

Holy Week

Join us this week for three services — and an Easter Egg Hunt!
Nursery will be provided at all services.

Maundy 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, with a mix of traditional and contemporary music.

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.

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! Registration is not required.

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

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.

We'll take an honest look at the characters who played a part in Christ's last days. 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.

I am interested in helping with the Easter egg hunt.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Staff Change: Wonderful Opportunity for Mark Brown

Our Worship Minister, Mark Brown, has accepted a position as Director of Music for Resurrection MCC, Houston, Texas. Although we are very sad to lose Mark, we understand that this is a wonderful opportunity, and celebrate with him. His last Sunday at LifeJourney Church will be April 22.

Mark said, "My time at LifeJourney Church has been wonderful, and in many ways transformational. I will miss everyone so much, and want to express my love and thanks to the congregation and to all the incredible worship volunteers." Pastor Jeff said, "We want to express our love for Mark. He has done fantastic things for our Church. We are really sad to see him go, and we asked him to reconsider. But we understand that this is a great opportunity for professional advancement, and we should celebrate with Mark."

During his four years at LifeJourney Church, Mark has doubled the size of our Sanctuary Choir, quadrupled the number of people involved in worship leadership, created an Instrumental Ensemble, supported our Gospel Choir, birthed a new Southern Gospel Ensemble, diversified our range of worship music, and orchestrated many special Christmas and Easter worship experiences.

We are determined to sustain positive momentum in our worship ministries. Staff will meet with our volunteer worship leaders soon to put together a plan for our interim period. Within a few days we will launch a search for a new Worship Minister. Please be in prayer for that search, even as we lift prayers of thanksgiving for all Mark has meant to us. We will celebrate Mark's time with us at our April 22 worship services.

Mark, we will miss you so much!

New Chapter for Our Library

We are pleased to announce that the **LifeJourney Church library** will reopen today and the Library Ministry Team is being reactivated. The library exists to provide affirming materials for personal growth. Hours will be Sundays from 10:30 to 11:15 am and 12:30 to 1:15 pm, subject to staff scheduling.

Joe Cehovin 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 leadership but will remain on the team. She has given countless hours and loads of expertise to building up our library.

Does the Library Ministry strike a chord with you?

Training is provided, and the work isn't difficult. Contact Joe at cantatedominum@hotmail.com or (317) 504-0332 for info.

Order of Service • April 1, 2012

Worship Theme: Palm Sunday As It Might Happen Today

Key Scripture: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” Jesus replied, “I tell you, if they keep quiet, the rocks will cry out.” *Luke 19:39-40*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Mark 11 and Luke 19, selected verses

Anthem

Sermon: *A Rock and a Hard Place* by Brent Walsh

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I have not always allowed the wonderful works of Jesus to flow through me. Many times I have left the rocks around me with nothing to shout about. Forgive me. This week may I give the rocks a voice to sing your praises. 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.

Notes

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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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).*

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, April 1

- 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.

Monday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 3

- 10:00 am **Play Date for Babies and Toddlers (and their parents)**. Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.
6:30 pm **Pastoral Care Team Training**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **Board of Trustees**, Room 4.
7:00 pm **Clergy Training Board**, Room 8.
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.

Wednesday, April 4

- 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 vwyatt@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, April 5

- 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday Service**. See page one for info.

Friday, April 6

- 9:00 am **Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Beulah Bragg, (317) 924-2488 or mzbees@att.net.
7:00 pm **Good Friday Service**. See page one for info.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, April 7

- 9:30 am **Youth Band Rehearsal**, sanctuary.
10:00 am **Easter Egg Hunt**. Info on page one.
10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Apr 14 **IYG Annual Fundraiser**. Info on page four.
Apr 15&22 **Membership Class**. Info on page four.
Apr 22 **Art Exhibition and Fundraiser**. Art will be on display in the social hall beginning April 22, with a reception the evening of May 6. More details to follow.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	175
Morning Service Attendance	312
Oasis Attendance	138
General Offering	\$7,845
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,201
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



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Speaking Christian: Family Oasis Style!

What does the word *salvation* really mean? What about *righteousness*? Does anybody even use that word anymore? What does it mean to be *born again*? These words are common in Christian jargon but most of us don't have a clue what they really mean or where they originated.

The **Family Oasis** will be doing some thinking together to decide for ourselves what common Christian words mean to us. We're beginning a fascinating study of the book *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. It dives into the history and potential meaning of several popular Christian words and expressions.

We meet every other Wednesday at the church at 6:30 pm. The book study begins April 18. *Note: It is NOT necessary to be a parent to take part in the Family Oasis. All are welcome.* Fill out the form below for more info.

Anderson Oasis Group Begins!

This is the year of 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.

The Anderson Oasis will be a safe, life-giving place to journey and explore faith. We will start with a study of *Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay and Lesbian Christians* by Candace Chellew-Hodge. For more information, please fill out the form below or email mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.

☐ I'm interested in the Anderson Oasis.

☐ I'm interested in the *Speaking Christian* study.

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, *The Children Are Free*, has become one of the best-selling titles in its subject area and is having a global impact. As needs are identified, we have begun to expand our line to include discipleship materials, a daily devotional, and more. To see our current range of products, go to LifeJourneyPress.cc.

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

A job description and directions for how to apply are available at the info kiosk. **Deadline for application is April 4.**

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

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, at 7:00 pm. They need volunteers for many positions, including set-up, registration, art runner, and cashier.

Most shifts are 2 to 3 hours on either Friday, April 13 or Saturday, April 14. Training will be provided on April 11. **Volunteers receive free admission to the auction!**

Fill out the form at the info kiosk if you'd like to help.

Weigh 2 Go Spring and Summer

Summer's coming. Have you thought about taking time during the warm weather months to get into better shape and live healthier? Maybe Weigh 2 Go is for you!

The group meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the church. We learn about healthy eating, being active, and supporting each other on this journey. Questions? Contact group leader Stacy Cook at scook001@indy.rr.com.

Explore Membership: April 15 and 22

Membership Class will be offered **April 15 and 22**, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Both sessions are required. Lunch will be served at each session beginning at 12:30 pm.

At LifeJourney Church, we view membership as a *sacred commitment* that should not be entered into lightly. Membership is for those who have taken time to get well acquainted with the church, feel excited about what we're doing together, and are ready to make a deep commitment to our common work and to caring for their souls.

To become familiar with LifeJourney Church before making a membership decision, we encourage (but do not require) you to first take *Discipleship 101* and *102* — two *SoulShift* classes that explore our relationship with God and church. Watch the *Weekly News* for upcoming class registration.

When you become a member, we ask you to commit to a **Soul Care Plan** — an *intentional, self-crafted plan for spiritual development*. An overview of the Soul Care Plan is given in membership class,

and it's covered in depth in *Discipleship 101/102*.

If you feel ready to make that kind of commitment to growing your soul and to supporting the work of this church, please fill out the registration form. It's perfectly fine to attend the classes, and then make a final decision about whether you feel ready to become a member. If you have questions, talk to any staff member or email info@lifejourneychurch.cc.

I want to register for Membership Class.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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