

# Sunday Headlines

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## Happy New Year

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.)

## They're Moving...

Several beloved congregants are moving out-of-state to accept new jobs: Hiroki Chalfant (to California), PoHao Wang and Hui Lu (to Iowa), Jorge Cardenas (to California), and Julie Ruhana and Tammy Young (to New Mexico). Be sure to wish them well and let them know how much we will miss them!

## Healing Support Group

Pastor Melody's departure was hard on many of us. At the Board meeting after her departure, as we brainstormed for ways to help the healing process, several congregants suggested a Healing Support Group. We have now identified a wonderful therapist to guide the group and are now taking registrations.

The Healing Support Group will be led by Carol Hornbeck. Carol is an experienced therapist with a wonderful, warm spirit who works out of the counseling center at Second Presbyterian Church. She's a graduate of the counseling program at Christian Theological Seminary.

The group will meet at LifeJourney Church on Saturday, January 13 and 20, from 9:00 am to Noon. (If the group decides to meet for an additional session, it will be on Saturday, January 27.)

Group participants will focus on sharing feelings about Melody's departure, processing grief, mediated conversations, rebuilding trust, finding our way forward.

If you feel this would be helpful to you, please register through the response form to the right. **Registrations need to be received no later than today, so we can reserve Carol's time for the specified dates.** All are welcome.

## Loving and Teaching Our Children

There is nothing more profound than helping a child form a solid spiritual foundation for life. And you don't have to be a Bible wizard or seasoned teacher to do it. If you love the idea of helping kids learn about Jesus, we will provide the simple lesson plans and orientation and support you'll need to work with our kids one Sunday per month. If this is something that calls to you, fill out the response form and we'll get you more information. Love a child, change the world!



## Camera Operator



The Media Team is looking for a Camera Operator. This individual uses a remote control joystick to capture video to be displayed on our remote monitors and for the webcast.

Training support is available to match the level of experience that you may bring to the team—beginners to professionals are welcome.

To learn more and to setup a time to job shadow this unique opportunity, please complete the response form.

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

#### RSVP and/or More Info:

- Healing Support Group: *I pledge to attend each session, recognizing they build on each other.*
- Loving and Teaching Our Children
- Camera Operator

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Sunday Worship Service

## Worship Theme:

Voices of Angels

## Key Verse:

“The angel said, ‘Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?’” *Genesis 16:7.*

## Order of Service

### Welcome

**Songs:** *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*  
*Be Glorified*  
*Agnus Dei*

### Affirmation & Connections

### Offering Invitation

**Song:** *Higher Ground*

### Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

**Song:** *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Genesis 16:6-11, 13*

**Sermon:** *Where Did I Come From?*  
*And Where Am I Going?*  
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

**Closing Song:** *Blessed Assurance*

### Closing & Benediction

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

### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, I confess that I am often captive to distorted patterns of thought and behavior that were developed long ago to cope with difficult events. Give me the courage to face those patterns and work with You to replace them with healthier alternatives, so I can make the most of the gift of this life You've given 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.

## Outline for a New Year Prayer of Examen

1. Call to mind a really painful experience in your past.
2. Consider: Have I faced the pain of that experience, worked through it, learned from it, and let it go, or am I still churning in the pain? (If you're still churning, talk about it to friends, counselors and God, so you can work through it and let it go.)
3. Even after you've let go of the pain, it's important to consider: What patterns of thought or behavior did I develop to cope with that painful experience that still hold sway over me and distort my life? (Begin to consciously unlearning those distorted patterns and replacing them with healthier ones.)

