

Sunday Headlines

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Striking a Blow Against Poverty, Discrimination & Homelessness!

Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do it unto me." *Matthew 25:40.*

(In other words, when we care for the poor, it's as if we're caring directly for Jesus himself.)

Below are two wonderful opportunities to do that . . .

If either call to you, fill out the response form on the back of today's bulletin.

WonderWorkers Paint Day

Our WonderWorkers Ministry Team is going to give a face-lift to the Dayspring Center for the Homeless. We're going to paint all 14 of their apartments for homeless families, rehab their medical room, and resurface the stairs at the entry to the family apartments. Our church will provide all the volunteer laborers and invest \$3,000+ for materials. Your generous giving makes that possible!

Our work will be divided into three phases. Phase 1 is Paint Day! We're going to paint all the apartments in one day on **Saturday, March 2, from 9 am - 3 pm.** To make this happen, we need 15 joyful volunteers who are comfortable with a paint brush or roller. Can you be one of the 15? If so, fill out the response form on the back of today's bulletin and we'll be in touch with more info.

Blessing the Children

At any given time, Dayspring Homeless Center has about 50 residents, including 25 - 30 children. Imagine what it's like to be a child in a homeless family—lots of stress, lots of change, and not many opportunities just to have fun.

LifeJourney already has an incredible team of volunteers who supply, make, and serve breakfast on Saturday mornings to all Dayspring residents. As we've dialogued with the staff of Dayspring about how we can expand our support, they've suggested we sponsor a **bimonthly Friday evening movie night for the kids and their parents.** Our volunteers will provide a children's movie and snacks, coordinate the event, and be available to connect with the parents and kids.

To birth this new ministry, we need to raise up a team of at least six volunteers who can devote one Friday evening every other month to making this happen. If this speaks to you, complete the response form on the back of today's bulletin and we'll be in touch with more info.

Spiritual Action Plans

It's not too late to create your own personal Spiritual Action Plan. Go to our home page, <http://LifeJourney.church>, and scroll down to the green button. Or pick up a hard copy at the Welcome Desk.

Experiencing Jesus at a Deeper Level



New sermon series begins today at LifeJourney

Capital Improvements Update

We met - and exceeded - the year-end goals our bank gave us for attendance and giving! So now we're moving through the procedural steps necessary to gain formal approval for our \$300,000 capital improvements loan. The loan will be used to replace the siding on our building, resurface the main parking lot, and create larger, code-compliant restrooms. Here's what's happening right now:

- Last week, we submitted our 2018 year-end financial statements to the bank.
- Meanwhile, an appraiser is appraising our church building, which takes about 30 days.
- We are also gathering some additional bids from contractors for the three key projects.

We are hoping for loan approve by the end of February, so the improvements can begin as soon as weather permits! Please keep lifting prayers that everything will continue to fall into place.

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Experiencing Jesus at a Deeper Level

Key Verse:

"When God established the heavens, I was there . . . , delighting in the human race." *Proverbs 8:27-30.*

Presenting Today...

Welcome

Songs: *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*
Bless the Lord
Blessed Be Your Name

Affirmation Poem

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *Trust In You*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Worth*

Prayer

Scripture: *Colossians 1:15-22*

Sermon: *Jesus—The Backstory*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Closing Song: *O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: Jesus, sometimes I take you for granted. But then I hear the stories about you and am reminded. You are incredible! You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end—the One who was, and is, and is to come. How amazing that you delight in me. 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: _____

