

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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Countdown...

Only three weeks until Richard Ramsey, our new Worship Arts Minister, begins on Sunday August 5! More info about Richard here: LifeJourneyChurch.cc/news/archives/2388



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.

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.

Black Pride 2012!

This year's Black Pride theme is "Turning Your Pride Into Praise." We are taking this time to celebrate God's blessings in our lives. No matter how you identify, you deserve to be celebrated and recognized as God's creation!

Please join us for our **Black Pride Community Worship Service** on August 12. Our special speaker will be our own **Deacon Tina Johnson-McCrackin.** We will celebrate at both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, and a potluck dinner will follow the 11:00 service.

Would you like to be part of our outreach?

There are two opportunities to assist:

The **Indiana Black Pride Celebration** is on Saturday, August 11. We'll have a booth there to represent the church and to invite people to the Community Worship Service. Working at the church booth isn't rocket science — it's mostly about being friendly. We'd love to have a few people to work shifts at the booth and invite folks to the service on Sunday.

After the 11:00 am service on August 12, we'll have a **soul food potluck, and we could use a few volunteers who'd like to help with setup and cleanup.** If you'd like to help, fill out the form below and we'll be in touch.

I'd like to help with Black Pride:

Church Booth (Aug 11) Black Pride Potluck (Aug 12)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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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, 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 or (317) 722-0000.

Newcomer's Welcome Reception, July 24

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Order of Service • July 15, 2012

Worship Theme: The Life of Christ

Key Scripture: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 2:5*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer: *I Know Who I Am, Mighty to Save, Revelation Song*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5, 7-11

Anthem: *Another Time, Another Place*, Niki Steveson and Diana Lowhorn

Sermon: *Jesus' Prescription For Positive Living*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *Blessed Assurance*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I sometimes get caught in a spiral of negative thinking — consumed by judgments about people who upset me or discouraged by impossible circumstances. Forgive me. When people upset me, help me to learn to consciously release my judgments. When circumstances overwhelm me, help me learn to

respond with a can-do attitude — not just by asking for a solution, but by being relentless in seeking a solution. 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

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.

Sunday, July 15

- 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 **Board of Deacons**, Room 4.
1:00 pm **LifeJourney Pastoral Training**, Room 6.
6:30 pm **Anderson Oasis.** Info: Melody Merida,
mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 × 102.

Monday, July 16

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

Tuesday, July 17

- 7:00 pm **LifeJourney Press**, Room 4. Info: Lynne Kaminski,
lynnekaminski@yahoo.com.
7:00 pm **Missions Board**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **Pastoral Care Team Oasis**, Room 1. Info: Paul Hancock,
paul@ph-designs.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 Steve Adams
and Dan Allis, 2508 Orlando St. Info: David Zier at
(317) 722-0000 × 105 or dzier@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Wednesday, July 18

- 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, July 19

- 7:00 pm **Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Larry
Heavilon at larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.
7:00 pm **Discipleship 101/102**, Room 2.
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, July 20

- 9:00 am **Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Beulah Bragg,
(317) 924-2488 or mzbees@att.net.
6:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 4.

Saturday, July 21

- 8:00 am **Homeless Ministry** provides breakfast at The Dayspring
Center. Contact April Kerulis at kerulis512@hotmail.com or
(317) 370-8214 for information.
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 1.
Aug 25 **Church Picnic** at Broad Ripple Park. Details TBA.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	186
Morning Service Attendance	213
Oasis Attendance	64
General Offering	\$6,836
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,511
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,954



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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.*

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.

Indiana Youth Group: 25 Years!

This year marks Indiana Youth Group's 25th Anniversary and they will celebrate on Saturday, August 18 with a dinner and dance! It will be held at the Blue Heron Ballroom in the beautiful Garrison at Fort Harrison. There will be fabulous food, speakers and VIP guests, door prizes, a dynamite DJ, and more.

Contact Miranda Marsico for info: momarsico@yahoo.com, or you purchase tickets online: lightingtheway.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$60 each. More info about IYG at indianayouthgroup.org.

Jesus was a carpenter. Are you?

Do you have experience in finish carpentry? We have a project that could use your expertise. Please contact Pastor Vivian or David Squire if you are interested: vwyatt@lifejourneychurch.cc or dsquire@lifejourneychurch.cc

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) 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.

Church Library: our best-kept secret?

Did you know we have a church library? It's teeming with useful resources. The library exists to provide **affirming materials for spiritual and personal growth.**

The library is open on Sundays from 10:30–11:00 am and 12:30–1:00 pm, subject to staff scheduling. Take the west hallway to find the library, or consult the building directory by the info kiosk if you need help.