

**Holy Communion** is available after the early worship service every Sunday in Room 4 (down the west hallway). Want to see a sermon again? LifeJourneyChurch.cc/listen Connect on Facebook: Facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch

# the Weekly News • May 27, 2012

# Be Part of the Celebration!

The **Pride Parade and Festival** is on June 9, and we're working together to make it better than ever! Here are ways to participate:

- We will **march in the Indy Pride parade,** and would like as many of us as possible to join in, wearing a LifeJourney Church t-shirt. *Shirts are available at the bookstore in sizes from 4T to 4XL.*
- We would like to find a few **"balloon volunteers"** to assist with inflating and distributing balloons before the parade.
- We're looking for a few folks to **staff the church booth** at the Festival, in two to three hour shifts. Staff will pass out brochures, answer questions, and mostly, just be friendly.

To be part of these activities, fill out the form and we'll get details to you. **Questions?** Contact David Squire at dsquire@ lifejourneychurch.cc.



# Worship Arts Minister Search

The Personnel Subcommittee of the Board of Directors is busy analyzing the 14 applications we received for Worship Arts Minister. The applications come from across the nation and include some very exciting candidates. Phone interviews are now being conducted. Once these are completed, face-to-face interviews will take place with leading candidates.

Please pray for God's guidance in this process.

## I want to be part of the Pride Celebration:

- $\Box$  I'll walk in the parade.
- $\Box$  I'd like to work at the *church* booth.
- $\Box$  I'm interested in helping with balloons.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_

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

# Summertime is Kid's Time!

See the insert for details on all of these items.

- Vacation Bible School: Operation Overboard! is June 11 to 15. Join us for an underwater adventure.
- Camp Forust is July 9 to 13.
- We're collecting donations for Vacation Bible School. It takes a lot of "stuff."
- Something brand new: we're helping Dayspring Center with items for their Summer Camp.

# 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 29 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 29  |
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| Name  |
| Phone   |
| Email<br>Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the info kiosk. |

# Order of Service • May 27, 2012

### **Worship Theme:** Thriving at Work

Key Scripture:

Better to be poor and walk in integrity,

than to be crooked in one's ways even though rich. Proverbs 28:6

### **Our Approach To God**

Prelude

Call to Worship

**Praise Songs and Prayer** 

**Connection Opportunities** 

## God's Word To Us

Scripture: Genesis 39, selected verses
Anthem

**Sermon:** *Selling Out or Stepping Up*, by Jeff Miner **Offering our Gifts and Resources** 

### Our Communion With God

### Silent Confession

**General Confession:** God, too many times I have compromised my integrity for short-term gain. Sometimes I have lied. Sometimes I have cheated. Sometimes I have taken unfair advantage. Sometimes I have gone along to get along. Forgive me. Renew my commitment to living with integrity, so my soul will be strong and free, and my spiritual reward will be great. 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.

### 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.  |
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|  | 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 appoint-<br>ment to talk with you about your spiritual life and what steps<br>might come next — <i>but only if you wish</i> . |
| Webcast Reminder: The morning services are   | I would like to schedule a time to talk.  |
| recorded for our webcast, and crowd shots are included.  | Name:   |
| To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the   | Phone:  |
| center section of seating. <i>If you don't want to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the east section (near the media</i> | Email:  |
| Just sit in the back half of the east section (hear the media booth).  | Place this form in the basket at the info kiosk.  |

### About this Calendar

**Events are open to all** – rare exceptions will be noted. **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 27

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, May 28

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

#### Tuesday, May 29

- 7:00 pm INTRAA Meeting, Room 1.
- 7:00 pm Newcomer's Welcome Reception, Room 4. See page one for details.
- 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 × 105 or dzier@lifejourneychurch.cc.

#### Wednesday, May 30

- 7:00 pm **Eastside Oasis** meets at the home of Tina Sherrard, 7174 East 13th St. Info: Vivian Wyatt at (317) 722-0000 × 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.

### Thursday, May 31

- 7:00 pm **Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis,** Room 6. Info: Larry Heavilon, larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.
- 7:00 pm Northside Oasis meets at the home of Jody Cowherd, 11249 Woodcreek Dr. Info: Jeff Miner at (317) 722-0000 × 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, June 1

- 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, June 2

10:30 am Praise Team Practice, sanctuary.

#### **Coming Soon**

Jun 11-15 Vacation Bible School. See the insert for info. Jul 9-13 Camp Forust. See the insert for info.

