

Sunday Headlines

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LifeJourney Christmas Events

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 10838 Midnight Drive, Indianapolis

Christmas Day Open House

Yes, You're invited... that includes you, and you, and you! Each year, Pastors Jeff and David open their home to feast and fellowship with church family on Christmas Day.

Simply bring yourself or feel free to invite your friends and family – there's plenty of food on the buffet for everyone. The Pastors ask specifically that you do not bring food, every tabletop, counter, and surface will already be piled high with amazing dishes, including many desserts!

The Pastors live in a subdivision on the far east side of Indy (near Washington St. and German Church Rd). The address is 10830 Midnight Drive, Indianapolis. Arrive anytime between 1 - 7 PM and stay as long (or short) as you would like.

For those looking to volunteer at the Open House, please see the *Christmas Day Angels* article below.

Christmas Day Angels

Every year many volunteers help prepare for the annual Christmas Open House at Pastors Jeff and David's home. We like to call these helpful people *Christmas Angels*!

Christmas Angels volunteer in shifts throughout the day. Some arrive between 9 - 11 AM to help setup and get the party started strong! In the afternoon, others arrive at 1 PM or 4 PM help replenish food dishes and minor clean up as the afternoon moves along. Finally, other Christmas Angels arrive towards the end of the evening, around 7 PM to help return the Pastors' home to order.

Would you like to be a Christmas Angel this year? It's a whole lot of fun in the kitchen – cooking, singing, and feasting on Christmas day with church family. Those arriving early always benefit from some scrumptious breakfast. Complete the response form and let Pastor David know you can help.

Blessing Homeless Families

On the first Christmas, Jesus was homeless. You know the story; his family ended up taking shelter in a stable. No wonder Jesus has a special heart for the homeless. And so do we!

This Christmas season, LifeJourney has the opportunity to do something special the week after Christmas (December 29-January 5). We will host up to four homeless families in our building. These families have been carefully screened by the Family Promise Network and they will be our guests for one week. During the day, they'll be at work, school, or the Family Promise Day Center, but during the evening and overnight, they'll stay here. When the week is over, they'll move on to another church that's also part of the Family Promise Network.

Our Oasis Groups have each volunteered to take a different evening of the week to host, feed, and care for the families. But our Oasis Groups could sure use additional support. Can you help on one of those days with things like:

- Unload and unhitch trailer on the first Sunday
- Load and hitch the trailer on the last Sunday and drive to next church
- Set up rooms and make the rooms inviting
- Overnight host for one night
- Mid-week laundry of linens (if necessary)
- Mid-week shopper

If you might be able to help in any of the foregoing ways during the week of December 29 - January 5, please fill out the response form on the back of today's bulletin and we'll be in touch with more information. Don't miss this opportunity to do something near-and-dear to the heart of Christ.



Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Christmas Lessons

Key Verse:

“All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,’ which means, ‘God is with us.’” *Matthew 1:23.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Affirmation Poem

Advent Candle Love

Praise & Worship: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child

Connections

Offering Selection: *Christmas Hallelujah*

Offering Blessing

Song of Preparation: *O Holy Night*

Prayer

Scripture: *Matthew 1:18-25*

Sermon: *The Magic of Christmas*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Congregational Hymn: *Emmanuel*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, when I am tempted to feel hopeless, forlorn, and alone, remind me that You came to us in the form of Jesus—and have never left us. Remind me that Your divine presence infuses every situation I face. Awaken me to that presence! 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:

