

# Sunday Headlines

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## Mother's Day—Next Sunday

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 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."

## 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 **this Wednesday evening 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!

## Samantha's Ordination Today!

After several years as a LifeJourney Pastoral Intern, Samantha Hasty graduated from seminary yesterday. She will now return to her home town of San Antonio to plant a brand new church—Hope Alive Church! Check it out at [HopeAliveMin.org](http://HopeAliveMin.org).

After both worship services today, there will be a special reception in the Cafe. Later, Samantha will be ordained in a brief service in the sanctuary starting at 1:30 pm followed by a taco bar. All are welcome!

As a token of our deep appreciation, our church is making a donation of \$1,085 to Samantha's new church. *Samantha, we love you, appreciate you, and will be praying for you as you launch a lifetime of powerful ministry!*



## 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 today 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 today at the front of the sanctuary.

## 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.

## New Year Eve—2018

Tickets are on sale for LifeJourney's New Year's Eve bash. 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!

# Sunday Worship Service

**Worship Theme:**  
Lost Books of the Bible

**Key Verse:**

“These are the hidden words that the living Jesus spoke, and Didymos Judas Thomas wrote them down. And Jesus said: ‘Whoever finds the meaning of these words will not taste death.’” *Thomas 1:1.*

## Order of Service

### Welcome

**Songs:** *Sweeter*  
*Cornerstone*

### Connection Moment

### Affirmation Poem

### Offering Invitation

**Song:** *Show Yourself Mighty*

### Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

**Song:** *Who Am I*

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Thomas 3 and 8, selected verses*

**Sermon:** *Is There a Fifth Gospel?*  
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

**Closing Song:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

### Closing & Benediction

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

### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, it’s so easy to invest the best of myself in all the “little fish” in life. Help me instead to focus on the one “big fish.” Remind me that the only thing I have is the present moment, and that my only responsibility is to conduct myself in that moment as a child of God. Strengthen me to live into my destiny one moment at a time. 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.

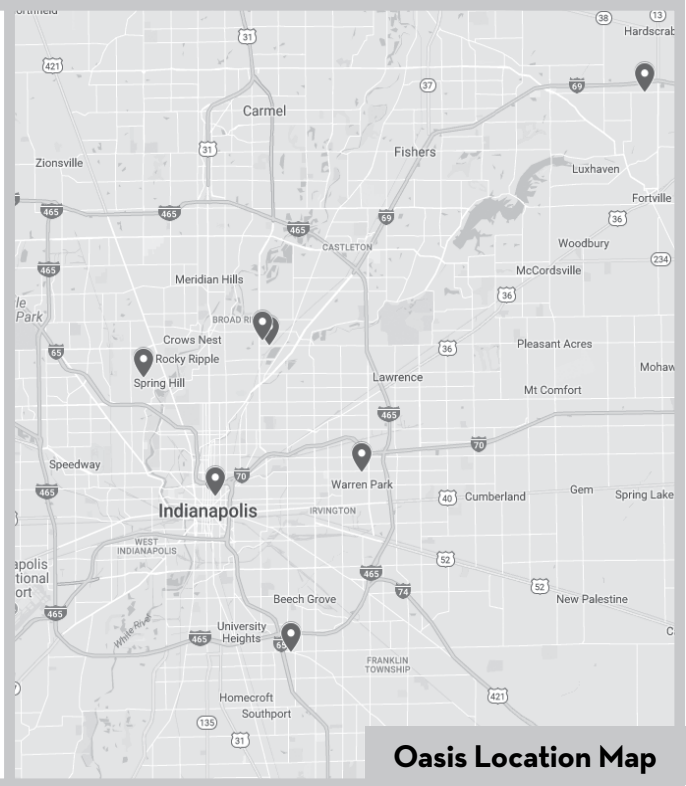
*If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit the back half of the left section.*



# 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, 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
- 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 The Bridge 2.0 (6-8th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5)
- 11:00 am Teen Life (9-12th grade), The Loft (Room 10)
- 12:30 pm Communion Volunteer Orientation, Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm Samantha Hasty Ordination, Sanctuary

### Monday

- 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
- 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

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## Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	136
11:00 am Service Attendance	159
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	99
General Offering: Last Week	\$5,261
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,738
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.

## Relocation Announcement...

Erick Johnson is relocating to Nashville, Tennessee. Today will be his last Sunday at LifeJourney Church. Please wish him all the best on his relocation!

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# 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!

Two weeks ago, 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. Praise God, we're half way to our goal already! Will you help us complete our remaining goal?

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 below. 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!



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

### RSVP and/or More Info:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Upcoming Family Dates

### Youth Outing

Sunday, May 27 following second service.

### Main Street / Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, June 3 at 12:30 pm

### Youth Parent Meeting (Teen Life)

Sunday, June 10 at 12:30 pm

### Vacation Bible School

July 27-29



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 let Chris Edwards, Minister of Family Life know if your children will participate and/or if your child would like to request a sponsorship.

Could you help sponsor a child for 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](mailto:ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church).

### 2018 Indy Pride & Parade

Mark your calendars to walk in the parade with LifeJourney Church and the Global Missions Team on Saturday, June 9. Details coming soon!

## 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!