

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 high-church 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: latricehightower@yahoo.com or (317) 658-6997, or fill out the form below.

I'd like to help with the potluck.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Ash Wednesday is this week.

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.

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.

Under Construction!

You've no doubt noticed the new colors on the walls in the social hall. Many thanks to the Board of Trustees (and their helpers) who put in so many hours on this task!

You'll also notice that the **missions display** and the **brochure racks** by the info kiosk are down. New and better displays will be going up soon.

If you need information or can't find a document in the meantime, please see any church staff member or contact the office: info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc or (317) 722-0000.

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 **Tuesday, February 28 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.

Newcomer's Welcome Reception, February 28

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Order of Service • February 19, 2012

Worship Theme: Growing Closer

Key Scripture: Jesus said, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” *Luke 10:41-42.*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *We Praise Your Name*

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Friend of God, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, You Are God Alone*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Anthem: *I'm With You (Ruth and Naomi)*, Sarah Stewart and Sabrina Allen

Sermon: *Front Porch*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *Blessed Assurance*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, too often I allow myself to get swept away by the external demands of daily life, busy about many things that matter little, while failing to focus on the kinds of people connections and soulful discussions that are the essence of life. Forgive me. Help me to elbow out room in my schedule to build strong spiritual friendships. 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 *Let There Be Peace On Earth*.

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, February 19

- 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 **Ministry Team Leader Lunch**, Room 1.
1:00 pm **Board of Deacons**, Room 4.
1:00 pm **Pastoral Training Board**, Room 6.

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:00 pm **LifeJourney Press**, Room 4. Info: Lynne Kaminski, lynnekaminski@yahoo.com.
7:00 pm **Missions Board**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Wednesday, February 22

- 6:30 pm **Ash Wednesday Service**, sanctuary.
6:30 pm **Children's Choir**, Room 8.
6:30 pm **[going deeper] Family Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.
7:30 pm **Choir Oasis**, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 104.

Thursday, February 23

- 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 Oasis**, sanctuary. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 104.
7:00 pm **Southside Jesus Seekers Oasis** meets at Roger Brown's home, 5457 Walnut Street, Greenwood. 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 hosts **Exploring What I Believe: An Overview of Christian Theology SoulShift class.**
7:00 pm **Spiritual Principles for Dating SoulShift Class**, Room 1.
7:00 pm **Weigh 2 Go** weight loss support group, Room 7. Info: Stacy Cook at scook001@indy.rr.com.

Friday, February 24

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

Saturday, February 25

- 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 **Couples' Workshop**. See page four for info.
10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Feb 28 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**. Pastor Jeff will lead this "introduction to LifeJourney Church" evening. See page one for registration.

Last Week's Numbers

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| Early Service Attendance | 156 |
| Morning Service Attendance | 244 |
| Other Events Attendance | 275 |
| General Offering | \$7,367 |
| General Offering: Three Month Average | \$9,063 |
| General Offering Average Goal | \$9,554 |


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Deacon of the Month

Tina Johnson-McCrackin has been a member of this church since 2004 and was installed as a Deacon in 2007. To her, pastoral care means offering a listening ear during challenging times and providing selfless care. She has facilitated the African-American Oasis since 2005 and directs the Gospel Choir.

Tina loves cooking, being a mom and wife, and playing with her dogs. She has four kids, an 8 month old little girl named Savannah and 3 four legged ones. When you see her, say hello! She'd love to chat with you.



A Sanctuary Etiquette Tip

It's not uncommon for people to need to leave the sanctuary during worship service — and that's just fine. But when you return, please keep a few simple guidelines in mind.

Certain parts of the worship service are more easily disrupted than others. **If you return during a prayer, the sermon, or special music, please don't walk all the way back to your seat.** This will cause many to be distracted at key moments of worship. Instead, please take a seat near the back of the sanctuary. Then return to your regular seat at the next moment of general circulation, such as the offering or a congregational song. Thanks!

Trash ≠ Aluminum

The **aluminum can recycling bin** in the coat closet is almost always full to the brim — but too often, it's full of trash! Our volunteers who sift through those cans to recycle for the children's ministry would really appreciate it if they didn't have to sort out the trash! Please put **aluminum cans only** in the bin in the coat closet. Thank you!

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.

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) Couples' Workshop: Emotional Intelligence
- (info) Assisting with Vacation Bible School
- (info) Camp Forust Scholarship

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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