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: _____

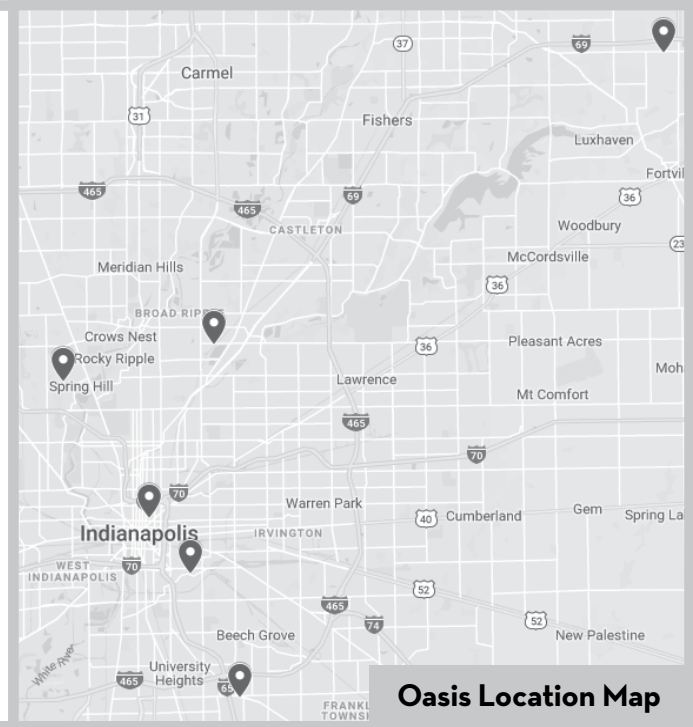
Email: _____

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 Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Wednesday

Thursday

- 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 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
- 3:00 PM TransIndy (Open Meeting), Room 6

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	175
11:00 am Service Attendance	192
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	47
General Offering: Last Week	\$7,309
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$8,743
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,119

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LifeJourney's 2020 Missions Trip!

A team of volunteers from LifeJourney will be returning to Guatemala next year—the week of June 14 - 20, 2020! We will do desperately needed construction work for poor families under the supervision of Mission Guatemala, while building deep friendships and experiencing a beautiful country and culture. It will be an amazing spiritual experience. If you'd like to explore participation, plan to attend an Interest Meeting on Sunday January 12 at 12:45 here at the church. If you can't attend the meeting, fill out the response form and we'll contact you with information.

Campus Service Ministry

The Campus Services Ministry is comprised of about 28 dedicated individuals, divided into several crews, serving once per month to maintain our church campus. 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 more people to round out the "snow angels" team—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 once per month (usually less than 2 hours) and clean an assigned area of the building. We need 3 additional volunteers to fully round out this crew.

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

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

- Financial Consultant (circle): CPA · Bookkeeping
- Family Promise Volunteer
- Campus Services (circle): Cleaning · Snow Crew
- 2020 Mission Trip Info
- Christmas Angel (circle):
AM Setup · Afternoon Maintenance · PM Cleanup
- Hospitality: Helpful Donut Eaters
- Dinner Church

Name _____

Mobile/Text _____

Email _____

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



In the month of December, LifeJourney launched 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 meeting around the table, Thursday at 6:30 in Fountain Square (1820 Orange Street Indianapolis). For more information, please complete the response form on the left or contact ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church.

Accountant or Bookkeeper?

Occasionally, our Board of Directors finds it helpful to consult with CPAs or bookkeepers on financial or accounting questions. So it's helpful to know who in our congregation has that kind of expertise. If you do, and you wouldn't mind an occasional question, please fill out the response form on the back of today's bulletin.

Eat Donuts While Helping Others

The Hospitality Ministry could use some extra helping hands to prepare light refreshments for our fellowship time after services on Sundays. Volunteers serve during one Sunday service per month. (Early access to donut holes are a fringe benefit.) Complete the response form for more details.

Contributions to Hospitality

Over the last few months the Hospitality Ministry has been working towards improving on the consistency, quality, and healthier options made available for Sundays refreshments.

To this end, they request that food donations be pre-arranged by contacting the church office prior to Sunday mornings. As a general policy considering food-borne illness, prepared foods and/or leftovers brought from outside the church kitchen will not be served on Sunday mornings. Though the thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated, the team would like to ensure they are serving food to the public in a controlled and responsible manner.