

Holy Week at LifeJourney Church

Join us during Holy Week for three distinct services.

Maunder Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm

Our theme is *Prayer and Communion*. The sanctuary will be transformed into the Garden of Gethsemane and the upper room. The Children's Choir and our soloists, duets and Instrumentalists will be featured. The music will be a mixture of traditional and contemporary.

Good Friday, April 6, 7:00 pm

Our theme is *Golgotha*. This service will include traditional, gospel, and contemporary music, and some Hebrew songs as well. This service will feature the Sanctuary Choir and Instrumentalists.

Easter Sunday, April 8, 9:30 am and 11:00 am

We'll have a traditional celebration of Easter. This service will feature Pastor Jeff's sermon, the Sanctuary Choir, soloist Tex Green, the Praise Singers, and the Instrumentalists.

Our services will immerse us in the events of those days. We'll take an honest look at the characters who played a part in Christ's last days before his death. We then can ask ourselves, "Who would I be in that scheme of events?"

Would I be a soldier fulfilling my duty, a scribe railing against radicals, a disciple following a dead man, a person looking for love? Whoever we might be, we can know Christ came for us all. We always have the choice to love more and change the things we can — and leave what we can't change in God's hands.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on **Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 am** for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We'll have thousands of eggs full of goodies and prizes!

This event is open for **all children through the fifth grade**, with two separate hunt locations for various age groups. We will also have the Easter Bunny available for pictures! So, bring your Easter basket and join us for the fun!

If you would like to help with the Easter egg hunt, please complete the form below for more information.

I am interested in helping with the Easter egg hunt.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Missions Team Pizza!

Today is the day to pick up your pizza. See the display in the social hall.

All donated pizzas have been delivered to IYG or Dayspring Center.

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 **this Tuesday, March 27 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 this Tuesday

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Order of Service • March 25, 2012

Worship Theme: How Our Family Past Impacts Us

Key Scripture: “They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.” *Isaiah 61:4*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Holy Spirit Rain Down*

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer: *We Give You Praise, Breathe, Breathe on Me Breath of Life*

Connection Opportunities

God’s Word To Us

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 34, selected verses, beginning at vs. 19.

Anthem: *Love With All Your Heart*, The HeartMenders

Sermon: *Generational Bondage* by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *Awakening*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, for too long I have allowed myself to be the victim of my family’s past ruins and, in the process, have perpetuated destructive patterns. Forgive me. With You by my side, I claim the power to “rebuild the ancient ruins and restore places long devastated,” so that those

who come after me will be blessed for many generations. 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 *We Praise Your Name- Reprise*.

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 25

- 8:30 am **Pastoral Care Team Training**, Room 6.
- 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 **Navajo Nation Mission Trip Interest Meeting**, Room 2.

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

- 6:30 pm **Pastoral Care Team Training**, Room 6.
- 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.
- 7:00 pm **Westside Oasis** meets at the home of Steve Adams and Dan Allis, 2508 Orlando St. Info: David Zier at (317) 722-0000 x 105 or dzier@lifejourneychurch.cc.
- 7:00 pm **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**, Room 4. Pastor Jeff will lead this "introduction to LifeJourney Church" evening. See page one for info and registration.

Wednesday, March 28

- 7:00 pm **Eastside Oasis** meets at the home of Tina Sherrard, 7174 East 13th St. Info: Vivian Wyatt at (317) 722-0000 x 106 or vw Wyatt@lifejourneychurch.cc.
- 7:00 pm **Young Adults Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Katrina Davis, katrina.davis@gmail.com or Steve Hadt, stevenhadt@hotmail.com.
- 7:00 pm **Sanctuary Choir Oasis**, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 104.

Thursday, March 29

- 7:00 pm **Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Larry Heavilon, larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.



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- 7:00 pm **Instrumentalists Oasis**, sanctuary. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 104.
- 7:00 pm **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 **Northside Oasis** meets at the home of Jody Cowherd, 11249 Woodcreek Dr. Info: Jeff Miner at (317) 722-0000 x 103 or pastorjeff@lifejourneychurch.cc.
- 7:00 pm **Weigh 2 Go** weight loss support group, Room 7. Info: Stacy Cook at scook001@indy.rr.com.
- 7:15 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.

