

## Explore Membership: July 24 & August 7

Membership Class will be offered on two Sundays, **July 24 and August 7**, 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 our 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.

When you become a member, we ask you to commit yourself 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 intentional commitment to growing your soul and to supporting the work of this church, we invite you to 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, please talk to any staff member or email [info@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:info@lifejourneychurch.cc).

## Deepen Your Faith While Making New Friends

In two weeks, three exciting SoulShift courses will begin. Why should you consider taking a SoulShift course?

- **Your heart and mind will be stretched!** Every SoulShift course is filled with tons of high-impact content.
- **You will grow closer to God!** We don't just talk about interesting spiritual concepts, we *practice* and *apply* them in a way that builds intimacy with God.
- **You will make new friends** with those who take the course with you.

See inside for course descriptions and registration forms. When courses fill, registration closes. **Sign up today!**

## Exciting Changes are coming for the Children's Ministry. See page four for details.

### I want to register for Membership Classes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## You're Invited to David Zier's Ordination

Last month David Zier appeared before an MCC panel in Chicago and was formally approved for ordination and licensure as an MCC Pastor. David's ordination ceremony will take place at LifeJourney Church on Sunday evening July 17 at 6:00 pm. All are invited!

Several years ago, David felt called to step away from his career as a biomedical engineer to go to seminary. In May of 2010, David graduated with an M.Div. from Earlham School of Religion, where he was recognized as a Tom Mullen Merit Scholar. After seminary, David turned his attention to completing several additional requirements for MCC ordination, including an internship at another Church (West Richmond Friends, Richmond, Indiana), and a chaplaincy internship at an Indianapolis hospital. Those requirements were completed in May of this year.

In June, David began serving full-time at LifeJourney Church as our Minister of Outreach and Development. Since David is married to Pastor Jeff, he serves without pay, and his work is reviewed

and evaluated by the Personnel Subcommittee of the Board of Directors. Having a full-time professional volunteer pastor is an extraordinary opportunity for our Church, and we are extremely grateful for David's generosity!

Along with Jeff, Melody, and Vivian, David now carries the full responsibilities of a pastoral staff member, including worship leadership, pastoral care, spiritual counsel, teaching, and



**David Zier**

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# Order of Service • July 10, 2011

**Worship Theme:** Hope That Is Greater Than Our Struggles

**Key Verse:** By great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

## Our Approach To God

**Prelude:** *Get All Excited*

**Praise Songs and Prayer:** *Friend of God, I Give Myself Away, Sweet Sweet Spirit*

**Connection Opportunities**

**Children's Sermon**

## God's Word To Us

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:1-7

**Anthem:** *Mercy Said No*, Sabrina Allen

**Sermon:** *Why Should I Smile?* by Pastor Jeff Miner

**Offering our Gifts and Resources:** *Mighty to Save*

## Our Communion With God

**Silent Confession**

**General Confession:** God, when hard times come, I often lose perspective and grow despondent. Forgive me. Remind me that the trials of this life are shaping my soul for the life to come. Remind me that my earthly sojourn is just the beginning of an eternal experience. Remind me that not even death itself can ultimately overcome me. 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 *How Great Thou Art*.

## Benediction

## Postlude

Deacons will be at the front of the sanctuary after service for any who wish to pray.

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

## Sunday, July 10

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.

12:30 pm **Heartmenders Rehearsal,** sanctuary.

12:45 pm **Anderson University Alumni Meeting,** Room 2.

## Monday, July 11

6:30 pm **Communication for Couples Workshop,** Room 1.

7:00 pm **Discipleship 101 SoulShift Class,** Room 6.

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

## Tuesday, July 12

7:00 pm **Board of Directors,** Room 4.

7:00 pm **Jesus Seekers Oasis** meets at the home of Roger Brown. Info: See Chuck Levi or call Roger at (317) 446-5604.

7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis,** Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

## Thursday, July 14

6:30 pm **African American Oasis,** Room 4. Info: Tina Johnson-McCrackin at (317) 496-6557.

7:00 pm **[going deeper] Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis,** Room 1. Info: Larry Heavilon, [larryheavilon@hotmail.com](mailto:larryheavilon@hotmail.com) or (317) 523-4543.

## Friday, July 15

9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis,** Room 4. Info: Melissa Bruce, (317) 294-5225 or [mmbruce59@hotmail.com](mailto:mmbruce59@hotmail.com).

7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting,** Room 2.

## Saturday, July 16

8:00 am **Homeless Ministry** provides breakfast at The Dayspring Center. Contact April Kerulis at [kerulis512@hotmail.com](mailto:kerulis512@hotmail.com) or (317) 370-8214 for information. See page four for more info about being part of this ministry.

10:30 am **Praise Team Practice,** sanctuary.

12:30 pm **Gospel Choir Rehearsal,** sanctuary.

4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice,** sanctuary.

## Coming Soon

Jul 24, Aug 7 **Membership Classes.** More info on page one.

