

## New To LifeJourney Church?

Join us for a **Newcomer's Welcome Reception** on July 24. Registration and more info on page 4.

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## Rockin' Jerusalem

If you didn't get a chance to see the **Ensemble's awesome performance** last Sunday, you can watch it on our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch](https://Facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch).

## Countdown...

Only four weeks until Richard Ramsey, our new Worship Arts Minister, begins on Sunday August 5!



**4  
weeks!**

## Speak Up for Justice

A bipartisan group of City/County Counselors — including our own church member Zach Adamson — has proposed legislation that would provide domestic partner benefits to long-term, committed gay and straight couples who work for the City of Indianapolis or Marion County. If you're a resident of Marion County, now is the time to let our mayor know your support. Take a moment today to deliver a message at the following link: [www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/getintouch/Pages/ContactUs.aspx](http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/getintouch/Pages/ContactUs.aspx).

## Family Camp!

Experience summer camp as a family or make time for your own personal retreat over Labor Day Weekend, **August 31–September 3, at Waycross Camp**. Come for the weekend or stay just one night.

There's a pool for swimming and activity leaders will run everything from bikes to archery to canoeing to a zip line. Evening programs and campfires will keep you laughing and singing. There are Conference Center room, camp cabin, and family dorm room options for your sleeping comfort.

The cost of the weekend depends upon the number of days you're staying and the sleeping option chosen. Join other church families and experience camp in beautiful Brown County! For more information complete the form below.

### I would like information about Family Camp.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## New Worship Arts Minister!

Recently we announced that Richard Ramsey will serve as LifeJourney Church's new Worship Arts Minister, beginning August 5. Pastor Jeff said, "I am so excited, my heart could burst! God has blessed us with one of America's most gifted and successful worship artists — and that is not an exaggeration."

Richard comes to us with a track record of helping dynamic churches grow the power of their worship. He served as Senior Director of Worship at Grace Community Church, Noblesville, at a time when they grew to become one of central Indiana's largest congregations. From there Richard moved to another innovative Indiana congregation, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where he ministered as Creative Director and Worship Leader. Currently, Richard is at an historic church in Charlotte, North Carolina, Sardis Presbyterian Church.



Early in his career, Richard also traveled with, and played piano for, legendary Christian recording artist Sandi Patty.

As we talked to congregations where Richard has ministered, the same themes were echoed again and again. He excels at leading worship and helping congregations experience the presence of God. He is an outgoing guy who really loves people. He is a stunning musician. He is creative and open to diverse worship styles.

In the eyes of some, Richard is making an unusual move. He has served in grander settings. But Richard can't say no to the call he feels to come to LifeJourney Church. During a brief transition period in his life a few years ago, he had the opportunity to work behind the scenes as a part-time accompanist at LifeJourney and became thoroughly familiar with us. He knows us and is passionate about our vision and potential. He believes God wants to use churches like ours — centered on Christ, serious about the Bible, and genuinely open to all — to create a new model for how church is done in the future.

Richard said, "It's been so exciting the work God has done through the church so far. I'm thrilled I get to be a part of this next chapter as we experience God together in fresh and new ways. 'No eye has seen, nor ear heard' all that God can do through LifeJourney Church!"

And so we begin a new era. Richard's commitment is to help us take our worship to the next level. *Thank you, God, for answering our prayers during this worship search.*

# Order of Service • July 8, 2012

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**Worship Theme:** The Life of Christ: Dare to Be Different

**Key Scripture:** John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. *Matthew 3:4*

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## Our Approach To God

**Prelude:** *Expectation*

**Call to Worship**

**Praise Songs and Prayer:** *O Give Thanks, Holy Spirit Rain Down*

**Connection Opportunities**

## God's Word To Us

**Scripture:** Matthew 3:1-6, 11-12

**Anthem:** *Order My Steps*, Gospel Choir

**Sermon:** *Weird People*, by Jeff Miner

**Offering our Gifts and Resources:** *No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus*, Instrumental Ensemble

## Our Communion With God

**Silent Confession**

**General Confession:** God, too often I have allowed external expectations to distort who you created me to be. And sometimes I've turned around and done the same thing to other people — imposing my expectations on them — even on you. Forgive me. May I learn to live and let live. May I not be afraid

to be unique, and give others the same gift. I celebrate the diversity of your creation. 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.

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## Notes

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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).*

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 – 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](mailto:info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc).

### Sunday, July 8

- 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.  
Youth are released from the sanctuary before the sermon.  
1:00 pm **LifeJourney Pastoral Training**, Room 6.  
6:30 pm **Anderson Oasis.** Info: Melody Merida,  
[mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000 × 102.

