

Lots of Upcoming Events

See page four and the insert for details on these activities:

- **Families:** Winter Escape, Play Dates, Event Schedule
- **Singles:** Dinner and Duckpin Bowling
- **Couples' Retreat, Gospel Choir, Team Leader Lunch**
- **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**

Working on being more healthy?

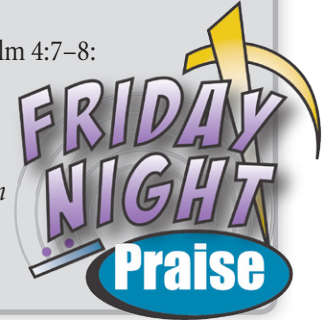
If your New Year's resolutions included *exercise, eating better, or anything about healthy living*, you'll want to check out **Be Still and Know** this week. We're offering insight and encouragement: www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/bestill

Friday Night Praise: More Joy!

Join us **this Friday, January 27** at 7:00 pm. We'll enjoy lots of lively music as we praise and worship our Savior! The *Gospel Choir, Soul to Soul*, and the *praise teams* will be singing, and the band will be playing.

Our scripture for the evening is Psalm 4:7-8:

You, O God, have put more joy and rejoicing in my heart than when the wheat and new wine have yielded abundantly. In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You, Lord, alone make me dwell in safety and confident trust.



Last day to register for SoulShift!

In the words of Jesus, we find strength, direction, and **invitation**. Our *SoulShift* program helps us as we dig deep into Jesus' teachings to learn new ways to live. These courses will:

- Grow your knowledge of your faith.
- Equip you to take charge of your own spiritual development.
- Introduce you to wonderful friends within the church.

If you're ready to take your next step, take a look at SoulShift! The next courses offered will be:

Spiritual Principles for Dating

Thursdays at 7:00 pm beginning January 26, with instructors Jeff Miner and David Zier. Eight weeks.

Do you sometimes experience frustration with the challenges of being single, especially when it comes to dating and seeking a spouse?

Successful relationships begin before they are formed; they begin with a solid foundation to guide dating and the early months of a new relationship. Topics covered include key mistakes, strategies for choosing the right spouse, hormones and judgment, how soon to have sex, and when to move in together.

Discipleship 101

Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning January 23, with instructor Keith Phillips. Ten weeks.

Are you ready to take your spiritual life to a new level? In Discipleship 101, you will **engage the words of Jesus Christ directly for yourself**, in all their power and mystery. Instead of relying on someone else to tell you what these words mean, you will form your own conclusions, with the benefit of open discussion. We will focus on two major questions:

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

Registration has closed for *Exploring What I Believe: An Overview of Christian Theology*.

Registration for SoulShift Classes

- Following Jesus: Discipleship 101
 Spiritual Principles for Dating

Print name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I covenant to attend all sessions unless ill or out of town.

Signature: _____

All courses have a \$20 registration fee, which will be collected at the first class meeting. Do you need a scholarship for these fees? Yes No

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

Order of Service • January 22, 2012

Worship Theme: Religious Intolerance

Key Verse: They entered into a covenant. . . . Whoever would not seek the Lord, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether young or old, man or woman. *2 Chronicles 15:12*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Praise Songs and Prayer

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 14:1-8

Anthem

Sermon: *They Did What?!*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, forgive me for times when I have been lazy about spiritual truth — not troubling myself to speak out about harmful ideas. Sometimes I have been too timid. But other times I have made the opposite mistake — acting or arguing in ways that convey contempt. Help me to find that holy balance that promotes respectful dialogue, just as Jesus did. 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.

Notes

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).*

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 22

- 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 23

- 7:00 pm **Following Jesus: Discipleship 101 SoulShift Class**, Room 1. See page one to register.
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, January 24

- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Wednesday, January 25

- 7:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 104.

Thursday, January 26

- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Larry Heavilon, larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.
7:00 pm **Instrumentalists Rehearsal**, sanctuary. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 104.
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 **[going deeper] L³: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284. L³ will host **Exploring What I Believe: An Overview of Christian Theology SoulShift class** beginning this week.
7:00 pm **Spiritual Principles for Dating SoulShift Class**, Room 1. See page one to register.
7:00 pm **Weigh 2 Go** weight loss support group, Room 7. Info: Stacy Cook at scook001@indy.rr.com.