Jul 27 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! More info and registration in next week's *Weekly News*.

Jul 29 **Friday Night Praise!** at 7:00 pm.

Aug 20 **Church Picnic.** Save the date!

## Children's/Youth Church Locations

Infants to age 3	Nursery
Preschool	Room 3
Kindergarten to 2nd Grade	Room 8
3rd to 5th Grade	Room 6
The Bridge 2.0: 6th to 8th Grade	Room 7

## Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	165
Morning Service Attendance	187
Other Events Attendance	113
General Offering	\$10,611
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,583
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554

**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).*

## Notes

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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 Discipleship Teachers 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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# Ministry Opportunities

## Help our homeless neighbors

The **Homeless Ministry** has teamed up with **Dayspring Center** to assist families who are in crisis. Dayspring Center operates 24/7, offering the essentials of food, clothing and shelter. Dayspring provides families tools and resources to become independent again.

Our Homeless Ministry currently **provides breakfast every third Saturday** of the month. We will branch out to serve in other ways as well (such as staffing the front desk and the computer room, helping with children in the playroom, donation receiving and sorting, or cleaning) as we expand our team.

To serve at Dayspring, you're required to attend an orientation session. The next orientation is on **Monday, July 11 at 4:00 pm**.

If you cannot make this date and time, but would like to check us out in July or August, please come help us serve breakfast! **We'll be there on July 16 and August 20, 8:00 to 10:30 am.**

## Watering Volunteers Needed

We need a few volunteers who are able to stop by the church occasionally to **water the flowers**. You could do this as little as once a month or as often as weekly, depending on your schedule.

## Make a difference in a cat's life

The **Animal Ministry** is assisting with a **feral cat spay/neuter day** on July 24, 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Our volunteers will help keep the clinic clean as the doctors work and assist in other ways as needed. The veterinarians donate their time, so let's help them by donating ours to make the process run smoothly!

Location is **Allisonville Animal Hospital**, 10173 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Attire is casual, but appropriate. LifeJourney tee shirts with jeans and tennis shoes would be nice if you are able! Training isn't necessary, but plenty of support is provided to anyone who's new to the team.

## Communion Teams

The Communion teams are looking for a few people to join them in ministry. There are two team positions: *acolytes*, who hold the elements, and *servers*, who offer the elements to congregants with prayer.

For many, Communion is the most vital and moving part of the worship service, and being able to serve our friends this holy meal is a sacred honor. Please prayerfully consider if this team may be the right place of service for you.

**Fill out the form for info about any of these teams.**

### Ministry Opportunities interest form I'd like more info about:

- Homeless Ministry     Watering flowers  
 Animal Ministry     Communion Teams

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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occasional preaching. David's responsibilities include oversight of our *SoulShift* Program, chairing our Missions Board, staff liaison to our Outreach Ministry Teams, developing healthy living programs for our congregation, overseeing a new house church program for people who live far from our Church, and providing spiritual direction for clergy trainees. David is developing an expertise in spiritual direction in a two year training program offered by the Indianapolis Benedictine Monastery.

David will preach at our morning services on Sunday, July 17. The Rite of Ordination will take place that evening at 6:00 pm. The ordination ceremony will include remarks from two of David's professors, video presentations, special music, and refreshments.

We are excited to celebrate the beginning of David's tenure as pastoral staff at LifeJourney Church!

## Go Fever!

The **Indiana Fever** have requested **children ages 8-16** from our congregation to participate in the **ball exchange** during the home game on **Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 pm**.



Kids from our church will be on the floor during the player introductions at the start of the game and will receive a gift from the team members! Tickets must be purchased for both the child and an accompanying adult; tickets are \$10.60 or \$15.90 each. Children who participate in the ball exchange must be at Conseco Fieldhouse by 6:00 pm on the day of the game. If you are interested in participating, please contact Angie Thurnall at [adthurnall@hotmail.com](mailto:adthurnall@hotmail.com).

## Exciting Changes: Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry has some exciting news to share about the upcoming fall season. Because the **rotation model of learning** has proven so effective in our VBS program, we are planning to adapt that same model to our weekly children's ministry. Each week the children will rotate to a different "workshop" where they will learn by engaging in things like storytelling, cooking, computers, puppets, crafts, drama, exercise, geography, etc. **It's Sunday school that speaks to the learning styles of all children!** An added bonus of the workshop format is that it allows volunteers to serve in their area of giftedness.

When the rotation model begins on August 14, each child (Preschool to 5th grade) **will be checked in to their classroom before the start of worship** and checked out of their classrooms at the close of worship by the adult who brought them. With our increasing numbers it is important that we make these changes to ensure all children are exactly where they should be.

Because there is so much information to share about this exciting transition, we will hold an **information session for all parents, families, and volunteers** on **Sunday July 24**, right after the 11:00 am service. If you want to know more about the model and how it will impact your children, please plan to attend the session! **Questions?** Contact Melody Merida at (317) 722-0000 x 102 or [mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc).