

LifeJourney Responds to Famine in Our World

Eastern Africa is in the midst of a famine that is wreaking havoc on the people of Somalia, Kenya, and the Horn of Africa.

Life Journey Church tries to respond with the love of Christ when emergency situations such as this occur. Because of your generous giving, we have been able to provide \$2,000 in desperately-needed assistance. **\$1,000 is going to CARE**, a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. CARE's efforts include emergency aid to individuals, especially children, who are suffering from malnutrition and other medical problems. Families are given food and other essentials including tents, kitchen sets, firewood, fuel-efficient stoves and access to general food distributions in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya.

Another **\$1,000 is going to Oxfam**, which is providing water and sanitation for displaced people and giving life-saving equipment to Somalia's only children's hospital. In Kenya and Ethiopia, Oxfam is giving people money through cash-for-work projects to build water tanks and reservoirs and is trucking in water supplies and treating water for drinking, cooking, and washing.

And here at home...

We're also responding to hunger and poverty here at home. **Next Sunday** we will collect donations for the food pantry at the Damien Center, which assists people affected by HIV/AIDS. They especially need:

- **meats**, including canned chicken or Spam (but not tuna)
- **canned entrees** (beef stew, chunky soup, chicken/dumplings)
- **canned fruit** (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce)
- **toiletries** (razors and shaving cream, bath soap, shampoo)
- **toilet paper**, and
- **laundry detergent**.

You can bring these items to the collection point in the social hall **next Sunday, August 7**.

Be part of this ministry

Our **Homeless Ministry** also helps feed families at the Dayspring Center the third Saturday of every month. The Homeless Team is looking to expand the volunteer support we provide to the Center. If you would like more information, please fill out the ministry opportunity form on the back page.

Together we are making a difference, as we share God's love in the world!

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 today at 12:45 in Room 4**. Please join us if you'd like more info about this behind-the-scenes ministry.

Black Pride Sunday is coming August 14, featuring our special **guest Rev. Samuel Offer** from Baltimore, a dynamic preacher and gifted singer. We'll also enjoy our own LifeJourney Gospel Choir, and a soul food potluck! Once again this year, our church is the official Black Pride worship event!

For the **soul food potluck**, we're asking all who come to bring a side dish or dessert to share. **If you'd like to assist with setup or cleanup**, please return the form on the back page.

Children's Sermon Change

The children's ministry at LifeJourney Church is experiencing such explosive growth, we're going to need to make some program changes. One of the most visible changes will be elimination of the weekly children's sermon, so parents can check their kids into their Sunday School classroom directly before service and kids can have more time in their class. We may miss the joy and energy kids bring to the start of each worship service, but these changes are really important for our kids.

- **Safety.** Dismissing 30 children at once during worship, then returning near the end of worship creates risk that a child will not get to or from class safely. We're moving to a direct check-in/check-out system for children. Safety first!
- **Quality of Learning.** Our kids will greatly benefit from spending more time together and with

Open House back by popular demand!

The Children's Ministry Open House is **today** in Room 1 following BOTH worship services.

Parents: come to complete the family info sheet and learn about the Workshop Rotation Model.

Everyone else: come to learn what is taking place in your church and how it impacts YOU!

Order of Service • July 31, 2011

Worship Theme: Strategic Living

Key Verse: You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors. . . . *1 Peter 1:18*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Indescribable*

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Come to the Cross, You Are My Shelter, I Give Myself Away*

Connection Opportunities

Children's Sermon

God's Word To Us

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:14–2:3

Anthem: *Turn Your Radio On*, The Heartmenders

Sermon: *The Choice*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *I Surrender All*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, thank you for ransoming me from the futile ways I inherited from my ancestors. Forgive me for my tendency to slip back into those futile ways. Help me to step up fully into the beauty of life you offer. Help me to grow into my salvation. 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 31

- 9:30 am **Early Worship Service.**
10:30 am **Children's Ministry Open House**, Room 1. See page one for info.
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 **Oasis Leaders Meeting**, Room 2.
12:30 pm **Children's Ministry Open House**, Room 1. See page one for info.
12:45 pm **Office Team Organizational Meeting**, Room 4. See page one for info.

Monday, August 1

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

Tuesday, August 2

- 7:00 pm **Board of Trustees**, 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.

Wednesday, August 3

- 7:00 pm **Clergy Board**, Room 4.

Thursday, August 4

- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis**, Room 1. 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, August 5

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Melissa Bruce, (317) 294-5225 or mmbruce59@hotmail.com.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, August 6

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

Coming Soon

- Aug 7 **Membership Class 2 of 2**, 12:30 pm, Room 2.
Aug 20 **Church Picnic**. Save the date!
Aug 27 **Singles Game Night** at the church. Details to follow.
Oct 14-16 **Fall Family Retreat**. Mark your calendar today! More information 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	140
Morning Service Attendance	239
Other Events Attendance	202
General Offering	\$8,218
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,542
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



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

Two opportunities to assist:

The Indiana Black Pride Celebration is on Saturday, August 13. We will 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.

After the 11:00 am service on August 14, we'll have a **soul food potluck**, and we could use a few volunteers who'd like to help with setup and cleanup.

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.

Make a difference in a dog's life

The **Animal Ministry** will be at the Indianapolis Humane Society **on Saturday, August 13** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Bring treats and a leash to walk the dogs! The exercise lets the dogs work off some excess energy so they're calmer and better-behaved as potential adopters come to visit them.

The Humane Society is located at **7929 North Michigan Road**. Required training (for volunteers, not the dogs) will be provided. You're welcome to fill out the form for info, or just show up at the Humane Society and look for Robin Herman.

Fill out the form for info about these opportunities.

Ministry Opportunities interest form

I'd like more info about:

Black Pride Booth (Aug 13) Black Pride Pitch-In (Aug 14)

Homeless Ministry (p. 1) Animal Ministry

Children's Choir Accompanist

Picnic: set-up Picnic: Face painter

Picnic: Grill Master Picnic: Tear down/cleanup

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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their teachers as they learn vital spiritual principles at an age-appropriate level.

- **Explosive Growth.** A children's sermon works well with 5 to 10 kids. But now we routinely have 20-40 each Sunday. Logistics (and keeping their attention!) is far more difficult with a large group.

So it's time we moved to the next level in our children's programming. **On August 14, children will begin their direct check-in/check-out.** We'll still get to experience the joy of seeing our children in worship when the children's choir sings. Special arrangements will also be made for children who participate on the Communion Teams. Also, on the first Sunday of each month, kids will stay in the sanctuary with their parents until sermon time, when they'll be dismissed to go to Blast Off Worship.

Our new format will also give folks the opportunity to serve by doing what they love. Workshops will now be offered in artwork, environmental issues, cooking, acting/directing, puppetry, and storytelling, to name a few. Each workshop requires volunteers to serve 5 services during the months of August, September, and October. **Where can your talents plug in?**

You're invited to a special open house after the worship services today to learn more about the changes and provide feedback. If you have thoughts or questions, please contact Melody Merida at (317) 722-0000 × 102 or mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Anniversary Weekend!

On Sunday, August 21, our Church turns 20 years old. We'll celebrate this milestone at worship.

Also as a part of that celebration we will hold our **Annual Church Picnic** on Saturday, August 20 from noon to 5:00 pm right here at the church. The church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, and we can all bring a dish to share. There will be a bounce house for the kids and games for all ages. Bring your lawn chair to sit outside and enjoy the fellowship of our church family!

We do need a few folks to help make the magic happen: chair, table and game setup, a face painter, grill masters, and tear down/cleanup. **If you'd like to pitch in, fill out the form at the left.**

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.