

Friendship and Belonging Really Matter

Church ought to be a place for friendship and belonging. God designed us that way. Even in the very beginning, God said, "It is not good for the human to be alone." As the old *Cheers* song says, "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came." In ancient Christian literature, it's called "the beloved community" — followers of Jesus getting to know each other at a deep level and building close-knit community.

Growing our capacity to support deep friendship connections is the number-one goal for LifeJourney Church for 2012. And the best way to do that — the best way to grow our friendship connections — is through regular small-group gatherings where we get to know each other, learn more about spiritual life, and walk life's path together. Oasis is what we call this at LifeJourney Church.

In March, we plan to launch 3 new Oasis Groups:

- Westside Oasis, Tuesday nights, led by Pastor David
- Eastside Oasis, Wednesday nights, led by Pastor Vivian
- Northside Oasis, Thursday nights, led by Pastor Jeff



Past, Present, and Future: Black History Sunday

Where have we been? Where are we now and what does God have in store for our future? We'll ponder these questions on **Black History Sunday, February 26.**

This year's speaker is our very own **Vivian Wyatt**, and the services will be full of worship, song, and praise, featuring a combined choral number by the Gospel Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, and some of our members who sing in various groups in the city.

A **potluck** will follow the 11:00 am worship service, and the church will supply the main dish. **If you plan to stay for lunch, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

If you'd like to **help with setup or in the kitchen**, please contact LaTrice Moralez: latricehtower@yahoo.com or (317) 658-6997, or fill out the form at right.

(Note: We already have a **Southside Jesus Seekers Oasis** that is led by Roger Brown. They have recently moved to 5457 West Walnut Street, Greenwood and meet on Thursdays at 7:15 pm.

Pastor Melody is not launching a new group since she already leads the **Family Oasis**, which meets at the Church every other Wednesday night, including this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.)

To launch these new groups, we need host homes. If you would like more information about what it would mean to host one of the new Oasis Groups, please fill out the form below. Host homes should have a gathering area that will seat up to 15 people (with use of supplemental folding chairs).

I would like information about hosting an Oasis in my home.

I live on the east side north side west side.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Street Address, with Zip _____

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

2012 Congregational Meeting

Join us today at **12:45 pm** (right after the 11:00 am service) in the sanctuary for our annual business meeting. All are welcome to attend, but only members may vote.

I'm interested in helping with the potluck for Black History Sunday.

Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Order of Service • February 12, 2012

Worship Theme: Growing Closer

Key Verse: Do this in remembrance of me. *Luke 22:19*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Holy Spirit Rain Down*

Praise Songs and Prayer: *We Lift Our Hands, The Power of the Cross, Fairest Lord Jesus*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20, 28-30

Anthem: *We Wait*, Sanctuary Choir

Sermon: *Remember Me*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *Lead Me to the Cross*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, forgive me for my tendency to live in isolation. Open my heart to genuinely engage in spiritual community, so I am not alone, so I can be fully human, so I can learn and grow and share your love. 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 *Make Me a Blessing*.

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: _____

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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, February 12

- 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.
12:45 pm **Congregational Meeting**, sanctuary.

Monday, February 13

- 7:00 pm **Couples' Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Doug Snow at douglassesnow@yahoo.com.
7:00 pm **Following Jesus: Discipleship 101 SoulShift Class**, Room 1.
7:00 pm **Weigh 2 Go** weight loss support group, Room 4. Info: Stacy Cook at scook001@indy.rr.com. Weigh 2 Go is on Monday *for this week only*. They return to their regular Thursday schedule next week.
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:00 pm **Board of Directors**, Room 4.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

- 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 **Southside Jesus Seekers Oasis** meets at the home of Roger Brown. Info: See Chuck Levi or call Roger at (317) 446-5604. See page one for an update.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] L³: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284. L³ hosts **Exploring What I Believe: An Overview of Christian Theology SoulShift class**.
7:00 pm **Spiritual Principles for Dating SoulShift Class**, Room 1.

Friday, February 17

- 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, February 18

- 8:00 am **Homeless Ministry** provides breakfast at The Dayspring Center. Contact April Kerulis at kerulis512@hotmail.com or (317) 370-8214 for information.
10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Feb 19 **Ministry Team Leader Lunch**. Info on page four.
Feb 22 **Ash Wednesday Service**, 6:30 pm.
Feb 25-26 **Couples' Workshop**. See page four for info.
Feb 28 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**, 7:00 pm. Pastor Jeff will lead this "introduction to LifeJourney Church" evening. Registration will be available next week.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	151
Morning Service Attendance	202
Other Events Attendance	167
General Offering	\$10,421
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,093
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.*

Ash Wednesday is February 22

LifeJourney Church will mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on **February 22 at 6:30 pm**. *Lent* is a 40-day season that concludes at the Great Vigil of Easter.

The service will be a time of reflection and prayer with the imposition of ashes. Robert Ferguson will deliver the homily.

If Someone Asks You for Money

Occasionally on a Sunday, someone will wander into our church and start randomly asking people for money or favors, like a ride. If you ever have that experience, **take that person to one of our Deacons or Church Staff**, so we can assess the situation and deal with it in an appropriate and sensitive way. Unfortunately, sometimes scam artists may take advantage of your kindness. By referring requests to a Deacon or Staff member, we can assess legitimacy.

Upcoming Children & Family Events

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 available closer to the dates.

Couples Workshop: Emotional Intelligence and Your Partner

Learn how to understand each other better and communicate in a way that helps you to connect in this workshop for couples.

The two-part workshop will be presented on **Saturday, February 25 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, and Sunday February 26 from 1:00-2:30 pm**. The class is limited to six couples so that everyone can participate, and each session will build on the previous session. This class reviews some information from previous couples classes as a refresher. It's led by Laura Inniger, Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Registration is required before the workshop, and the cost is \$100 per couple. Referrals will be provided after the workshop for couples who want to do couples or individual counseling. For more information or to reserve your spot please complete the form.

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. Please complete the form so that we can plan appropriately for food service.

VBS: Operation Overboard!

Every year **Vacation Bible School** is a HUGE event in the life of our church! Our theme for this year will be **Operation Overboard**, exploring the deep seas with God. Such an adventure will take a large crew of people to make sure every evening is everything our kids hope it will be. That means that we need YOU! Consider joining

the amazing group of adult volunteers who give one week of their lives (June 11-15) to have the time of their lives. To receive more information about volunteering for Operation Overboard complete the form below.

Camp Forust Scholarships: Send a Kid to Camp!

Do you remember going to summer camp as a kid? For most of us it seems to be a memory that stays with us for a lifetime.

Would you like to be a part of creating that memory for a child in our church community? This year we would like to offer some scholarships for those in our church family who would love a camp experience but simply can't afford it. Full scholarships to cover one week of awesome camping for a child is \$225, but donations in other amounts are more than welcome, too. So, if you feel compelled to send a kid to camp this summer, you will play a big part in making memories for them that will last a lifetime! Please fill out the form below if you're interested.

I would like to register (or request info) for:

- (register) Ministry Team Leader Appreciation Lunch
- (register) Couples' Workshop: Emotional Intelligence
- (info) Assisting with Vacation Bible School
- (info) Camp Forust Scholarship

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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