

Café Worship Update

You may have noticed the shiny new television on the wall in the social hall. That's the first step in our plan for **Café Worship!**

The Board of Trustees, led by Pastor Vivan, and in consultation with the rest of our staff, have developed a plan to remodel a portion of the social hall to provide space for a different kind of worship experience. Think "sanctuary crossed with coffee shop" and you're on the right track. Features of the new space will include:

- **The large screen TV** that's already in place. This was funded with a technology grant we received in 2011. (More about funding Café Worship below.) Many kudos to the **Media Team** for their diligence in broadcasting the entire service.
- **A stained glass feature wall** that will divide the social hall from the lobby, so that there's still plenty of space for conversation outside the casual worship area.
- **A coffee and beverage service area.**
- **New lighting** to replace some of the "cold" fluorescent fixtures.
- **Decor upgrades** to promote the feeling of casual warmth, worshipfulness, and connection.

So when will this be done? Completion date depends on funding (of course). Café Worship is the second of our three budget goals for this year. Once giving averages \$9,897 per week (we're currently at \$9,562) we can greenlight all of the improvements. Since these upgrades are a one-time expense, we *may* be able to implement some of them, a little at a time, as funds become available from other sources (i.e., dedicated giving, building-related income, or bequests).

So enjoy the new big screen, as we move toward our budget goal and completion of the Café Worship space. **Questions?** Please see Pastor Vivian or email vwatt@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Library Ministry

The **LifeJourney Church Library** reopened in April after a break and the Library Ministry Team has been reactivated. The library exists to provide **affirming materials for spiritual and personal growth**, and team members help make connections between people and resources.

The library is open on Sundays from 10:30–11:00 am and 12:30–1:00 pm, subject to staff scheduling.

The Library Team is seeking a few more people who are excited about the library mission and would like to be part of it. **Does the Library Ministry strike a chord with you?** Training is provided, and the work isn't difficult. If you are interested, please contact Team Leader Joe Cehovin at (317) 504-0332 or cantatedominum@hotmail.com.

Worship Arts Minister Search

Last Sunday was the deadline for applications for our Worship Arts Minister position. We received **14 applications** from across the nation — and one from another continent. There are some very exciting applicants! In the next two weeks, the Personnel Subcommittee will conduct initial phone interviews with the leading candidates. Please pray for God's guidance in this process.

Operation: Overboard!

Vacation Bible School (aka VBS) is just around the corner, June 11–15, and this year we will be exploring the deep seas during our week together. There will be games, crafts, music, dancing, snacks, stories, and all sorts of underwater adventures.

All children **preschool through fifth grade** are welcome to join the fun as we dive in and discover God's underwater universe! To reserve your spot, complete the form below.



We want to be part of VBS!

Parent's Name(s) _____

Child's Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Art Exhibition: Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the art exhibition and silent auction!

We offered many kinds of artwork done by church members and friends, including graphite drawings, photography, paintings, jewelry, and sculpture. Every piece that was displayed was sold in the silent auction, and over \$1,500 was raised for our church. We also celebrated the lives of church members who have made the transition to the next life with a moment of silence and a special prayer by Pastor Jeff.

On behalf of the artists and art committee members, thank you for your participation in the art exhibit! We look forward to next year where it will be bigger and better!

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Worship Theme: Thriving at Work

Key Scripture: The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash — along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. *Philippians 3:7-8*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise Songs

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-11

Anthem

Sermon: *Pleasing Mom*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I confess that sometimes my thinking about my career has been all about ME — and my prosperity and my prestige. Forgive me. Teach me that real meaning — and the best possible life — is found when everything, even my career, is guided by my desire to serve YOU. Give me the courage to dare to do what YOU call me to, even when that runs counter to cultural norms. 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

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: _____

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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, May 13

- 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 **Media Team Interest Meeting**, Room 4.

Monday, May 14

- 7:00 pm **Thriving In Christian Community: Discipleship 102 SoulShift Class**, Room 1.
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, May 15

- 7:00 pm **LifeJourney Press**, Room 4. Info: Lynne Kaminski, lynnekaminski@yahoo.com.
7:00 pm **Missions Board**, 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.

Wednesday, May 16

- 6:30 pm **Children's Choir**, Room 8.
6:30 pm **Family Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.
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 4. Info: Katrina Davis, katrina.davis@gmail.com or Steve Hadt, stevenhadt@hotmail.com.

