

Every Sunday after services, Deacons are available at the front of the sanctuary for any who would like to pray.

Want to hear a sermon again?

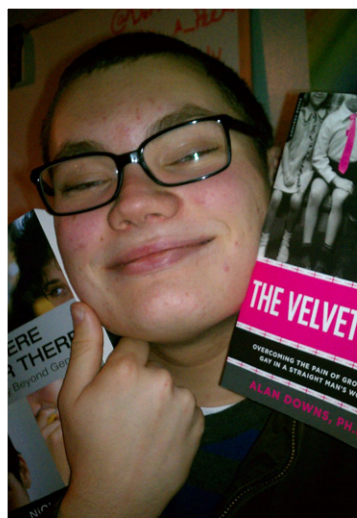
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Christmas Blessings



Youth from IYG were grateful for all the gifts you provided.

Dear Church: You Rock!

The Giving Tree was a wonderful success, with piles of necessities going to Dayspring Center, and art supplies, books and DVDs, snacks, and gift cards going to the Indiana Youth Group. **Thank you for your generosity!**



A record number of folks enjoyed the food and festivities at Jeff and David's on Christmas Eve.



Music Rehearsals Start in 2012!

- **Sanctuary Choir** resumes rehearsal on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm.
- **Instrumentalists** resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us at the rehearsal or contact Mark Brown for info: (317) 722-0000 x 104 or mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc. Begin your new year on a musical note!

2012 Offering Options

If you give by **check or cash**, boxes of offering envelopes are available at the info kiosk free of charge.

Better yet, you can skip the bulky boxes and constant check writing by creating your own electronic giving account at LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate. Once you establish an electronic account, you can change it anytime, at a moment's notice, at the same link. No fuss; no hassle.

Order of Service • January 1, 2012

Worship Theme: Taking the Measure of Our Lives

Key Verse: What good is it for a person to gain the whole world, yet forfeit life? *Mark 8:36*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Praise Songs and Prayer

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Mark 8:34-38

Anthem

Sermon: *Another Lap Around the Sun*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, forgive me for getting so swept into the flow of life that I seldom stop to evaluate. Help me to take some time this week to prayerfully reflect on where my life stands, and to identify some key steps to move forward. 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. You're also welcome to just observe, if you prefer. You can take Communion alone, or with friends or family members.

Ushers will release the rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a short prayer. After receiving the elements, please 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.

After all are Served the Elements

Rise and sing the closing song.

Benediction

Postlude

Deacons will be at the front of the sanctuary after service for any who wish to pray.

Webcast Reminder: The morning services are recorded for our webcast, and crowd shots are included. To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the center section of seating. *If you don't want to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the east section (near the media booth).*

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 info kiosk.

About this Calendar

Events are open to all — the only exceptions are SoulShift classes, which require advance registration.

For more info, inquire at the info kiosk, see any staff member or ministry team leader, or contact the office at info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc.

Sunday, January 1

- 9:30 am **Early Worship Service.**
11:00 am **Morning Worship Service.**
11:30 am **The Bridge 2.0** (junior high / middle school), Room 7, and **Teen Life**, Room 5. Youth and teens are released from the sanctuary before the sermon.

Monday, January 2

- 7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, January 3

- 7:00 pm **Board of Trustees**, Room 4.
7:00 pm **Square Dancing**, social hall. Info: Sandra Johnson at rjohnson1506@comcast.net.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Thursday, January 5

- 7:00 pm **Jesus Seekers Oasis** meets at the home of Roger Brown. Info: See Chuck Levi or call Roger at (317) 446-5604.
7:00 pm **Weigh 2 Go** weight loss support group, Room 1. Info: Stacy Cook at scook001@indy.rr.com.

Friday, January 6

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Beulah Bragg, (317) 924-2488 or mzbees@att.net.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, January 7

- 10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Jan 14 **Animal Ministry volunteers at the Indianapolis Humane Society.** Info: Robin Herman at robin@luckydogretreat.com.
Jan 14 **Singles' Dinner at O'Charley's.** See page four for details.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	111
Morning Service Attendance	189
Other Events Attendance	192
General Offering	\$7,917
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,252
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



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Welcome to LifeJourney Church!

*Married, divorced, or single here,
It's one family that mingles here.*

*Conservative or liberal here,
We've all gotta give a little here.*

Big or small here, there's room for us all here.

Doubt or believe here, we all can receive here.

*Gay, trans, or straight here,
there's no hate here.*

Woman or man here, everyone can here.

*Whatever your race here,
For all of us, grace here.*

A Call to Artists

Do you create original, creative art? If so, we invite you to sign up to receive more details and guidelines for the Inaugural LifeJourney Church Visual Art Exhibition and Fundraiser. This event will be held in May 2012 and our theme is: Life's Journey...

We invite artists from all genres (e.g., painting, photos, stained glass, jewelry, pottery, graphite, drawings) to consider submitting one or two art pieces that exude Christianity or spirituality.

For guidelines, please complete the attached form below.

I am an artist and would like to see the guidelines for the Visual Art Exhibition.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the info kiosk.

Calling All Singles!

All people who are single are invited to gather at O'Charley's (6111 North Keystone, just a bit north of the church) for dinner on **January 14 at 6:00 pm**. We'll enjoy good food and good conversation. RSVP to Facebook.com/LifeJourneySingles, email donnmartin12003@gmail.com or call (317) 407-4611.

Weigh 2 Go

It's a new year! Is it time for a new you? Join **Weigh 2 Go**, our weight loss support group, **every Thursday at 7:00 pm**. Questions? Contact group leader Stacy Cook: scook001@indy.rr.com.

What's New in the Bookstore

We have some great stuff in the church bookstore:

- A new CD from Marcus Young: *The Collection* for just \$8.
- *Prayers for Bobby*, the Lifetime movie starring Sigourney Weaver as a mother who struggles to accept her son.
- A new version of *The Beginners Bible* that now includes the complete book on audio CDs.
- Two children's books: *Monday is One Day* and *Donovan's Big Day*. Both books celebrate family diversity.
- A "basic" Bible. It's a hardback *New Revised Standard Version Bible* that sells for just \$12. This is in addition to all the other Bibles: *The Hands-On Bible* for older kids, *The Youth Bible*, *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*, and *The Message*.
- *Made in God's Image*, a thoughtful introduction to gender diversity. Also: Justin Tanis' *Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith*.

Recycle Newspapers and Junk Mail

You've probably seen the green dumpster in the upper parking lot. It's for **paper recycling**, and we receive payment for the paper.

Bring in your newspapers, magazines, office paper, and junk mail! Please note that we **can't take cardboard, food wrappers, or any type of plastic.**

Share Your Joy

For most of us, LifeJourney Church is an incredible blessing! Wouldn't you like to share that blessing with others who need a welcoming church home?

Church business cards are available at the info kiosk. We encourage you to carry a couple in your wallet. When you're with a friend who might enjoy our church, simply share the card. Or, when you're walking through a parking lot and see an LGBT bumper sticker, you might place a card on the windshield of that vehicle. Many of our folks have done this in the past. Some of us are here because someone cared enough to do that!

So share your joy; pick up some business cards today. Please take only a few — each Sunday you can restock at the info kiosk.