

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 on page four. We want to know you!

See **Oasis**, continued on page four. ►

World Missions Day Today!

From South Africa to Kenya to Ghana

Brent and Julie Walsh's African mission trip was so extensive that a detailed photographic tour has been made available on the church website with coverage of the entire journey. Visit LifeJourneyChurch.cc/docs/walsh-africa.pdf for more information.

Destination Guatemala

We have been blessed with the connections we've made: from building homes with the Navajo Nation to reaching out to communities in Sudan who seek our partnership. As we continue our commitment to these projects, we are also looking ahead — to Guatemala. We anticipate that we will be helping kids in an orphanage and school called *Precious Moments*, helping kids in an HIV orphanage called *Madre Maria Vittelo*, and building homes for a population where nearly 75% are below the poverty line and live in homes made from corn stalks with dirt floors.

If you become a regular giver of this congregation, and help us reach our "budget step three" goal, we can begin our ministry to Guatemala. You will hear more details during service today.

Missions Team Pizza!

The Missions Team will take orders for pizza through March 18. *See the display in the social hall for info.*

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.

2012 Navajo Nation Mission Service Trip

We'll be traveling to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico **September 15–22**, to share the love of Christ by building new homes for Navajo families who are in great need. The home building project includes activities such as framing, drywall, insulation, painting, and flooring.

The total cost of participation for this trip is \$875 per person, which includes airfare, ground transportation, food, and lodging. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and the growth of our Missions program, the church will be able to fund part of the trip cost (\$400) for each participant.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please plan to attend a short interest meeting on Sunday, March 25 at 12:45 pm. Applications will be available at the meeting or by email request to rankinhays@att.net.

We will be working with the Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF) in Gallup, New Mexico. We'll be staying at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, just a few miles from SWIF.



Room in your heart for one more?

One of our CFI children needs a new sponsor! Rizky Arga Alfanda is a 12-year-old boy who lives in Indonesia. \$24 per month will help provide clean water, food, medical care, and education. Please fill out the form at right if you're interested in sponsoring Rizky.

I would like information about sponsoring Rizky through CFI.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Order of Service • March 4, 2012

Worship Theme: The Power of Partnership

Key Scripture: There is one God who is the creator of all people. Not only is God above all others, but God works by using all of us, and God lives in all of us. *Ephesians 4:6*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Awakening*

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Shout Your Fame, Use Me, Ubuntu*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1–6, 12–13

Anthem: *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*, Mark C. Brown

Sermon: *Unscrooged! Angels of Missions Past, Present, and Future* by the Missions Team

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, forgive me for the times when I work and toil to get as much gain for myself and I fail to see the needs of others. Help me to see that partnership with You and others, allows “us” to do far more together than we could ever do alone. 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 *God of This City*.

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, March 4

- 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 **Art Exhibit Committee Meeting**, Room 4.
12:45 pm **Heartmenders Rehearsal**, sanctuary.
12:45 pm **Women's Softball Interest Meeting**, Room 7.

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

- 10:00 am **Play Date for Babies and Toddlers (and their parents).**
Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.
7:00 pm **Board of Trustees**, Room 4.
7:00 pm **Pastoral Training Board**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

- 6:30 pm **African American Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Tina Johnson-McCrackin at (317) 679-1510.
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 **[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 **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.

Friday, March 9

- 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, March 10

- 9:30 am **Youth Band Rehearsal**, sanctuary.
10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.
11:00 am **Animal Ministry volunteers at the Indianapolis Humane Society.** Info: Robin Herman at robin@luckydogretreat.com.

Coming Soon

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

- Mar 11 **Daylight Saving Time begins.** Spring ahead!
Mar 17 **Singles Event: St. Patrick's Celebration.** Info on the insert.
Apr 7 **Easter Egg Hunt**, 10:00 am to noon.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	201
Morning Service Attendance	317
Other Events Attendance	118
General Offering	\$8,671
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,318
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 or (317) 722-0000.

► **Oasis**, continued from page 1.

New convenient locations

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.

Note: There are **several other Oasis Groups** already up and running that you're welcome to check out. They are listed on page three of the *Weekly News* and at LifeJourneyChurch.cc/Oasis.

I'm considering participating in:

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

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Another step into the 21st century!

WiFi has been installed throughout the church building for your internet needs. If you have any questions please see a member of church staff, and be sure to use the internet responsibly. Enjoy!

Women's Softball

If you're interested in playing on the church's women's softball team, please join us today after either service in Room 7. If you can't attend one of these meetings, please contact Angie Thurnall at adthurnall@hotmail.com.

Safety Reminder

Never leave your wallet or other valuables unattended, even at church. Sometimes pick-pockets target churches because they expect people will be trusting and let their guard down. Never leave valuables in the coat room any other unattended area.

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who has continued to bring in **food and toiletries for the Damien Center Food Pantry!** Recently a volunteer took **several bags of essentials** to the Pantry, including 13 meat/entree items, 40 other food items (mostly fruit and vegetables), 36 hygiene items, and 84 rolls of toilet paper. They were especially grateful for the **canned meats and fruit, and for the toiletries and toilet paper**. Those items are the most in demand.

If you'd like to assist, leave your donations in the marked container in the storage room next to Room 2. Please direct questions to David Squire, dsquire@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Growing Our Generosity

Last year, our goal was to grow giving to \$9,500 per week so we could expand our capacity to provide support by hiring Pastor Vivian. 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 beauty to worship by hiring a **piano accompanist**.
- Facilitating growth by creating an inviting **Café Worship** area.
- Expanding our outreach to 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. Establish your account today at www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate. You can then 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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