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## the Weekly News • April 13, 2014



## No Summer Slump!

Most churches experience a big dip in attendance and giving during the summer. Let's not let that happen here. Our souls need as much support in the summer as any other time.

Make a personal commitment to regular attendance this summer!

## WANTED:

## Worship Arts Minister

Last week we launched a national search for a new Worship Arts Minister. If you know someone who might be interested, please point them to:

lifejourneychurch.cc/news/archives/10832

or share a hard copy of the job posting (copies at the Info Desk). Thanks!

#### From The Cradle to the Cross

The dichotomy of light and darkness is a theme woven through the Bible from the Genesis stories to Revelation's visions. In the narrative of Jesus, a star ushered in his birth and scripture says "darkness fell over the whole land" during his Crucifixion. We will journey from the light of the cradle to the darkness of the cross during our special service on Good Friday. Join us at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a powerful yet reflective Good Friday observance.

(Note to parents: some scenes from the events of Good Friday could be considered violently graphic and may not be suitable for children. Nursery care will be offered up to age 3.)



## 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 **Tuesday, April 22 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: Tuesday, 4/22
Name
Phone
Email
Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the info kiosk.

### Order of Service

Worship Theme: Palm/Passio

Palm/Passion Sunday: The Last Days of Jesus' Life

**Key Verse:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" *Matthew 27:46.* 

#### **Our Approach To God**

**Connection Moment** 

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising) Hosanna

**Prayer** 

**Special Music:** Praise Is What I Do

Spiritual Journey

God's Word To Us

**Scripture:** *Luke* 23:33-46

**Sermon:** Stressed To The Breaking Point

Pastor Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources

#### Our Communion With God • 11:00 am service

**Silent Confession** 

**General Confession:** God, in times of great stress, it's so easy to become bitter – with others and You – and to shut down spiritually – broken, isolated, alone. Forgive me. Help me, like Jesus, to keep talking to You even when I don't understand, and to realize that how I respond to the stress can make all the difference. 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.

Ushers will release rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a prayer. After receiving the elements, 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.



otes	Decision Form: <i>If you feel moved to respond in a tangible way.</i> 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 — <i>but only if you wish</i> .
<b>Webcast Reminder:</b> The morning services are recorded	I would like to schedule a time to talk.
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).	Name:
	Email:
	Place this form in the basket at the info kiosk.



#### **About this Calendar**

Online Calendar — LifeJourneyChurch.cc/Calendar Events are open to all — rare exceptions will be noted. Questions? Inquire at the info kiosk, see any staff member, or email Info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc.

#### Sunday, April 13

9:30 am Early Worship Service.

9:30 am Children's Church (Preschool-5th grade), Room 2.

11:00 am Morning Worship Service.

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11:30 am **The Bridge 2.0** (6-8 grade), Room 7.

11:30 am **Teen Life** (9-12 grade), Room 4.

Youth are released from the Sanctuary before the sermon.

12:45 pm Women's Softball Interest Meeting, Room 6.

1:00 pm **Diversity Team Meeting,** Room 8.

1:00 pm **Healthy Living,** Room 2.

6:00 pm Anderson Oasis meets at 1413 Evelyn Lane, Anderson.

Info: Cayla Dyer at cayladyer@hotmail.com

#### Monday, April 14

7:00 pm Northeast Oasis meets at the home of Burns Gutzwiller &

Nathan Tuttle, 207 W. Staat St., Fortville. *Info: Jan Walker at wilburn.janet2@gmail.com* 

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

#### Tuesday, April 15

7:00 pm **LifeJourney Press,** Room 4.

7:00 pm **Southwest Oasis** meets at the home of Kim Dixon & Kay

Champion, 6561 E. Walton Dr. North, Camby.

Info: Randy King at reckking@aol.com

7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Oasis,** Room 6.

Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256

7:00 pm Westside Oasis meets at the home of Jackie Harris, 4465

Cloverlake Dr.

Info: Pastor David at PastorDavid@LifeJourneyChurch.cc or

 $Bambi\ Alridge\ at\ musiqstorm 42@yahoo.com$ 

#### Wednesday, April 16

7:00 pm **Eastside Oasis** meets at the home of Monica Law, 1440 N.

Edmundson Ave.