Friday, March 30

- 9:00 am **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, March 31

- 9:30 am **Youth Band Rehearsal**, sanctuary.
- 10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.
- 4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Mar 27 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** Pastor Jeff will lead this "introduction to LifeJourney Church" evening. See page one for info.
- Apr 7 **Easter Egg Hunt**, 10:00 am to noon. Info on page one.
- Apr 14 **IYG Annual Fundraiser.** Info on page four.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	164
Morning Service Attendance	247
Other Events Attendance	241
General Offering	\$11,631
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,207
General Offering Average <i>Goal</i>	\$9,554

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.*

New Chapter for Our Library

We are pleased to announce that the **LifeJourney Church library** will be reopening on April 1 (no, this is not an April Fool's joke!) and the Library Ministry Team is being reactivated. The library exists to provide affirming materials for spiritual and personal growth. Hours will be Sundays from 10:30-11:00 am and 12:30-1:00 pm, subject to staff scheduling.

Joe Cehovihh is the new Library Ministry leader. He is a librarian by profession and brings a lot of energy to this ministry.

Our gratitude goes to Lynn Adams, who has stepped down from this ministry's leadership but will remain on the team. She gave countless amounts of time and expertise to launch and build-up our library.

Does the Library Ministry strike a chord with you? Training is provided, and the work isn't difficult. If you are interested, please contact Joe at cantatedominum@hotmail.com or (317) 504-0332.

Anderson Oasis Group Begins!

This is the year of the Oasis at LifeJourney Church! We are pleased to announce that **we are also forming an Oasis in Anderson, Indiana**. It will meet every other Sunday at 6:30 pm at a member's home in Anderson.

We will start with a study of *Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay and Lesbian Christians* by Candace Chellew-Hodge. This book assists readers with tools to survive the attack of other Christians.

The Anderson Oasis is another example of our safe, life-giving places to journey and explore faith. For more information, please fill out the form below or email mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.

I am interested in the Anderson Oasis.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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LifeJourney Press Job Posting

The publishing ministry of our church - LifeJourney Press - has grown substantially. Our initial book on homosexuality and the Bible, *The Children Are Free*, has become one of the best-selling titles in its subject area, is being translated into several languages, and is having a global impact. Meanwhile, as needs are identified, we have begun to gradually expand our products to include discipleship materials for churches, a daily devotional for individuals, and a sermon series on relationships. To see our current range of products, go to www.LifeJourneyPress.cc.

Historically, LifeJourney Press has been staffed entirely by volunteers. But now we're ready to experiment with a part-time Marketing Coordinator position. Initially, the position will be for 5 hours per week for six months. If the initial experiment significantly increases the sales and effectiveness of our publishing ministry,

the position may continue and expand over time.

Copies of the job description, and directions for how to apply, are available at the Info Desk. **The deadline for making application is April 4.**

No funding for this position will come from our church budget. LifeJourney Press is a self-sustaining ministry, funded exclusively through sales of its products.

2012 Navajo Mission Service Trip Interest Meeting

The interest meeting for this year's Navajo Nation trip to New Mexico, September 15-22, is TODAY at 12:45 pm in Room 2. Total cost of participation is \$875 per person. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the church will fund \$400 for each participant, leaving a balance of \$475.

Please attend this meeting if you are interested. Applications will be available at the meeting or by email request to rankinhays@att.net.

IYG Annual Fundraiser

Indiana Youth Group's annual art auction fundraiser will be at Wheeler Arts Community Center (in Fountain Square) on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 7:00 pm. They need volunteers for many positions, including set-up, registration, art runner and cashier, plus others.

A volunteers' training session will be held on Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. (Clean-up/tear-down volunteers need not attend.) Other sessions can be scheduled upon request.

Volunteers receive free admission!

Most shifts are 2-3 hours. All are on either Friday, April 13 or Saturday, April 14.

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to help this highly valuable youth group.

Easter Lilies

Would you like to order a lily to adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning? You can give a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, and you're welcome to take them home after the 11:00 am service on April 8.

Pick up an envelope at the info kiosk to order your lilies. Orders are due TODAY!

Weigh 2 Go Spring and Summer

Summer's coming. Have you thought about taking some time during the warm weather months to get into better shape, live healthier and lose some weight? If this is you, then maybe Weigh 2 Go is for you!

The group meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the church. We learn about eating healthier, being active, and supporting each other on this journey. If you have questions, please contact group leader Stacy Cook at scook001@indy.rr.com.