### Monday, July 9

- 6:30 pm **Pastoral Training Board**, Room 6.  
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

### Tuesday, July 10

- 7:00 pm **Board of Directors**, Room 4.  
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 Steve Adams and Dan Allis, 2508 Orlando St. Info: David Zier at (317) 722-0000 × 105 or [dzier@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:dzier@lifejourneychurch.cc).

### Wednesday, July 11

- 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 [vw Wyatt@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:vw Wyatt@lifejourneychurch.cc).  
7:00 pm **Young Adults Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Katrina Davis, [katrina.davis@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.davis@gmail.com) or Steve Hadt, [stevenhadt@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenhadt@hotmail.com).

### Thursday, July 12

- 7:00 pm **Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Larry Heavilon at [larryheavilon@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, July 13

- 9:00 am **Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Beulah Bragg, (317) 924-2488 or [mzbees@att.net](mailto:mzbees@att.net).  
7:00 pm **Fellowship Galactica** meets at David Wene and David Squire's home, 5055 East 67th Street. Info: David Wene at [davidwene@hotmail.com](mailto:davidwene@hotmail.com) or (317) 427-3728.  
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 4.

### Saturday, July 14

- 11:00 am **Animal Ministry volunteers at the Indianapolis Humane Society.** Info: Robin Herman at [robin@luckydogretreat.com](mailto:robin@luckydogretreat.com).  
10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

### Coming Soon

- Jul 24 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! More details and registration on page 4.  
Aug 25 **Church Picnic** at Broad Ripple Park. Details TBA.

### Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	180
Morning Service Attendance	239
Oasis Attendance	54
General Offering	\$11,102
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,559
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,954

  
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**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.*

## Oasis Update: Southside

Boy, have we grown — from an average of 6 to 7 each week, to our current group of 13 to 16. We are in the middle of our study of *So What's the Difference?*, a look at 29 worldviews, faiths, and religions, and how they compare to Christianity.

We're not all serious and proper. Since we have so many new members we decided to have a cookout on July 5. Not sure if the food or the Oasis got cooked, it was over 100 degrees! We had a great evening of fun, food, and conversation, getting to know each other better and a few even played Yard Jarts. Oh, and we had home made ice cream.

If you're looking for somewhere to learn more about your relationship with God in a safe place, try an Oasis. As one member of our group said, "We're so blessed to have such awesome people around us!"



A few members of the Southside Jesus Seekers Oasis at their July 5 cookout.

## Summer Softball

The LifeJourney Diversity (blue) and Unity (grey) Teams have finished their spring season and are currently recruiting a few more women for their summer season. The summer season runs 10 weeks every Friday starting June 29. (Yes, we know. A couple nights of fun have already passed by.)

The cost is \$35 per person with possible scholarships available. Please contact Cayla Dyer at [cayladyer@hotmail.com](mailto:cayladyer@hotmail.com) for more information on how your summer Friday nights can be filled with good clean fun!

## New Leader for the Animal Ministry

Robin Herman was the original driving force behind our Animal Ministry. It was her vision and leadership (with help from lots of others along the way) that got the ministry going and kept it going. Several years ago she left the corporate world to open a doggie day care, and more recently has incorporated the non-profit Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue ([www.lldrrescue.org](http://www.lldrrescue.org)) which rescues dogs from kill shelters and finds loving homes for them. To date, they've saved **282 dogs!**

Robin is stepping down from leadership of our Animal Ministry, but will remain very active with the group. We're *so grateful* for all that she has done for the Animal Ministry!

She leaves the Ministry in good hands. **Sarah Addison**, with her partner **Melissa Baker** as assistant, will be leading the Animal Ministry's "dog division", which helps at the Indianapolis Humane Society and with dog adoption events.

Sarah and Melissa have been together for four years. Sarah grew up on a farm and was a 4-H member and has lots of hands-on experience with many different types of animals. After graduating with her BS in Biology from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute, she moved to Indianapolis. During college she worked as a veterinary assistant handling wildlife, and worked with emergency care and animal welfare groups. She plans to begin veterinary school in the fall of 2013.

Melissa grew up in Decatur township and had family pets throughout her childhood, and has always had a deep love and compassion for animals. They have both been part of our Animal Ministry, assisting at the Human Society. They have also been active foster parents for many animals for the last year or so. They feel that together, they are in a time in their life where they would like to give more to this community through leading the Animal Ministry.

Look for new things coming soon from the Animal Ministry, including fostering, dog training, and adoptions from Lucky Dog via PetSmart and Petco.

### Mark your calendar

The annual Church Picnic has been scheduled for August 25, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, and will be held at Broad Ripple Park. More details as the date approaches.

## 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, July 24 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](mailto:info@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000.

### Newcomer's Welcome Reception, July 24

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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