Info: Vivian Wyatt at (317)722-0000 x105 or PastorVivian@ LifeJourneyChurch.cc

7:00 pm Young Adults Oasis, Room 4.

Info: Katrina Davis, at katrina.davis@gmail.com

#### Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm **Disclipleship 102** (Registration Required), Room 2.

7:00 pm Northside Oasis meets at the home of Jody Bracken, 11249

Woodcreek Drive, Carmel.

Info: Jeff Miner at (317)722-0000 x103 or

PastorJeff@LifeJourneyChurch.cc

7:00 pm **Northwest Oasis** meets at the home of Robert Ferguson,

3637 Catalpa Ave, Indianapolis.

Info: Robert Ferguson at rob1ferg@yahoo.com or Genese Parker at

gp4justice@gmail.com

7:00 pm **Southside Oasis** meets at the home of Tex Green & Jerry

Dowell, 615 E. Southern Ave.

Info: Jared Hancock at hancockjsh@yahoo.com, or Tex Green at

hilbertgreen@gmail.com

7:00 pm **Thursday Evening Oasis,** Room 6.

Info: Larry Heavilon at larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317)523-4543

#### Friday, April 18

6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 2.

7:00 pm **Good Friday Service,** Sanctuary.

#### Saturday, April 19

8:00 am **Homeless Ministry** serves Dayspring.

10:30 am **Praise Team Rehearsal,** Sanctuary.

12:30 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary.

2:00 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Party

7:00 pm Indiana Transgender Rights Advocacy Alliance (IN-

TRAA) Open Meeting, Room 2

#### Coming Soon...

April 22 Newcomer's Welcome

April 25 Dinner and a Movie

May 2-4 Couples Retreat

#### Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	168	
Morning Service Attendance	200	
Oasis Attendance	90	
General Offering	\$8,810	
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,927	
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,503	



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**Richard Ramsey,** Minister of Worship Arts

# What Do Families, an Oasis, You, and Children Have In Common?

The LifeJourney Church Family Oasis is rapidly growing and we need your support to make sure it continues to grow. Twice a month parents and children gather on Wednesday nights to have fun and connect with each other. We are currently looking for folks to offer childcare for our infants and toddlers, and also teacher assistants for the elementary aged kids. If you would like to lend a hand, but don't want a big commitment, then consider this twice monthly option. For more information complete the interest form below.

Answer: A great opportunity to connect and serve every other Wednesday!

## Dinner and a Movie, Featuring RIO!

It's almost time for our monthly event, *Dinner and a Movie!* The next evening of food, fun, and entertainment will be Friday, April 25 at 6:30 pm. This event is open to all. Please plan to bring a dish to share and a drink for yourself. This month's special feature film is *Rio!* For more information or to RSVP please complete the form below.

sbranson1976@gmail.com for information.



FROM THE CREATORS OF ICE AGE

# Women's Softball Meeting Today!

Hey batter, batter, swing! Interested in Women's softball, then join us for an informational meeting today at 12:45 pm in Room 6. All women, age 18 and older, are welcome to play regardless of skill level. If you are unable to attend the info meeting but would like to receive information about joining the team please contact Steph Branson at 317-679-6868 or

I would like additional information about:
☐ Family Oasis Helper
☐ Dinner and a Movie
☐ Young Adult Easter Egg Hunt
Southside Oasis - Dining Out for Life
Name
Phone———
I Email

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

## Young Adults Easter Egg Hunt!

Not to be confused with the Easter Egg Hunt for our innocent younger kids...

(Yeah... please don't mix that up.)

Who says Easter egg hunts are just for kids? Join the Young Adults Oasis as they celebrate Easter with an egg hunt featuring prize eggs, a picnic carry in, board/card games, and a chubby bunny competition! The fun begins at 8 pm this Friday, April 18 at Katrina Davis's home, 1570 Cold Spring Drive, Brownsburg, IN 46112. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and we'll take care of the rest! Please RSVP with the form below. This event is open to all those ages 18-35. Come join us after the Good Friday service!

## Southside Oasis—Dining Out for Life

On April 24, the Southside Oasis will gather, eat, and take part in *Dining Out for Life*. The group will pick a restaurant from the many participating establishments and dine out to help fight AIDS. To be a part of this event, please RSVP with the form below.



Dine Out, Fight AIDS

### 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.