**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.*



## 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. (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.

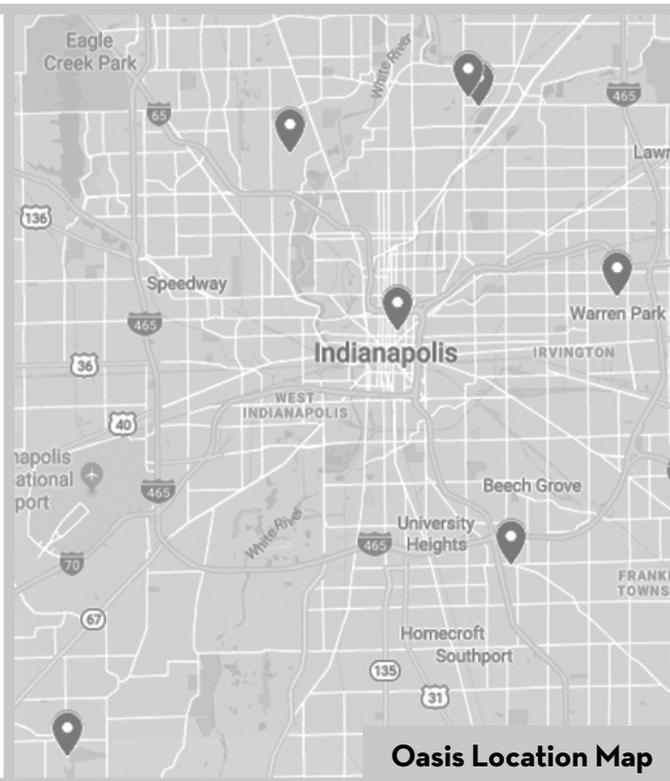
**THU:** Broad Ripple Oasis, 2525 Dell Zell Dr., Indianapolis.

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

10:00 am Blast Off! (Age 2-1st grade), Main St. Station (Rm 2)

11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:30 am Blast Off! (Age 2-1st grade), Main St. Station (Rm 2)

Children are released from the Sanctuary before the sermon

### 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

### Thursday

6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Friday

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

### Exceptions...

A few Oasis Groups have adjusted their meeting schedule for the New Year holiday. Please carefully review the calendar.

See more events or subscribe to the calendar at:  
<http://LifeJourney.church/events-calendar>

## Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	(Holiday) 124
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11:00 am Service Attendance	(Holiday) 123
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Oasis Attendance	(Holiday) 63
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General Offering: Last Week	\$7,481
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Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,632
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Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,704
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\* 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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# SoulShift: Discipleship 101/102, with membership!

## Here are a few questions for you...

1. Are you ready to be challenged and take your spiritual life to a new level?
2. Would you like to make more friends at church?
3. Are you interested in becoming a member of LifeJourney Church?

## If you said yes to any of these questions, we have the course for you!

- Discipleship 101 and 102 will be offered together with a short break in between.
  - Discipleship 101 will run January 25 - March 29, Thursdays 7:00 - 8:45 pm.
  - After two weeks off, Discipleship 102 will run April 19 - May 31, Thursdays 7:00 - 8:45 pm.
- Membership is integrated with 101/102. But those who are already members will be exempt from assignments geared specifically for new members. If you have taken Discipleship 101/102 in the past, the material/format is a little different from just a few years ago, and now is a good time for renewal and recommitment.
- We ask those who register for the course to promise to attend every class. But we understand that life happens, so missing up to two classes (when ill or out of town) is permissible. The cost for Discipleship 101/102 is \$40. The course will be led by Pastor David Zier.

### Registration for Discipleship 101 & 102

I will attend all classes unless ill or out of town.

The \$40 registration fee is due at the first class. Do you need a scholarship for this fee?  Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Course Description

### Discipleship 101: Following Jesus

In Discipleship 101, you will do something you may have never done before – engage the words of Jesus Christ directly for yourself, in all their power and mystery. Instead of relying on somebody else to tell you what these holy words mean, you will be encouraged to form your own thoughtful conclusions, with the benefit of open discussion with your classmates. We will focus on two major questions:

- What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?
- How can I deepen my relationship with God?

You may think you already know the answer to both questions, and maybe you do. But God always has something deeper for those who hunger and thirst. This course will challenge you to take a fresh look at what Jesus said and evaluate where you stand.

You will be encouraged to make concrete decisions about next steps, but at your own pace, when it feels right. You will be offered options for putting what you learn into practice, so that the rhythms of your life increasingly reflect the faith of your heart.

### Discipleship 102: Thriving in Christian Community

As followers of Jesus, we are called to live together in spiritual community. Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20). When we walk this journey together, pooling our spiritual power while sharing, loving, creating, challenging, pushing, tugging (and sometimes arguing) we have the best opportunity to grow our souls and to change the world.

You will have the chance to think deeply about how spiritual community (church) is supposed to work and where your particular gifts and talents might best fit in the life of that community. We will explore vital topics like spiritual gifts, the purpose of worship, building friendship networks, the importance of small groups, generosity, and Jesus’ model for conflict resolution.