

Exciting Children's Ministry Changes: Open House Today

Join us today at 12:45 pm in Room 1 for all the details!

In our VBS program this summer, we used the **rotation model of learning** and we found that it was exceptionally effective at engaging the children in the lessons that were taught. We're now 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, and more. **It's Sunday school that speaks to the learning styles of all children!** An added bonus is that volunteers can serve in their area of giftedness.

When the rotation model begins on August 14, each child (Pre-school 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.

Because there is so much information to share about this transition, **we will hold an Open House for all parents, families, and volunteers today after the 11:00 am service in Room 1.** If you want to know how this will impact your children, please plan to attend! **Questions?** Contact Melody Merida at (317) 722-0000 x 102 or mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Great Pioneers: Soon we will hang a plaque in the west hallway to honor all who made a pledge to the **Great Pioneer III Campaign** to fund Vivian Wyatt's new position.

If you are a Pioneer participant, **please stop by the info kiosk today** to check the list of names. Make sure your name is present, is spelled correctly, and appears the way you want it. *It's not too late to make a pledge. Forms are at the kiosk.*

Friday Night Praise: A Whole Lotta Fruit!

Join us this Friday at 7:00 pm!

We'll look at the fruit of the Spirit: *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control.* Sounds great in a sermon, but does it work?

- **Love:** Who and when do I love?
- **Joy:** What is joy? Is it different from happiness?
- **Peace:** We dream of "world peace," but what about peace in our family or job?
- **Patience:** God, give me patience *now!*
- **Kindness:** It's easy to be kind to those I love, what about my enemies?
- **Goodness:** Huh? I thought that was sort of like kindness...
- **Faithfulness:** Can I be faithful even if I don't get what I want?
- **Gentleness:** Oh, oh, I feel like an elephant in a china shop.
- **Self-control:** Hey, I just call it like I see it!

What are your thoughts about the fruit of the Spirit?

Our beloved Deacon Carla Peck will be talking a little bit about this, and we'll have plenty of music to sing to and listen to.



Black Pride Sunday is coming August 14, featuring guest preacher Rev. Samuel Offer from Baltimore, our own LifeJourney Gospel Choir, and a soul food potluck! Once again this year, our church is the official Black Pride worship event!

The Office Team is expanding. See page four if you might like to be part of this essential team.

Explore Membership at LifeJourney Church

Membership Class will be offered on two Sundays, **today 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 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're interested in exploring membership, join us today in Room 2 at 12:30 pm.**

Order of Service • July 24, 2011

Worship Theme: Thinking About How We See Things

Key Verse: Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves. . . . *1 Peter 1:13*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Step by Step, Forever We Will Sing*

Praise Songs and Prayer: *This Is the Day, Praise Adonai, All I Can Do*

Connection Opportunities

Children's Sermon

God's Word To Us

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:8–13

Anthem: *Blessings*, Sarah Stewart

Sermon: *Great Expectations*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *The Power of the Cross*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, too often I allow myself to drift through life in passive surrender, failing to appreciate the specialness of the time that is now and the opportunities You give me. Awaken my soul! Help me to prepare my mind for action. 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.

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

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 – 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, July 24

- 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.
12:30 pm **Membership Class 1 of 2**, Room 2. Lunch served at 12:30; class begins at 1:00 pm.
12:45 pm **Children's Ministry Info Session**, Room 1.
2:30 pm **The Animal Ministry** is assisting with a feral cat spay/neuter day at the Allisonville Animal Hospital, 10173 Allisonville Road. Contact Ronn Frizado for info: (317) 490-6325.

Monday, July 25

- 6:30 pm **Communication for Couples Workshop**, Room 1.
7:00 pm **Discipleship 102 SoulShift Class**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **Decoding God's Will For Me SoulShift Class**, Room 8.
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, July 26

- 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.

Wednesday, July 27

- 6:30 pm **[going deeper] Family Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.
7:00 pm **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**, Room 4. If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! Info on page four.

Thursday, July 28

- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis** is meeting off-site this week. Info: Larry Heavilon, larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.
7:00 pm **Discipleship 101 SoulShift Class**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] L3: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284.

Friday, July 29

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Melissa Bruce, (317) 294-5225 or mmbruce59@hotmail.com.
7:00 pm **Friday Night Praise!** in the sanctuary. See page one for info.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, July 30

- 10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.
12:30 pm **Gospel Choir Rehearsal**, sanctuary.
4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Aug 20 **Church Picnic**. Save the date!
Aug 27 **Singles Game Night** at the church. Details to follow.

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	134
Morning Service Attendance	244
Other Events Attendance	337
General Offering	\$12,029
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,636
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554


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Would you like to be part of our outreach at Black Pride?

The Indiana Black Pride Celebration is coming soon: August 13. We would like to have a booth there to represent the church and to invite people to the Black Pride Service on August 14. Working at the church booth isn't rocket science — it's mostly about being friendly.

The Office Team: Keeping the gears turning

The **Office Team** is an essential part of almost everything that happens at our church. They accomplish a myriad of tasks and assist the staff in projects large and small. Tasks and hours are flexible to accommodate your skills and schedule.

Vivian Wyatt is the new head of our Office Team. Now that she's part of the staff, we would like to expand the Office Team to be even more effective in all they do. **We'll hold an informational meeting on July 31** after the 11:00 am service for anyone who is interested in this behind-the-scenes ministry.

Children's Choir needs an accompanist

Do you play the piano, like to work with kids, and have some Wednesdays free? Children's Choir needs you!

The accompanist will work with Choir Director Nathan Tuttle. The Children's Choir meets every other Wednesday in conjunction with the Family Oasis.

Fill out the form for info about these opportunities.

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

- Black Pride Outreach Office Team
 Children's Choir Accompanist

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Anniversary Weekend!

On Sunday, August 21, our Church turns 20 years old. We'll celebrate this milestone at worship on August 21 and the day before at a special picnic and recreation day at the Church from noon to 5:00 pm.

Dogs and hot cars don't mix.

Please don't leave your dog in your vehicle when you're here at church on Sunday — or anywhere else — during the hot summer. The heat can be deadly.

In 85-degree weather, temperatures in a car can reach 120° in less than a half hour, even if a window is left open a crack.

Quiet Room for Parents and Infants

We love babies! If you have a baby, you are welcome to either make use of our nursery or to keep your little one with you.

If you keep your infant with you, all we ask is that you take them out of the sanctuary if they become noisy or restless. We now have a brand new Quiet Room where you can watch the worship service without interruption as you calm or feed your child. Just enter through the door marked "Quiet Room", left of the TV in the Social Hall.

Recycle your ink cartridges

Many thanks to everyone who has brought in empty inkjet and toner cartridges! Every cartridge you bring in is redeemed at Staples for \$2 toward office supply purchases.

In June, we received \$120 that was used for copy paper and other office essentials.

The collection bin for cartridges is in the coat room.

Prayer Requests. Would you like to share a prayer request with pastoral staff, or have a group of dedicated folks in the congregation pray with you? **You can submit prayer requests at the table by the info kiosk**, and know that you and your request will be remembered and lifted up.

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 this **Wednesday, July 27 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 27

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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