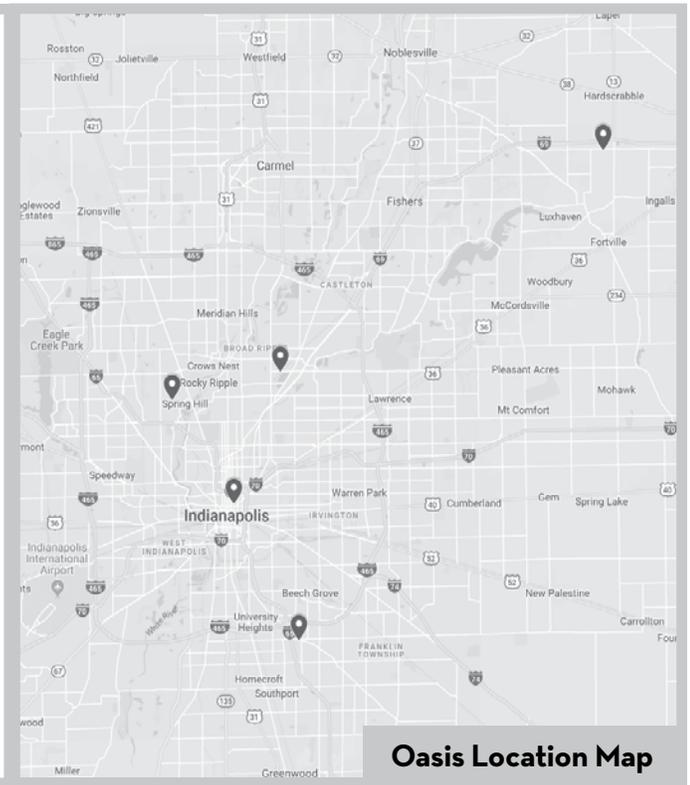
Email: _____

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 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)
- 11:00 AM Teen Life (6-8th grade), The Loft (Rm 10)
- 6:30 PM Teen Life After Hours (9-12th grade), The Loft (Rm 10)

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 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday

- 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Discipleship 101/102 (Registration Required), Room 7

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

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	120
11:00 am Service Attendance	155
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	67
General Offering: Last Week	\$9,779
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$10,251
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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LifeJourney is full of talent and it's time to put on a display! For one night only, you can be part of this amazing show. Whether you're on stage or an innocent bystander, you must decide! The show begins at 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 15. Reserve your spot on stage by completing the response form.

Brown County Couples Retreat

Picture it...luxury room, delicious catered meals, outdoor courtyards with fire pits, walking trails, minutes from Brown County attractions, and Brown County State Park, you and your love!

We're describing our 2019 Couples Retreat, held at Creekside Retreat Center—where you'll have an opportunity to reignite the spark. Our own Dr. Ciemone Easter-Rose will be presenting during the retreat.

So mark your calendar for May 17 - 19. The cost is \$360 per couple. (First installment due on March 17, final payment May 12.) For more information, complete the response form. You may also connect with Pastor Vivian for question and payments.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday February 24 at 12:45 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone welcome, but members are especially encouraged to attend. Information packets available today at the Welcome Desk.

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Wonder Workers' Paint Day at Dayspring Center
- Dayspring Children's Movie Nights
- Talent Show Info/Reservation
- Couples Retreat Info
- Easter Season Services: (circle)
Dramatic Actor • Choir Singer • Set Builder
- Prayer Retreat Info

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Easter Drama/Choir Call-Out

The Easter season is a couple months away, but preparations for this year's production is right around the corner! This year, LifeJourney will feature dramatic/musical presentations during the Good Friday (April 19) and Easter (April 21) services.

So, the Worship Arts Ministry is calling all actors, singers, and set builders!

The first drama call-out, with script readings/auditions, will be on Sunday, March 3 at 1:00 pm, along with other meeting times for the choir and set builders.

If you have a desire to use your gifts to participate as an actor, singer or set builder, then we invite you to indicate your desired roles through the response form below. Thank you and we will contact you providing further information.

Teen Life After Hours

High school students meet in The Loft (Rm10) each Sunday evening at 6:30 pm.

2019 Prayer Retreat

Every other year, LifeJourney offers an extended-weekend prayer retreat. They've been an amazing time to nurture our spirit and connect with others in a deeply meaningful way.

In between years, we're offering a couple shorter retreats much closer to home. And the first one is coming this Spring, with paid reservations due by April 14—mark your calendars!

Fatima Retreat House

5353 E 56th St, Indianapolis (near LJC)

Friday, May 31 at 9 am (overnight into Saturday AM)

\$72 includes room and three meals on Friday

After a full-day retreat on Friday, time together concludes Saturday morning with a devotional, then breakfast out together (self-pay).

For the majority of time, this will be a silent retreat. Guiding material will be provided for those who choose to use them. Participants are also encouraged to bring items that will be spiritually beneficial to them on a retreat like this (e.g. Bible, journal, music with earphones, coloring book, puzzle, books, walking shoes, etc.). And remember. . . sleeping is sacred and taking a nap is all part of spending time with God. There are no confines as to how to conduct a retreat such as this! Additionally, there is the possibility of a Spiritual Direction session (may incur an additional charge depending on the number of requests).

Pastor David and participants will convene prior to the retreat to meet one another and prepare for this sacred time. Does this sound like a meaningful way to nurture your spirit? Then, please let Pastor David know you are interested and would like information through the response form to the left.