Friday, January 27

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Beulah Bragg, (317) 924-2488 or mzbees@att.net.
7:00 pm **Fellowship Galactica** meets at David Wene and David Squire's home, 5055 East 67th Street. Info: David Wene at davidwene@hotmail.com or (317) 427-3728.
7:00 pm **Friday Night Praise!** See page one for info.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, January 28

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

Coming Soon

- Jan 29 **Oasis Leader's Meeting**, 12:45 pm.
Jan 30 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**. See the insert for info.
Feb 12 **Congregational Meeting**, 1:00 pm in the sanctuary.
Feb 19 **Ministry Team Leader Lunch**. See the insert for info.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	171
Morning Service Attendance	245
Other Events Attendance	118
General Offering	\$13,003
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,172
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



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Gospel Choir

The LifeJourney Gospel Choir is gearing up for another exceptional **Black History Month Celebration** on February 26, 2012.

If you enjoy singing Gospel music this group is a perfect fit. We are committed to singing God's praises and encouraging others to join in praise with us. This group is open to all people. The one thing we ask is that you sing from the heart and let God do the rest. We do more than just rehearse; we seek God's presence in the rehearsal and we support each other in prayer and love.

Rehearsals are on Saturdays: January 28, February 4, 11, and 18, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Because our rehearsal time is relatively short, choir members are expected to be at all of the rehearsals. Exceptions must be approved by the director.

Contact Latrice Moralez for more info: (317) 658-6997 or latricehightower@yahoo.com.

Coming Soon: Play Dates!

If you are the parent of a baby or toddler you know how important it is to have play dates — for you and for your little one! Because there are so many families connecting to our church we want to provide a space for those play dates. **Beginning February 7 at 10:00 am**, the church will host a **monthly Play Date on the first Tuesday of the month**. This is a chance for parents to connect while their little ones play. We hope to see your family on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 am! Registration is not required. Contact Melody Merida for more information: mmerida@LifeJourneyChurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.

Upcoming Children & Family Events

It can be hard to coordinate all the activities of a busy family! We want to help by getting children and family ministry info to you as early as possible. Mark your calendars now!

- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** April 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Graduation Sunday:** June 10, morning services
- **Vacation Bible School:** June 11 to 15, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- **Camp Forust:** July 8 to 13
- **Family Camp:** August 31 to September 3

More info and registration will be made available closer to the dates. Contact Melody Merida if you have questions: (317) 722-0000 or mmerida@LifeJourneyChurch.cc.

Upcoming Election: Board of Directors

We have three Board of Directors positions open for election at our February 12 Congregational Meeting. Consistent with our bylaws, we have formed a Nominating Committee to recommend candidates for the open positions. A notice was also placed in the *Weekly News* in November inviting individuals interested in being nominated to step forward.

Two of the three Board members whose positions are up for election, Todd Cox and Sheryl Holko, are willing to continue serving and the Committee is pleased to renominate them. A third Board member, Tony Benner, has served for almost 12 years. He's now ready for a rest, and we celebrate and honor Tony's service!

At the congregational meeting, the Directors will propose that we increase the size of the Board from 9 to 10, with two positions for finance — Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. For these positions, we are nominating Jon Hamilton and Donna Hays. Jon is a long-time member of our church who runs an accounting company. Donna is a long-time member who has served as the Missions Board Treasurer.

More information about each of the nominees will be available soon. Our bylaws provide that **individuals may also self-nominate**. Please pick up the form at the info kiosk if you wish to do so. **Forms must be returned to the basket at the kiosk no later than Sunday, January 29.**

Big Impact at GCN Conference

Two weeks ago, Pastor Jeff and David Squire, our Communications Director, attended the *Gay Christian Network Conference* in Orlando. These GCN Conferences tend to draw many young adults who are newly out and in the process of reconciling their faith with their orientation. About 500 attended the conference.

Jeff presented two workshops based on *The Children Are Free*. The workshops focused on Matthew 8, where Jesus encounters a gay Roman centurion, and Mark 7, where Jesus rejects creation order theology. These workshops were among the most highly attended at the conference.

