

Sunday Headlines

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Church

REMINDER!

- **Prayer Gathering Today.** At 12:35 pm today, our Deacons will host a half hour of prayer in the Sanctuary, lifting prayer for those who are hurting and for our church in this time of transition after Pastor Melody's departure. All are welcome!
- **Parents Meeting Today.** Ten minutes after both worship services today, Pastor Jeff will host conversations with our parents in Room 6 (by the front doors). As we begin our search for a Minister of Family Life, we really want to hear our parents input. How do you feel we're doing so far? How can we do better? What skills and traits are important to you as we search for a Minister of Family Life? You're welcome to bring your children with you to the meeting.
- **Next Board Meeting.** The Board of Directors meets next on Tuesday December 12 at 7:00 pm here at the church. All are welcome! A written report from the last Board meeting was published in last week's bulletin, implementing a number of suggestions congregants made after Pastor Melody's departure. If you missed it, please pick up a hard copy at the Welcome Center.

Wanted—Minister of Family Life!

Today we're launching a local and national search for a Minister of Family Life. This will be the first time in the history of our church we've had a staff position devoted entirely to ministering to our children, youth, and families with laser like focus. A wonderful foundation has already been laid. Now it's time to take it to the next level! This week we will post the position on local and national church staffing websites. If you know someone who might be interested, pick up a hard copy of the Position Description and application instructions at the Welcome Center or direct them to the church website.

Are You A Leader?

Do you have gifts of leadership and management? Would it feel meaningful to you to share those gifts as part of your spiritual journey? Beginning January 1, we're looking for a new leader for our Nursery Ministry. Each week our Nursery volunteers watch after infants during worship, blessing the infants with loving care while allowing their parents to fully engage in worship. The leader of the Nursery Ministry schedules and reminds volunteers, trains new volunteers, and ensures the quality of our Nursery operations. Fulfilling these responsibilities takes about an hour per week. If you would like more information to evaluate whether this is the right fit for you, please fill out the response form in today's bulletin.

Christmas Season Event Schedule



Today	Giving Tree
Sun, Dec 17	Annual Christmas Music Celebration (Both AM Services)
Sun, Dec 17	LJC Kids! Birthday Party for Jesus (Both AM Services at MainStreet)
Wed, Dec 20	Blue Christmas (6:30 PM Evening Service)
Sun, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship Services (Both AM Services)
Mon, Dec 25	Christmas Day Open House Dinner (Pastors Jeff & David's Home)
Sun, Dec 31	New Year's Eve Worship Services (Both AM Services)

Blue Christmas Service

Christmas can be a painful time for some. In fact it can give many of us the blues. It may be the first Christmas without a family member who has recently died, maybe a bill needs to be paid instead of buying that toy, it may even be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant barrage of songs on radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or never had. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone.

If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change, we care about you. So come join us for a Blue Christmas on December 20 at 6:30 pm—a safe place to grieve, hope and heal.

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Deepening Your Prayer Life

Key Verse:

“After the fire, a still small voice [said], ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’” *1 Kings 19:12-13.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Song: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Advent Candle: *Hope*

Song: *Mighty God*
Show Me Your Ways

Affirmation & Connections

Offering Invitation

Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

Song: *When His Kingdom Comes*
David Beaver

Prayer

Scripture: *1 Kings 19, selected verses*

Sermon: *A New Old Way To Pray*
Rev. Jeff Miner

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

Closing Song: *Jesus Is All the World to Me*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I confess my tendency to allow the rush of life to whip me along in a frenzy of unexamined activity that often leads to bad choices and an unsettled heart. I don't want to live an unexamined life. Help me to broaden my prayers to include regular self-examination guided by the genius of your Spirit in interactive conversation with 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:

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.

