

Sunday Headlines

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December 23, 2018



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Come, take a break from the chaos of Christmas and center yourself in the real meaning of Christmas. LifeJourney's candlelight service will be tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm. Dress comfortable, **feel free to bring the kids in their jammies**—this is a relaxed service for the entire family!

Christmas Day Open House

Every year on Christmas Day, Pastors Jeff and David invite the whole congregation to their house for a day of feasting and fellowship. There will be a full Christmas Dinner Buffet, lots of desserts and appetizers, and fabulous decorations. You can stop by for an hour or spend the whole day. Everyone is welcome—and that means you!

Christmas Day from 1:00 - 8:00 pm

10838 Midnight Drive, Indianapolis

No need to RSVP; no need to bring anything

By the way... we could use a small band of merry elves to help with set up on Christmas morning and clean up in the evening. If you could serve either morning or evening, please fill out the response form on the back of today's bulletin and Pastor David will be in touch.



New Sermon Series, Next Sunday:

Getting Myself Together

It's a new year!
Tackle the issues keeping you down...

- Relationships
- Finances
- Body Care
- Mental Blocks
- Spiritual Malnutrition



Together We Care

Do you know someone in need of care?
Contact PastorVivian@LifeJourney.church

LifeJourney's Next Mission's Trip!

Where: Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee

When: July 14 - 20, 2019

What: Home renovations for families in need.

Who: Anyone at LifeJourney (adults and youth age 15+) who are comfortable with physical labor.

Why: To share the love of Christ with a family in need, to experience the joy of giving, and to build deep relationships with others who are on the trip.

Rooms: Rustic cabins in a camp operated by a Methodist ministry called Mountain Top. Great food!

Cost: You pay part; the church pays part. Your estimated out-of-pocket expense is \$400.

Want to know more? Plan to attend our interest meeting on Sunday January 13, at 12:45 pm at the church.

Progress Update for Capital Improvement Loan Requirements

Attendance Goal: 300+ per week

275

325

324

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

\$10,471

Thank you for such overwhelming generosity!

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Exploring the Deeper Meaning of Christmas

Key Verse:

"A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun . . . was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. . . ." *Revelation 12:1.*

Presenting Today...

Advent Candle

Welcome

Songs: *O Come All Ye Faithful*
I Love You Lord

Affirmation Poem

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Noel*

Prayer

Scripture: *Revelation 12:1-17*

Sermon: *The Christmas Story - Like You've Never Heard It Before*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Closing Song: *Redeeming Love*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I don't want to be on the wrong side of history; I don't want to be co-opted by evil. I welcome the One who was born on Christmas into my heart, so that His goodness can become my own, so His light can shine out of me, so His Kingdom can be established among us, so what began on Christmas can come to full fruition, now and forever. 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:

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.

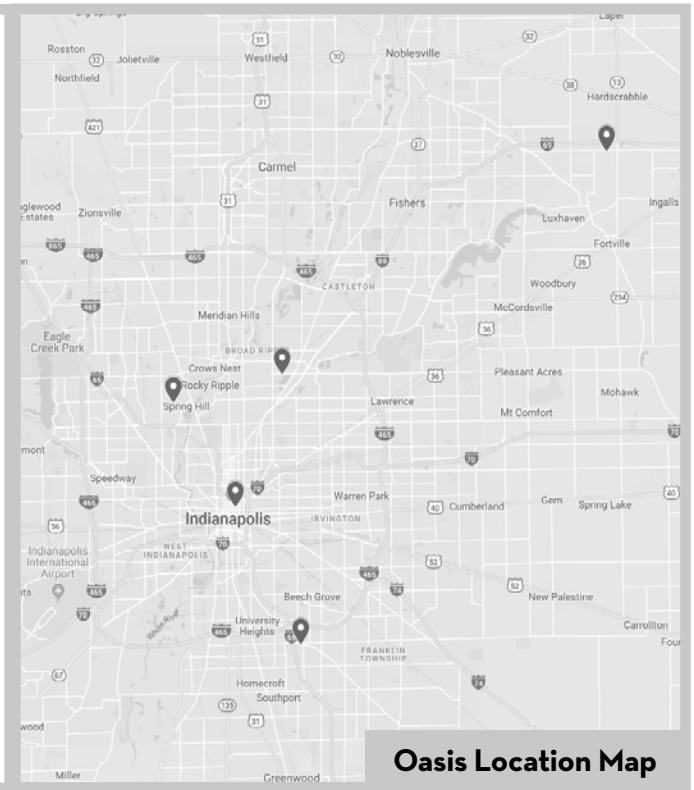
If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit the back half of the left section.



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;~~
~~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, 4133 Southport Trace Dr., 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)
- 11:00 am Teen Life (6-12th grade), The Loft (Room 10)

Monday

- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

Tuesday

- 1:00 pm Christmas Open House (see article)

Wednesday

Thursday

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

Exceptions...

This Week: Many Oasis Groups will not meet due to the Christmas.

See the full events calendar from LifeJourney!

View this month at: LifeJourney.church/events

Stay connected to recent news from LifeJourney!

Subscribe by email at: LifeJourney.church/subscribe

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	189
11:00 am Service Attendance	248
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	88
General Offering: Last Week	\$15,565
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$9,702
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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Children's Baptism, Next Sunday

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! Plan to attend second service if you'd like to help celebrate their milestone.

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.

New High School Group Begins

Beginning on January 6, the first Sunday of the new year, LifeJourney launches a special youth group for high school students!

Every Sunday from 6:30-8:00 pm, high school students will meet in The Loft (Room 10) for games, activities, and deep conversations.

Our high school students have previously shared space on Sunday morning with our middle school youth, but they have been wanting to be more involved in Sunday morning worship and volunteer opportunities. Also, these students really need a space of their own to discuss life with their peer group.

LifeJourney's middle school youth will continue to meet on Sunday morning, while we encourage our high school students to take on leadership roles, explore volunteer opportunities, and participate in worship with their families.

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!)

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Christmas Open House Elves
- Hospitality Ministry

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Board Election Notice

At our 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting, we will elect three members to our Board of Directors, each for a three-year term. Those positions have been filled by Sarah Kaminski, Nancy Duncan, and Allen Archibald. Allen and Nancy are willing to stand for reelection, but Sarah is ready for a rest after 12 years of faithful service!

Under our Bylaws, the Board is responsible for creating a Nominating Committee before each election to ensure at least one outstanding candidate is available for each position. The Bylaws provide that the Nominating Committee shall consist of the Senior Pastor, the Vice Moderator of the Board (Genese Parker), and two other church leaders who are not Board members. When selecting those two additional members of the Nominating Committee, the Board looks for leaders who know lots of people within the church and have not served on the Committee recently, so as to promote diversity of perspectives. This year Geralyn Vandever and Andrew Robbins have agreed to serve on the Committee.

The Nominating Committee will canvass for interest, review all individuals who express interest, then prepare nominations. To stand for election, you must be a church member for at least 6 months, be regular in worship attendance, and be a regular giver. Board members are expected to attend regular monthly meetings (second Tuesday evening of each month) and to serve in various functions of church governance. Important qualities include: spiritual depth, collegial attitude, and strategic thinking.

If you are interested in being considered, please email Board@LifeJourney.church asap and we will send you the Board candidate questionnaire to complete.

Will You Help Us Seal The Deal?

In order to secure 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. Gifts of any amount are welcome, but we especially need several large gifts of \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000.

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!