#### Last Week's Numbers

| Early Service Attendance              | 151     |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Morning Service Attendance            | 225     |  |
| Oasis Attendance                      | 79      |  |
| General Offering                      | \$7,996 |  |
| General Offering: Three Month Average | \$9,477 |  |
| General Offering Average Goal         | \$9,954 |  |
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#### Jeff Miner, Pastor

**Melody Merida,** Minister of Congregational Life

Vivian Wyatt, Minister of Care and Business Administration

**David Zier,** Minister of Outreach and Development

**David Squire,** Communications Director

# 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.

# Why Oasis?

**Oasis** is hands down **the** best way for our church family to make connections and keep them. Here is what some members of the **Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis** say about their group:

"This Oasis' name is perfectly suited to the group. We have close encounters with each other, with the previous Sunday's sermon, with God, and with our own individual selves. Our discussions are from the heart and for the heart. We know that it's okay to have differing thoughts and opinions on any topic."—Ben Lamb

"Our Oasis means getting closer to each other while we are getting closer to God. It means being part of a group who you know loves you, will always keep you in their prayers, and will have your back. It becomes a 'mini family' within our church family." —Norma Edwards

"This group means so much to Jan and me since the loss of her oldest son Joseph. This group has rallied around us, making sure we are okay and if there is anything even slightly mentioned that is needed... we need not ask any further. What a blessing it is to know that you are loved from the heart." —Gina Walker

**Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis** meets Thursdays at the church at 7:00 pm in Room 6. We can't wait to include you in our mini-family! For information see Melody Merida or email mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.



# Basketball

A group of folks — some from our church, some not — rent a gym in Indianapolis and play coed basketball on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. If you have experience playing basketball and would like to know more, contact pastorjeff@lifejourneychurch.cc. This opportunity is for adults only.

# The Young Adult Oasis...

...invites other young adults (18 to 35-ish) to join them for an evening of **Duckpin Bowling** in the Historic Fountain Square Theatre. They will be tossing the balls down the lanes on **Wednesday**, **June 13**, starting at 7:00 pm. Lane and shoe rental is covered. Let Steve Hadt (stevenhadt@hotmail.com) or Katrina Davis (katrina.davis@gmail.com) know if you'll be able to join them.

# 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 vwyatt@lifejourneychurch.cc.

## LifeJourney Press Selects Marketing Coordinator

Ben Lamb has been selected to serve as part-time Marketing Coordinator for LifeJourney Press, the publishing ministry of our church!

Ten years ago we published our first book, *The Children Are Free*, which has become a best-seller and is having a global impact. We have since expanded our product line to include discipleship materials, a devotional, and more. See LifeJourneyPress.cc/products.

The position Ben is assuming will be funded from sales by LifeJourney

Press. This is an experiment that will run for six months. If sales increase, the position may expand and become permanent.

Ben has long served as a faithful volunteer in our church office and is familiar with our office systems. He has a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in merchandising, and has significant experience in sales and marketing. We are excited about the work Ben will do, as we strive to make our spiritual resources available to more people. Congratulations Ben!



# Go Overboard With Us!

**Operation Overboard** needs **you** to make our team complete! VBS is quickly approaching — **June 11–15, 6:30 to 8:45 pm each evening** — and there are a handful of opportunities available for those who dare to go deep with God.

- Have fun with the **Ocho the Octopus puppet** during opening assemblies,
- **be a dive leader** and travel to dive stations with a small group of kids,
- **be an actor** in a skit during the Bible storytelling station,
- And if you're a kid, just come and join in on all the fun!

Complete the form for information or **stop by** 

the Operation Overboard/Camp Forust table in the social hall. Don't miss this chance to get in on all the fun; dare to go deep with God!

| I want to be part of VBS: Operation Overboard!                                |
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| Ocho the Octopus  |
| Dive Leader 🛛 Skit Actor  |
| $\Box$ I'm a kid and want to attend VBS!                                      |
| Parent's Name(s)  |
| Child's Name(s)   |
| Phone   |
| Email<br>Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the info kiosk. |



# Donate to Operation Overboard!

VBS requires a boatload of supplies, far too many to purchase. Every year we rely on our church family to donate or lend the needed supplies to have a successful week of VBS.

Stop by the display board in the social hall,

pull a colored tab off the board, and **bring back the item with the tab by June 10.** Operation Overboard can't happen without you. *Thank you!* 

# Christmas in July Giving Tree

In conjunction with the collection for our own VBS, we're also **collecting supplies for summer camp at the Dayspring Center.** 

Dayspring Center (DSC) provides emergency shelter, clothing, and nourishing meals for homeless families with children in central Indiana. DSC provides a summer camp for kids in June and July. We will help out by collecting food and supplies for this event.

**Stop by the display in the social hall** (look for the "Christmas" tree) and grab a tag. **Follow the instructions on the tag and return the gift no later than June 17.** Thank you for supporting the kids and families of DSC!

# **Camp Forust News**

Camp Forust is a highlight of our summers here at LifeJourney Church! The summer camp is July 9–13 and the cost is \$225 per child. Thanks to generous donors, there are a few scholarships available for a portion of that registration fee.

This man Come Toward has added

This year Camp Forust has added a **climbing wall** to the already loaded campground. There will be canoeing, fishing, giant slip-n-slide, swimming, ropes courses, hiking, and even a visit to Spring Mill State Park!



Pick up your registration and scholarship request forms at the table in the social hall. See you at camp!