

Sunday Headlines

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Help, the Numbers Are Staggering

Every year in the United States of America:

- More than 600,000 children are displaced from their homes for a variety of reasons,
- 25% of children in foster care are waiting to be adopted.
- Almost 25,000 a year "age out" of the system without ever finding a forever home,
- 1 out every 4 that "age out" become homeless,
- 50% of the children in foster care never graduate from high school,
- And only 15% ever attend college,
- LGBTQ+ children are statistically over represented and poorly treated in foster care.

Our country needs loving and accepting homes for children, and many of us at LifeJourney Church are uniquely qualified to help. If you are interested in learning more about foster care or helping children involved in the foster care system, be sure to attend one of our services next Sunday.

Today, SAFY, a foster care agency in our community, will be providing a 20 minute information session following each service in Room 6. Our Minister of Family Life, Chris Edwards, once was a foster home licensing social worker in North Carolina and would be happy to be an additional resource for any of our families that foster children.

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, May 22 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 on the response form to the right. Questions may be directed to: PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church or call the church office at (317)722-0000 x103.

Leadership Opportunity

LifeJourney's Local Outreach Board guides our church's compassionate outreach here in Indianapolis, coordinating our Saturday breakfast program for the homeless, our Movie Nights for homeless children, our renovations projects for worthy organizations and families in need, etc.

Board members develop our outreach strategy, manage our outreach funds, monitor our outreach partnerships, and help plan our special activities. We're looking to add a couple additional Board members who are strategic thinkers, collaborative, and passionate about caring for people in great need. If you would like more information, please fill out the response form on the back to today's bulletin, and we'll be in touch!



Each June, LifeJourney participates in the Indy Pride parade and festival. Believe it or not, the big event is just one month away, **Saturday, June 8.** New this year, LifeJourney will have a second information booth in the Family Pavilion!

Would you like to help represent LifeJourney Church at Indy Pride? Do you want to share our message to a world that really really needs to hear God love them just as they are?!

There are two ways you can be part of this great event:

- **Walk with your church in the parade.** We meet up around 10 am and walk the 1-mile parade route.
- **Volunteer for a shift in one of our information booths.** It's a great time to relax, people watch, and answer basic questions about the church you know and love.

Please complete the response form on the back page if you'd like to be part of either of these opportunities. We'll be sure to relay important details about the event, via email, along the way!

Construction Begins Tomorrow!

Construction on our new restrooms and building exterior begins tomorrow and will continue for the next couple months. During construction, our current restrooms will remain operational. **The Nursery has officially moved to its temporary location in Room 4 at Main Street station.**

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

The Gifts of Imperfection: Embracing Who You Were Meant To Be!

Key Verse:

“Be not conformed to this world. . . .” *Romans 12:2.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Song: *Lift Him Up*

Affirmation Poem

Song: *Love Has Broken Down the Walls*

Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *I Never Lost My Praise*

Blessing of Our Offerings

Song: *Wonderful Words of Life /
Jesus Loves Me*

Blessing of Mothers

Scripture: *Daniel 1:1-21, selected verses*

Sermon: *The Audacity of Authenticity*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Song: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I’ve done too much people pleasing in my life—too much conforming—too much shape shifting. Forgive me. Give me the courage to practice authenticity, to make the conscious choice to be honest in vulnerable situations. By Your grace, I will stand my sacred ground. Look out world, here I come! 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.

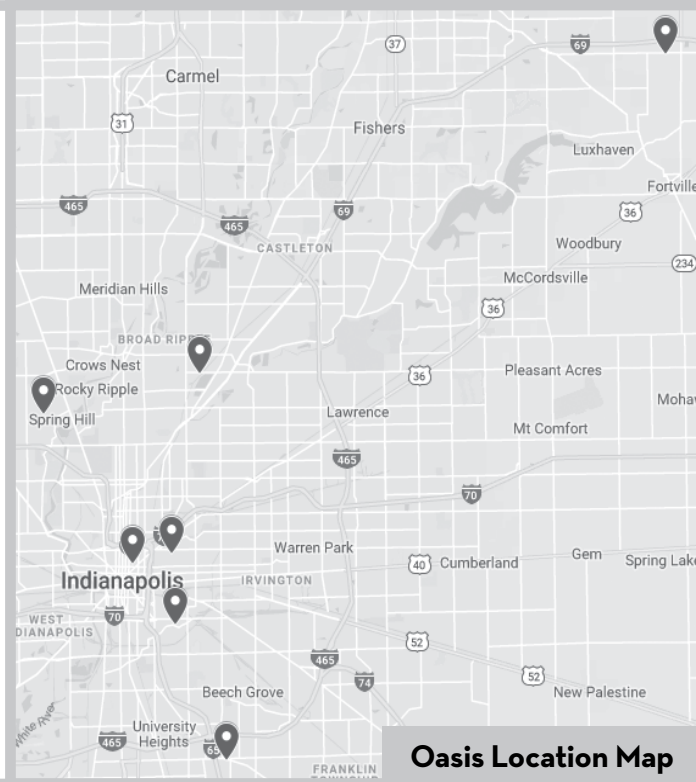
SUN: ~~Teen Life After Hours~~ (grades 9-12), Room 10 at 6:30 pm.