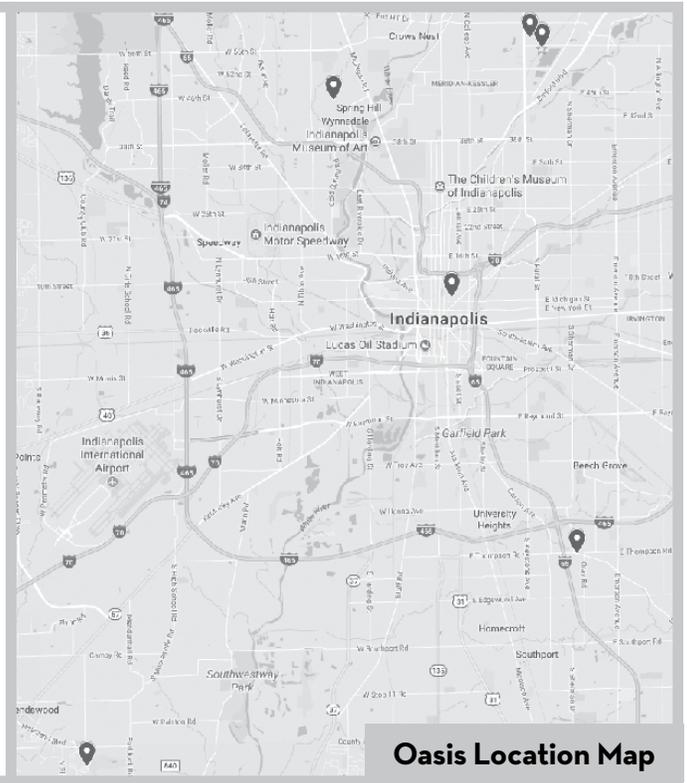
If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the left section.



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. (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.



The Week Ahead...

Today

- 9:30 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
10:35 am Parents Meeting, Room 6
11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
11:00 am The Bridge 2.0 (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5)
11:00 am Teen Life (9-12 grade), The Loft (Room 10)
12:30 pm Parents Meeting, Room 6
12:35 pm Healing Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary

Monday

- 7:00 pm Grief Share, Room 7
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
7:30 pm Senior Shenanigans, Footlite Musicals

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

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

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	105
11:00 am Service Attendance	133
Oasis Attendance	(Holiday) 34
General Offering: Last Week	\$6,076
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,694
Budget Goal: Weekly	\$9,704
Budget Variance: Weekly Average	\$-1,010
Budget Variance: Year to Date through Oct.	\$-41,608



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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, Dec. 13 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 through the response form in today's bulletin. Questions may be directed to: PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church or call the church office at (317)722-0000 x103.

Wow! Such Overflowing Generosity!

Last week we hung dozens of tags on our church Christmas tree representing gift needs for families and individuals in our church, immigrant families, and homeless families. Virtually all the tags were taken, representing nearly a thousand dollars of blessings for those in greatest need! Thank you, LifeJourney, for your incredible generosity. It's not too late to get in on the blessing. We've put a few new tags on the tree this week.

Please remember the unwrapped gifts for Dayspring Center and the Immigrant Welcome Center will need to be returned by next Sunday. The unwrapped gifts for individuals and families will need to be returned by the following Sunday, December 17.

Creative Care Team

We are putting together a team of creative, caring people who will spend a couple months working with pastoral staff to review steps we now take to reach out to people who drift away from our church, identify best practices various churches use, and recommend additional steps we can take to best minister to those who drift. If you would like to be part of this team, fill out the bulletin response form today and we'll be in touch!

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

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Nursery Ministry Leader
- Newcomer's Welcome Reception
- Creative Care Team
- Campus Services: Snow and/or Cleaning
- Senior Shenanigans
- Christmas Open House Help
- Child Fund Sponsor for Abner

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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



<http://GoFundMe.com/OvercomeHate>

It's happening now! We're on the air! Our church's OvercomeHate.com PSA is now airing here in central Indiana. It's airing 300 times November 17 - December 29 on the following networks: CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Bravo, TV Land, ESPN2, and Freeform. We are seeing increased traffic on the web page. Please continue to share and support this important message.

Help Wanted: Campus Services

The Campus Services Ministry is responsible for the care and maintenance of our church campus. Currently, two crews within the ministry need some additional hands to serve once per month:

- **Snow Crew:** On Sunday mornings, they use the snow thrower, pictured here, on the sidewalks (only) and a shovel for light work on the steps. Last, they push a salt spreader along the walks and sprinkle salt on the steps.
- **Cleaning Crew:** Before Sunday, they clean and tidy an assigned area of the building. Don't worry, bathrooms are not part of the task.



If you want to learn more about helping behind the scenes and/or additional opportunities with this ministry, please use connect through the response form.

Senior Shenanigans

Seniors will meet at English Ivy's for a holiday party on December 16 at 6:00 pm. For more information and to RSVP please complete the response form.

Christmas Open House Helpers

Many of you know the amount of preparation that goes into Pastors David and Jeff's Christmas Day Open House. It takes a team of helpers to make this happen and currently Pastor David is assembling his shifts of volunteers for this event.

If you're able to help out behind the scenes, use the response form to let him know your availability.

Child Fund Sponsor Needed



Abner Abisai Castellanos Amaya needs your support. Abner is just one of many children LifeJourney collectively sponsors. Unfortunately, Abner has lost his sponsor and is in need of a generous person to continue his sponsorship. Please complete the response form to learn more.