

# Sunday Headlines

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## *Soul Care 2018*

The single best thing you can do for yourself in 2018 is to take good care of your soul.

*Everything starts there!*

Take a few minutes to do a spiritual self-assessment and prepare your personal 2018 Soul Care Plan.

The online version is available at:  
[LifeJourney.church/SoulCare](http://LifeJourney.church/SoulCare)

(Paper copies are available at the Welcome Center.)

### Board Meetings

The Board of Directors holds its regular monthly meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Room 7. The Board's Budget Team meets tomorrow, Monday, at 7:00 pm in Room 8. All are welcome at both meetings!

## Guatemala Missions Trip 2018!

LifeJourney's 2018 global outreach opportunity is a return to Guatemala! Two years ago LifeJourney had a wonderful experience serving our brothers and sisters in Guatemala through our partnership with Mission Guatemala, which does such great work there. We are looking forward to another wonderful trip. During the week of July 21-29, team members will be assisting with a construction project requested by a local community. There will also be plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful location and to build lasting friendships. Teens are welcome to participate in this one-of-a-kind experience.

The cost for the trip is \$1,500 and includes round trip airfare, lodging, and meals. The church covers \$500 of that amount, leaving \$1,000 for each individual to pay. An informational meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21 at 12:45 pm. To register for the informational meeting, please complete the response form. Official applications to participate in the trip are due February 4. Paper copies of the application are at the Welcome Desk or you may request an electronic copy from [burnsgutzwiller@gmail.com](mailto:burnsgutzwiller@gmail.com).

## LifeJourney Affirmation Poem

Married, divorced, or single here,  
It's one family that mingles here.

Conservative or liberal here,  
We've all gotta give a little here.

Big or small here,  
There's room for us all here.

Doubt or believe here,  
We all can receive here.

Gay, trans, and straight here,  
There's no hate here.

Woman or man here,  
Everyone can here.

Whatever your race here,  
For all of us, grace here.

Christ above us,  
Christ beside us,  
Christ within us.

Amen.

## Board Election Notice

At our 2018 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 Donna Hays, Sheryl Holko, and Crystal Allen. Donna is willing to stand for reelection, but Crystal recently moved to Philadelphia and Sheryl is ready for a rest. We are deeply grateful to Sheryl and Crystal for their 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 (Genevise 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 Randy King and Steph Branson have agreed to serve on the Committee.

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# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

Voices of Angels

## Key Verse:

“The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven and said . . . ,  
‘Do not lay your hand on the boy!’” *Genesis 22:12*

### Order of Service

#### Welcome

**Song:** *1000 Tongues*

#### Affirmation

**Song:** *What A Beautiful Name*

#### Connections

#### Offering Invitation

**Song:** *Show Yourself Mighty*

#### Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

**Song:** *Worth*

#### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Genesis 22:1-14*

**Sermon:** *Breakthrough!*  
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

**Closing Song:** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

#### Closing & Benediction

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

#### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, forgive me for letting my understanding of You grow stale and sometimes rigid. Forgive me for hiding from questions and doubts, as if my questions might somehow be greater than You. As I move through life, may I, like Abraham, be able to hear the voice of the angel of the Lord calling me to an ever deeper and broader understanding of You, a God of infinite love. 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 now 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 in 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. (Crossed out exceptions noted below and on the calendar.)
- No registration is required. If you're new, it's suggested you contact the church office to ensure times/locations have not changed due to special events or unforeseen circumstances.

- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.  
New Castle Oasis, 205 S 21st St., New Castle.
- TUE:** Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave., Indianapolis.  
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, Room 7.
- THU:** Broad Ripple Oasis, 2525 Dell Zell Dr., Indianapolis.  
Downtown Oasis, 225 E North St. #2500, Indianapolis.  
Southwest Oasis, 6561 Walton Dr. N, Camby.  
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! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)  
11:00 am The Bridge 2.0 (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5)  
11:00 am Teen Life (9-12 grade), The Loft (Room 10)

### Monday

- 7:00 pm BOD Budget Meeting (Open Meeting), Room 8  
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

### Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors (Open Meeting), Room 8

### Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Friday

- 6:00 pm Charlotte Egler Memorial Service, Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6  
8:00 pm Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 7

### Saturday

- 7:30 pm Homeless Ministry, serves Dayspring Center



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## Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	(Holiday) 91
11:00 am Service Attendance	(Holiday) 101
Oasis Attendance	(Holiday) 19
General Offering: Last Week	\$7,381
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,549
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,704

\* 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.

## In Loving Memory...

Charlotte Egler, a beloved member of our congregation for the past 20 years, passed away Tuesday morning. Please lift her family in prayer, especially her spouse Dawn and son Drew. Charlotte's Memorial Service will be here at the Church Friday evening, January 12 at 6:00 pm. Visitation beforehand at 5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Charlotte's honor can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



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# What's This Thing You Call Oasis?

Oasis is a network of small groups that meet regularly for friendship, support, study, and prayer. Oasis groups are the single best way to connect and make wonderful friendships at church. See "Oasis Meeting Times," inside today's bulletin on page 3. Also, pickup an Oasis brochure at the Welcome Center for more detailed information about each Oasis. Please contact the church office if you need more information on finding *your perfect Oasis!*

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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.

Because both retiring candidates served as Assistant Treasurers, in the current election cycle we especially need candidates who are comfortable with numbers and finance and willing/able to volunteer time assisting our Treasurer with financial tracking. Most churches our size pay thousands of dollars for bookkeeping services. We have not had to do so because Board members generously donate time to financial tracking, allowing us instead to invest more in direct ministry. You don't have to be a CPA or financial expert, just someone comfortable with numbers and willing to donate time to our financial tracking.

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

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

### RSVP and/or More Info:

- Guatemala Info Meeting
- Grief Share Support Group
- Newcomer Welcome
- Camera Operator

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

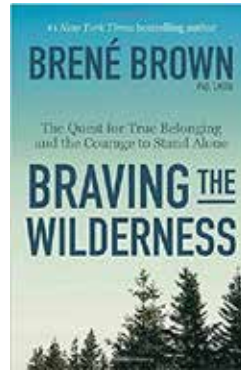
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Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the Welcome Center.

## Diversity Series Begins

The FRIENDS Oasis invites any and all young adults (18-35 year old) to join them for a conversation about diversity. This six-week series addresses racial injustice in our world, communities, and congregation. The FRIENDS Oasis meets Wednesdays in Room 7 at 7:00 pm, the course begins this Wednesday.

## Book Club Oasis Begins New Book



The Book Club Oasis will begin discussing the book, *Braving the Wilderness*. This book is said to "challenges everything we think we know about cultivating true belonging in our communities, organizations, and culture."

A new book is the perfect time to experience this Oasis group. Join them on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in Room 8, beginning January 15.

## Grief Share Support Group

For many of us at LifeJourney Church, this year has been particularly difficult having lost beloved members to death. Grief can, at times, be overwhelming and it can come out of nowhere when you least expect it.

GriefShare is a weekly support group designed to give you tools to cope and a place you can talk about your loved one and your feelings. We know it hurts and we want to help.

Join Chris Tenpas, Thursdays at 7 pm, beginning January 25. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover cost of materials. Please sign up today!

## HELLO... I AM

Are you new to LifeJourney today or within the past six months? If so, you're invited to a casual reception in your honor (snacks included) **Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm.**

We'll get acquainted and answer questions you may have, like, "Is this church the right place for me? How do I fit in and make friends? What resources are available?"

RSVP through the response form in today's bulletin. Questions may be directed to: PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church or call the church office at (317)722-0000 x103.