

Sunday Headlines

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Mother's Day—Sunday, May 13

Be sure to invite your mothers, grandmothers, and those who have been like a mother to you, so we can honor them with a special prayer of blessing. The sermon that day will celebrate the faith and courage of an early Christian woman named Thecla, as recorded in a book called The Acts of Paul and Thecla, as we continue our series on "Lost Books of the Bible."

Together We Care

Do you know someone in need of care?

Contact PastorVivian@LifeJourney.church

LifeJourney Launches 10 in 10

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a little child on my behalf welcomes me." Mark 9:37.

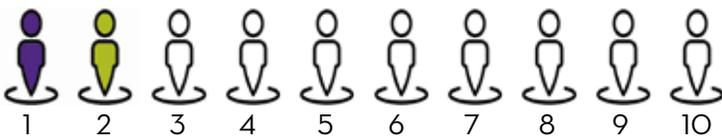
The volunteers who teach our children here at LifeJourney are doing something near and dear to the heart of Jesus! And doing that well requires lots of volunteers so nobody gets burned out. Did you know that, when fully staffed, our children's ministry needs 10 people each Sunday? Since our volunteers are only asked to serve one Sunday per month during one worship service, that means we need 40 volunteer spots filled in a typical month! We currently have 30 volunteer spots filled by our dedicated volunteers!

Last week, we set a goal to have 10 volunteers step up over the next 10 weeks.

To meet that goal, we are praying that God will raise up at least one volunteer each week for the next 10 weeks; and last week we added two new volunteer! Eight left to go... Would you considering being one of these volunteers?

You don't have to be a member, nor be knowledgeable about the Bible or teaching techniques. We will provide the materials, support, and orientation you need. Volunteers serve one Sunday per month during one worship service. On the Sunday you serve, you can still attend worship during the service you're not teaching.

If you're feeling a nudge in your heart, please fill out the response form on the back of today's bulletin. Our Family Life Minister, Chris Edwards, will connect with you and share more information; from there you can decide if this opportunity is a good fit for you. Change a child's life, and you will change the world!



Celebrating *Samantha and Alex*

In May, our two student clergy interns will graduate seminary and launch into a lifetime of pastoral ministry! Samantha Hasty will move back home to San Antonio to plant a new church called Hope Alive. Alex Pittaway will return to Australia to become senior pastor at MCC Brisbane.

As a small token of our deep appreciation to Samantha and Alex, LifeJourney Church will make a contribution on behalf of our congregation to their two new churches. We will be sending \$500 to Hope Alive and \$500 to MCC Brisbane.

If you would like to supplement these amounts by making a personal contribution to one or both churches, you will find specially printed envelopes at the Welcome Desk. All donations must be made no later than April 30 using one of the special envelopes.

New Year Eve—2018



It seems this church likes to dance! Since the Valentine Day Dance was a blast, we are offering another great evening on December 31, New Year's Eve. We would like to have this year's dance at the Garrison at Fort Harrison and we want it to be amazing! There will be music by Dazzling D, catered food, a cash bar, party favors, in other words...the works!

The price is \$50 per person and the venue needs to be booked by June 25. Tickets are on sale in the Lobby and must be purchased before the June deadline to secure our reservation. What a wonderful way to celebrate the memories of 2018 and bring in 2019 with a bang and people you know!

Michelle & Ceci Transitioning



For the past two years, Michelle and Ceci Spence have served as Student Ministries Leaders for our Junior High and Senior High Youth. During our recent search for a new Family Life Minister, they stepped up to keep our children's ministries coordinated as well. Now they're ready for a rest and have decided to step aside.

We are profoundly grateful to them for pouring their lives into our youth! Because of them, many of our youth have a stronger spiritual foundation for life. Our new Family Life Minister and our existing team of adult youth volunteers will ensure that our youth ministries continue to flourish, growing ever stronger, building on the wonderful foundation Michelle and Ceci have laid. Please be sure to express your personal gratitude to Michelle and Ceci. We love you!