MON: Book Club Oasis, Room 8.
Pendleton Oasis, 14294 Moonlight Path., Fishers.

TUE: Fountain Square Oasis (Child care available at location.)
1820 Orange Street, Fountain Square at 6:30 pm
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 (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)
- 10:45 AM SAFY Info Meeting, Room 6
- 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)
- 12:45 PM SAFY Info Meeting, Room 6

Monday

7:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 6

Tuesday

7:00 PM Board of Directors (Open Meeting), Room 7

Wednesday

Thursday

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	106
11:00 am Service Attendance	141
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	81
General Offering: Last Week	\$14,183
Weekly Average: YTD Weekly Average	\$9,135
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,119

Wedding Invitation...

Deacon Louann Lowring and Ericka Daniels invite you to their wedding ceremony being held here at LifeJourney Church on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Cake and punch reception will follow the ceremony. All are welcome!



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Help Wanted: Cleaning Crew



Did you know our church is kept clean and fresh by a crew of volunteers? Whether it's wiping tables, shining glass, pushing a vacuum, or swinging a mop, individuals serve once per month (usually less than 2 hours) and clean an assigned area of the building. Several areas need

additional volunteers to lend a hand. Does this sound like a way you can support LifeJourney? If so, please complete the response form to learn more!

Hospitality Meeting/Call-Out

Each Sunday, the Hospitality Ministry prepares snacks for our time of fellowship and welcomes folks with a cup of coffee! They always have room for another set of helping hands and have tasks for both introverted and extroverted volunteers! Complete the response form if you'd like more info.

Please note, the Hospitality Ministry will be having a team meeting on Sunday, June 2 at 12:45 pm. If you currently serve within this ministry or would like to learn more about the opportunity, please plan to attend this important information meeting. **Current volunteers**, the agenda will include a discussion about some upcoming possibilities and enhancements within the ministry. Also, a time to communicate important details while everyone finally has a chance to sit around the table!

Relocation Announcement...

Victoria and Joanne Webber-Patterson will be relocating to North Carolina for employment! Today is their last Sunday at church. Both have been dedicated volunteers—Victoria has been part of the Praise Team and Joanne part of the Family Life Ministry. Their weekly presence will be missed, though join us in congratulating them on their next chapter together!

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

- Newcomers Welcome Reception
- Local Outreach Board
- Pride: (circle) Info Booth or Parade Participant
- Cleaning Crew
- Hospitality Ministry
- Concierge Desk

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Family Camp Sign Up & Scholarships

This Summer, July 12 - 14, we are taking a break from our annual Vacation Bible School to try something really special. Partnering with Waycross, we'll be hosting a family retreat designed for the entire family to enjoy together. All ages are welcome!

The event will include family devotionals, hiking, campfire, s'mores, climbing wall, zipline, archery, and canoeing. Families are encouraged to sign up at the Main Street Concierge Desk—but hurry, spots will fill up quick.

A scholarship fund has been started to help families in need so that LifeJourney can ensure that every child that wants to go to camp can go!

Note: If you'd like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please write "Family Camp" in the memo line of your donation or reach out to Pastor Chris Edwards at ChrisEdwards@LifeJourney.church with any questions.

Teen Life: After Hours

The Family Life Ministry wants to make sure that our youth have a chance to spend time with their families on important days. Since it is Mother's Day, there will be no high school youth group tonight.

Additionally, as we approach the summer we need to move back to the church so that our hosting family can travel for family vacations. When we resume next Sunday, TeenLife: After Hours will meet in The Loft (Room 10) from 6:00 - 8:00 pm until further notice.

Sock Hop

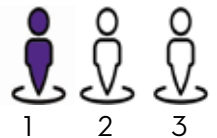
Saturday, June 15 will be a fun evening at LifeJourney as we take it back old school—plan to attend our Sock Hop dance! Tickets are on sale in the Lobby.

Concierge Desk Volunteers

As some of our volunteers shift to new roles we have two openings for our welcome desk. We need people with a warm smile to welcome our families as they come in the door. These volunteers are critical for making new families feel welcome and comfortable, as well as for security on the children's wing.

- Concierge: 2nd Sunday / 2nd Service
- Concierge: 3rd Sunday / 2nd Service

Help us fill the these vital roles:



Children's Ministry Volunteers

In response to our post we have had a number of people step forward to teach in our classrooms, and we officially have all of our teaching roles filled! Thank you so much! If there is any interest we do still have openings at our Concierge Desk (see article above) and in our middle school ministry.