Jeff also hosted a workshop entitled *Are You Called to Ministry?* The goal was to offer our LifeJourney Pastoral Training Program as an option. Twelve individuals attended that workshop, after which five people scheduled one-on-one conversations with Jeff. We anticipate several of these individuals will visit our church within the next year to evaluate whether to prepare for a life of professional pastoral ministry at LifeJourney Church.

Meanwhile, David Squire (and his partner Dave Wene) staffed a booth at the Resource Center, offering resources published by LifeJourney Press — not just *The Children Are Free*, but also a CD set on principles for relationships, our devotional *Quench!*, and our *Discipleship 101/102* materials. We set a record for sales.

As you can see, many were blessed deeply by the presence of LifeJourney Church at the GCN Conference. Your generosity made that possible! Thank you!

2011 Donation Statements

Donation statements for 2011 are available today at the info kiosk. Please pick up your form so we can save the cost of postage! If you have questions about your statement, please contact treasurer@LifeJourneyChurch.cc.

Singles' Dinner & Duckpin Bowling

Attention Singles: Who likes to bowl? Now who likes to *Duckpin* Bowl? Come join us in Fountain Square for 90 minutes of fun-filled bowling on **Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 pm**. The cost is \$7.00 per person for both bowlers and non-bowlers. We will have dinner at Smokehouse on Shelby at 6:00 pm, and you can come for one or both activities. Space is limited so please reserve your spot today! You can email donnalmartin12003@gmail.com, call Donna Martin at (317) 407-4611, or fill out the form.

Winter Escape for Families

Let's shake off our winter doldrums together at **Snapperz Family Fun Center!** Snapperz in Carmel features 33,000 square feet of fun for the whole family. It's the perfect place for kids to play while the adults get some good grown up socializing.

They have soft structure play units, laser tag, climbing walls, bumper cars, bowling, bungee trampoline, games, food, and a toddler area for the little ones. Families of all ages are invited to join in the fun **Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. The cost is \$10 for children ages 4-17, \$3 for children ages 2 and 3, and free for adults and children under 2. Admission gets you four hours of fun on the main attractions (the inflatables and the soft structure play units). Other attractions and food are extra. Please complete the form if your family will be attending the winter escape.

Spring Couples' Retreat

Spring is the season of renewal. What a perfect time to renew your relationship with a weekend retreat! This will be a time away to focus on your relationship and to enjoy the company of other couples from the church.

We'll gather at the beautiful **Waycross Retreat Center** in the woods of Brown County. The all-inclusive cost for the weekend of April 20 – 22 is \$365 per couple, which includes a private room, full meal service, a 24-hour beverage bar, and access to 400 acres of hiking trails and lakes, labyrinths, and sports equipment and fields.

Our agenda for the weekend will include social and spiritual activities in a large group as well as quiet alone time for every couple.

Registration is open through February 5 but space is limited! If enclosing payment with your registration *please give payment directly to Pastor Melody Merida*. Checks can be made payable to LifeJourney Church with a note "Couples Retreat."

New to LifeJourney Church? Be our guest!

If you're new to LifeJourney Church within the past six months or so (or even if today is your first Sunday!) we invite you to a **Welcome Reception** at the church on **Monday, January 30 at 7:00 pm**. The reception is casual and will include snacks and dessert. We'll get acquainted, share stories and info, and answer any questions you have. **If you've wondered, "Is LifeJourney Church the right place for me? What resources are available? How do I fit in and make friends?" then this reception is for you!**

RSVP with the form at right. **If you have questions**, contact the church office at info@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000.

Ministry Team Leader Appreciation

Our ministry teams do so much for the community and for our church family; now we want to say "thank you" to the leaders of those teams! On **Sunday, February 19**, following the 11:00 am service, the pastoral staff will host an **appreciation lunch** for all active ministry team leaders. Please plan to attend so that we can show you our appreciation and share with you some thoughts on the future. Complete the form so that we can plan appropriately for food service.

I/we would like to register for:

- Winter Escape for Families
 Singles' Dinner and/or Singles' Duckpin Bowling
 Ministry Team Leader Appreciation Lunch

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Couples' Retreat

We will pay in three installments: \$122 non-refundable deposit by Sunday, February 5; \$122 second payment by Sunday, February 26, and \$121 final payment by Sunday, March 18.

We have enclosed payment in full.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

If you're including a payment, please give this form and payment directly to Pastor Melody Merida!

Newcomer's Welcome Reception, January 30

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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