Thursday, May 17

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

- 7:00 pm **L³: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284.
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.
7:15 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, May 18

- 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, May 19

- 8:00 am **Homeless Ministry** provides breakfast at the Dayspring Center. Info: April Kerulis at kerulis512@hotmail.com or (317) 370-8214.
10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- May 22 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**. See below for details.
Jun 11-15 **Vacation Bible School**. See page one for info.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	147
Morning Service Attendance	224
Oasis Attendance	83
General Offering	\$11,709
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,562
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



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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, May 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, May 22

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Release Your Inner Geekness: Interest Meeting TODAY!

Searching for a ministry to express your inner geekness? The **Media Team** may be the right place for you! With all the new sound and video capture equipment on board, we're looking to expand our amazing team of geeks.

So, if you have experience working with sound equipment, video capture, or filming gear, consider joining us for an informational meeting **today at 12:45 pm in Room 4.**

Remember — we have some of the best seats in the house!

Codependent Support Group

Do you have difficulty with your family dynamics (nuclear or extended)? Do you and your partner have the same kind of fights over and over? Do you keep finding yourself in the "same" unhealthy relationship no matter who you're with? Are you unable to be alone, or unwilling to partner, or unable to disconnect from your ex?

Join a group of supportive people who are working on relationship and family issues. We share experiences, help each other, and have a little fun. The group meets on Mondays at the church.

To join the group, please contact Sarah Nevin at (317) 439-6854 or email sarahnevin@mac.com. Sarah is a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary's Psychotherapy and Faith program.

Do you order sermon CDs?

If you've ordered CDs recently, **please pick them up!** They're in the storage box by the bulletin board. Discs are \$2 each.

Also, the CD duplicator has been sent out for service, so we won't be able to duplicate CDs for a couple of weeks. The Office Team will catch up as soon as possible after the duplicator is returned.

In the meantime, you can listen to, watch, or subscribe to the sermon at LifeJourneyChurch.cc/listen.

Pastor Melody Finishes Seminary

In 2007, Melody Merida was hired to serve on pastoral staff at LifeJourney Church. Although Melody did not yet have a seminary degree, she did have a deep spiritual background and had demonstrated enormous giftedness as a volunteer leader in our Church. So we hired this brilliant young talent, and she immediately began seminary. Attending seminary, while working full time, while raising an infant, is no small feat! But Melody has done just that.

While burning the midnight oil to keep up with her studies, she has served with great distinction as our Minister of Congregational Life, leading our Oasis program, guiding our children/youth/family programming, providing pastoral care, teaching courses, and much more.

Last week Melody graduated from Earlham School of Religion with a Master of Divinity degree! Congratulations, Pastor Melody! (There's a picture at [facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch](https://www.facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch).)

My Revival!

The musical *My Revival* returns for one night only, Friday, May 25 at 7:30 pm at LifeJourney Church. Don't miss the new sound and a hidden scene. This is your chance to catch up before the sequel: *My Revival! 2 Wanda's Return.*

First Lady Wanda and Pastor Davis share a thriving church, but when the stresses of an upcoming women's revival looms, secrets, lies

and redemption take center stage in this joyful musical. Written by Michael Drain, original music by Stephen J. Martin.

Tickets are on sale today in the social hall for \$5.00; tickets are \$7 at the door. For more info email BrownInkEntertainment@gmail.com.

My Revival is being produced and sponsored by Brown Ink Entertainment, a spiritually-focused urban theater ministry organized by members of our Church. Although Brown Ink is not an official ministry of our church, we are excited about their work! Proceeds from ticket sales will help cover the cost of this and future productions.



Ride Request

We've received a request for a ride to services from someone who lives on the west side near 16th and Tibbs. If you can assist, please email info@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Gardening Team

The Gardening Team is in need of a few new team members who can **water the plants and flowers** on a regular schedule.

At the other end of the spectrum, they're looking for a few folks who have a **passion for killing weeds!**

Mowing Team

Does a fresh-mowed lawn speak to you deep in your soul? Do you get a charge out of using heavy machinery to force the acres of grass into submission?

The Mowing Team is looking for a few new team members to assist with this essential task. Most team members work once a month with a group of two or three others.

Ministry Opportunities: I'd like more info about

Gardening Team – watering plants

Gardening Team – killing weeds

Mowing Team

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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