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:
Lost Books of the Bible

Key Verse:

“My child, treat yourself well, according to your means, and present worthy offerings to the Lord.” *Sirach 14:11.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *Hallelujah, You're Worthy*
Made to Live for You

Affirmation Poem

Connection Moment

Offering Invitation

Song: *God's Grace*

Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

Song: *I Shall Not Want*

Prayer

Children's Moment

Scripture: *Sirach 11:11-13 and 31:5-11*

Sermon: *Master Your Money*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Closing Song: *Come Thou Fount*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I confess that there have been times when my relationship with money has been unhealthy. Forgive me for giving money too much power in my life. Help me to grow my generosity toward myself, toward others, and toward You, so I can wring the most out of every second of life You give 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 now 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, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton.
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, Room 10
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
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Children and Youth are in the Sanctuary for Youth Sunday.
- Monday**
- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6
- Tuesday**
- 6:00 pm PFLAG (Open Meeting), Cafe
7:00 pm Global Outreach Board (Open Meeting), Room 8
- Wednesday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Revelation, Room 6
- Thursday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Discipleship 101 (Registration Required), Room 7
7:00 pm Grief Share, Room 8
- 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	122
11:00 am Service Attendance	149
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	113
General Offering: Last Week	\$10,440
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,892
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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Your Trash Helps the World

The Global Outreach Ministry is raising funds to benefit projects in Guatemala, South Sudan, and the Navajo Nation through the sale of trash bags. These colorful bags are \$10 a roll—nearly the price of the big-box-stores! Help support our missionaries and pick up a few rolls in the lobby today!



Each year, LifeJourney Church children (grades 2–9) have an opportunity to attend summer camp together at Waycross Center in Brown County. The cost for this year's session, June 17–23, is \$425. More more information and to complete your child's registration, visit <https://waycrossccc.org>.

Please also let Chris Edwards, Minister of Family Life know if your children will participate. Chris would like to be sure participating families are able to make connections before camp!

Send a Child to Summer Camp: Some of our families may not be able to send a child to summer camp. Would you like to give the gift of summer camp to a child? Help us building our scholarship fund by contacting ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church.

MCC Global Conference—July 2019

Our denomination's 50th Anniversary Global Conference will take place next year July 1-5, 2019, in Orlando, Florida. If you submit your registration before the end of the current month, the registration fee is discounted by a hundred dollars to only \$325. For more info, go to <https://celebrate.mccchurch.org>.



Dinner Deeeelight!

Do you like good conversation, making friends, and meeting new people? Being a church family means building strong bonds of friendship. And we would love to get to know you better. So please join us for dinner on Wednesday evening, May 9 at 7:00 pm. We'll be gathering at two locations—one north, one south.

- **North side:** MCL Cafeteria (near St. Vincent's Hospital), located at 2370 W 86th St., Indianapolis.
- **South side:** MCL Cafeteria (near Southern Plaza) located at 3630 S. East St., Indianapolis.

When you arrive, go through the cafeteria line, then take a seat at one of the tables marked with the LifeJourney name and logo. Try to sit with folks you don't already know. We'll share conversation during dinner, then afterward there will be a 20 minute mixer to help us get to know each other better. If you plan to attend, please RSVP on the response form below, so we know how many tables to reserve and can plan for the right number of people. Everyone is welcome, including children!

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- 10 in 10: Children Volunteer
- May 9 Dinner: North or South
- Communion Helper: Child or Adult

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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



Help Serving Communion?

One of the most wonderful things about our church is the way we serve Holy Communion, with a personal prayer offered for each person each Sunday at the 11 o'clock worship service.

Have you ever considered being one of the volunteers who helps make that blessing possible? There are two volunteer roles: those who hold the elements and those who serve the elements with a brief prayer. We need more of both. Volunteers serve once per month. We will hold a brief 15 minute training next Sunday right after the 11 o'clock worship service here in the sanctuary. If you're interested to learn more, fill out the response form in today's bulletin and join us right after worship next Sunday.

Children Serving Communion

You have probably noticed that sometimes children and youth help hold the elements during Holy Communion taking place at the 11 o'clock Sunday worship service. A lot of kids find that to be a really meaningful way to serve God. Would your child or teenager like to participate?

We have 4 Communion Teams that serve once per month, always on the same Sunday. So we have a separate Team for each Sunday—the First Sunday Team, Second Sunday Team, Third Sunday Team, and Fourth Sunday Team. We would be happy to schedule your child or teen to serve once a month on one of these Teams on the Sunday you choose.

If your child or teen is interested, fill out the response form in today's bulletin and one of our Communion Leaders will contact you with more information.