

## Growing Our Connection: Expanded Oasis Options

### New Young Adults Oasis

Looking to make church friends? Working on the C (Connection) Block? We invite you to join us for the new **Young Adult Oasis**. Led by Katrina Davis and Steve Hadt, the group will focus on developing deep, spiritual connections among those 18 to 35.

Katrina's smile and laugh will put you at ease, while Steve's dry sense of humor will have you snorting while you laugh. Katrina is working on her Ph.D. in Higher Education at Indiana State University, even though she works at Marian University. She teaches multiple classes and thrives in marriage, and still finds time to play in the all-female, full-tackle football league. Steve is an Executive News Producer at Fox59. He's married to his Blackberry, but still loves his Diet Coke.

Join them at church Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting March 14. If you're interested, please fill out the form below. We want to know you!

### New convenient locations

Growing our capacity to support deep friendship connections is the number-one goal of LifeJourney Church for 2012. In March we'll launch several exciting new opportunities to build strong spiritual friendships. The locations are listed below.

- **Westside Oasis** meets at the home of Steve Adams and Dan Allis, 2508 Orlando Street (near I-65 and Kessler) and starts Tuesday, March 13. It will be led by Pastor David.
- **Eastside Oasis** meets at the home of Tina Sherrard, 7174 East 13th Street (near I-70 and I-465) and starts Wednesday, March 14. It will be led by Pastor Vivian.
- **Northside Oasis** meets at the home of Jody Cowherd, 11249 Woodcreek Drive (near North Keystone and I-465) and starts Thursday, March 22. It will be led by Pastor Jeff.
- **Southside Oasis** is led by Roger Brown and meets at his home, 5457 Walnut Street, Greenwood. *This group already meets each Thursday at 7:15 pm, but we want to be sure that if you're on the south side you know there's a local option for you.*

To help with planning, please let us know if you are considering participating in one of these groups, so we can keep you in the loop as things develop.



### I'm considering participating in:

- Westside Oasis
- Eastside Oasis
- Northside Oasis
- Southside Oasis
- Young Adult Oasis

Note: We have **several other Oasis Groups** already up and running that you're welcome to check out. They are listed on the calendar page of the *Weekly News* and at [www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/calendar](http://www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/calendar).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Missions Team Pizza!

Heads up: the Missions Team will take orders for pizza from March 4 to 18. Full details in next week's *Weekly News*.

If you can help **sell pizzas** outside of church, if you have a **freezer** we can bring to the church, if you can work the **sales table** before or after services, or you want to **help make the pizzas**, contact Angie Thurnall: [adthurnall@hotmail.com](mailto:adthurnall@hotmail.com).

# Order of Service • February 26, 2012

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**Worship Theme:** Getting to Know You

**Key Scripture:** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these. *Mark 12:30-31*

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## Our Approach To God

Prelude

Praise Songs and Prayer

Connection Opportunities

## God's Word To Us

**Scripture:** Jonah 1, selected verses

Anthem

**Sermon:** *What's a Nice Girl Like Me Doing In a Place Like This?* by Vivian Wyatt

Offering our Gifts and Resources

## Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God too often I trust in my own plans and devices, believing I know what's best for me, instead of trusting in the One who has the plan for my life. Forgive me. Help me to hear your voice and give me the wisdom to listen. 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.

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## Notes

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**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](mailto:info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc).

### Sunday, February 26 • Black History Sunday

- 9:30 am Early Worship Service.  
10:45 am Women's Softball Interest Meeting, Room 7.  
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 Pitch-in Lunch, social hall.  
12:45 pm Women's Softball Interest Meeting, Room 7.  
1:00 pm Couples Workshop, Room 6.

### Monday, February 27

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

### Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 pm Newcomer's Welcome Reception, Room 4. Pastor Jeff will lead this "introduction to LifeJourney Church" evening. See page four for info and registration.  
7:00 pm **[going deeper]** Tuesday Evening Oasis, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

### Wednesday, February 29 • Happy Leap Day!

- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Oasis, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at [mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000 × 104.

### Thursday, March 1

- 7:00 pm **[going deeper]** Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis, Room 6. Info: Larry Heavilon, [larryheavilon@hotmail.com](mailto:larryheavilon@hotmail.com) or (317) 523-4543.  
7:00 pm Instrumentalists Oasis, sanctuary. Info: Mark Brown at [mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000 × 104.  
7:00 pm **[going deeper]** L<sup>3</sup>: Love Looks Like Oasis, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at [tommychittenden@gmail.com](mailto:tommychittenden@gmail.com) or (317) 966-0284. L<sup>3</sup> hosts Exploring What I Believe: An Overview of Christian Theology SoulShift class.  
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 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](mailto:scook001@indy.rr.com).

### Friday, March 2

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

### Saturday, March 3

- 9:30 am Youth Band Rehearsal, sanctuary.  
10:30 am Couples' Workshop. See page four for info.  
10:30 am Praise Team Practice, sanctuary.

### Coming Soon

New Oasis Groups begin in March. See page one for details.

### Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	140
Morning Service Attendance	272
Other Events Attendance	257
General Offering	\$13,195
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,183
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



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## 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 brochure racks by the info kiosk and the missions display are down. New 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](mailto:info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000.

## Growing Our Generosity

Last year, our primary goal at LifeJourney Church was to grow giving to \$9,500 per week so we could expand our capacity to provide love and support to our congregation by hiring Pastor Vivian. Many of us became regular givers for the first time, and others of us increased our giving. We reached our goal by June!

In recent months, we've slid backwards to an average of \$9,100 per week. As we move into 2012, it's vital to get back to \$9,500, then move beyond to support wonderful new initiatives like:

- Adding power and beauty to worship by hiring a part-time **piano accompanist**.
- Facilitating growth by creating an inviting **Café Worship** area in the Social Hall.
- Expanding our outreach to partner with an **orphanage in Guatemala**.

If you believe in the work of LifeJourney Church, please consider whether now is the right time to adjust your giving.

The best way to give is electronically. You can establish your account today at [www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate](http://www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate). Thereafter, you can change your account anytime at a moment's notice. (You're also welcome to give by check or cash in the offering plate.)

### I feel called to grow my generosity by . . .

**Becoming a new regular giver.**

I will give \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.

**Increasing my regular giving**

by \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Indiana Youth Group License Plate: Get it while you can.

The Indiana Youth Group was recently awarded their own specialty license plate — one of the first for LGBT groups in the entire country! But now some members of the State Legislature are working hard to take that away from them. **If you want to support IYG with the new plate, you should do it now!** *You can renew even if you're not yet due for renewal — the extra time will be added to the plate's valid date, and you will renew at the usual time next year.*

**More info here:** [indianayouthgroup.org/iyg-license-plate](http://indianayouthgroup.org/iyg-license-plate)

## 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!

## Women's Softball

If you're interested in playing on the church's women's softball team, please join us either today or next Sunday after either service in Room 7. If you can't attend any of these meetings, please contact Angie Thurnall at [adthurnall@hotmail.com](mailto:adthurnall@hotmail.com).

## 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 Forst:** July 8 to 13
- **Family Camp:** August 31 to September 3

More info and registration available closer to the dates.

## 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](mailto:info@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000.

### Newcomer's Welcome Reception, February 28

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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