasis breaks until Jan 7  
Book Club Oasis breaks until Jan 14

## Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	140
11:00 am Service Attendance	159
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	74
General Offering: Last Week	\$12,341
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$9,000
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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## 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
<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!

## 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 below.

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

#### RSVP and/or More Info:

- Christmas Open House Elves
- Snow Angels
- Child Fund International Sponsorship Info
- Hospitality Ministry

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Children's Baptism

Sunday, December 30 will be a special day for many of our children making a decision to be baptized in Christ. For many, this is a monumental step in their faith journey! Please plan to attend either service and help celebrate their milestone, January 6 at 1:00 pm in Room 7.

## FAMILY MINISTRY Parent Meeting

As 2018 comes to a close and we embark on a new year, Pastor Chris will host a Family Ministry Parent Meeting on January 6 at 1:00 pm in Room 7.

Pastor Chris will reflect on the evolution of the ministry over the last year and share the vision for 2019. LifeJourney is breaking the mold of the typical "Sunday School" and modeling a unique format that revolutionizes child faith-education!

All are welcome to attend the meeting though parents are especially encouraged to attend.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday • 1<sup>st</sup> 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!)

### 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.



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.

