

New To LifeJourney Church?

Join us for a **Newcomer's Welcome Reception** on August 28. More info available closer to the date.

Want to see a sermon again?

LifeJourneyChurch.cc/listen

Connect on Facebook:

[Facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch](https://www.facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch)

Welcome home, Richard!

Today we welcome Richard Ramsey, who will serve as our new Minister of Worship Arts. Pastor Jeff said, "I am so excited! 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. Richard's most recent position was with Sardis Presbyterian Church, an historic church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Early in his career, Richard also traveled with, and played piano for, legendary Christian recording artist Sandi Patty.



Richard excels at leading worship and helping congregations experience the presence of God. He is outgoing and really loves people. He is a stunning musician. He is creative and open to diverse worship styles.

In the eyes of some, Richard has made an unusual move in coming here. 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 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. It will take Richard a few weeks to get his feet on the ground. But soon, you'll see and feel the difference!

Black Pride 2012 is next Sunday!

This year's Black Pride theme is "Turning Your Pride Into Praise." We are celebrating God's blessings. No matter how you identify, you deserve to be recognized as God's creation!

Join us for our **Black Pride Community Worship Service** next Sunday, August 12. Our special speaker will be our own **Deacon Tina Johnson-McCrackin**. The **Gospel Choir** will also sing. We will celebrate at both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, and a potluck lunch will follow the 11:00 service.

If you plan to take part in the potluck lunch, please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

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.

Can You Spare Two Hours?

One of our pastoral apprentices, Justimore Musombi, needs to get a driver's license so he can commute between our church and seminary in Richmond when classes resume. The process is complicated since Justimore is from Kenya and is a new driver.

Just this week, Indiana's BMV commissioner agreed to waive the typical 6-month waiting period for a learner to get a new license. Thanks be to God! Now the only thing standing between Justimore and his license is 25 hours of supervised driving. At least ten of those hours must be at night.

Seminary classes begin August 23. So that gives us just a short window to get Justimore 25 hours of supervised driving. Can you take a two-hour shift? If so, you would pick up Justimore at the home where he's staying on the east side of Indianapolis and supervise him as he drives your vehicle for two hours.

I can take a shift. Please contact me.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Special Events this week

- **Singles' Dinner at O'Charley's.** Monday, August 6, 6:30 pm. See page four for details.
- **Playdate for Babies and Toddlers (and their parents).** Tuesday, August 7, 10:00 am. Contact Pastor Melody for info.

Order of Service

Worship Theme: The Life of Christ

Key Scripture: We are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making an appeal through us. . . . 2 *Corinthians 6:20*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Everlasting God, It's All About You, You Are My Shelter*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Matthew 9:35–38

Anthem: *Rockin' Jerusalem*, Ensemble

Sermon: *What's Wrong With This Picture?*
by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, too often I have been a bad example of Jesus. I have been reluctant to talk about spiritual things, failing to share a message of spiritual hope. And I've been so into myself, often I look right past the needs of others. Forgive me. Help me to be a better ambassador of your love by both my words and deeds. 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, August 5

- 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.

Monday, August 6

- 6:30 pm **Singles' Dinner at O'Charley's.** Details on page four.
7:30 pm **AA Meeting,** Room 2.

Tuesday, August 7

- 10:00 am **Play Date for Babies and Toddlers (and their parents),** social hall. Info: Melody Merida, (317) 722-0000 x 102 or mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.
6:30 pm **Pastoral Training Board,** Room 2.
7:00 pm **Board of Trustees,** Room 4.
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 x 105 or dzier@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Wednesday, August 8

- 7:00 pm **Eastside Oasis** meets at the home of Tina Sherrard, 7174 East 13th St. Info: Vivian Wyatt at (317) 722-0000 x 106 or vw Wyatt@lifejourneychurch.cc.
7:00 pm **Young Adults Oasis,** Room 6. Info: Katrina Davis, katrina.davis@gmail.com or Steve Hadt, stevenhadt@hotmail.com.

Thursday, August 9

- 6:30 pm **Northside Oasis** meets at the home of Jody Cowherd, 11249 Woodcreek Drive, Carmel. Info: Jeff Miner at (317) 722-0000 x 103 or pastorjeff@lifejourneychurch.cc.
7:00 pm **Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis,** Room 1. Info: Larry Heavilon at larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.
7:00 pm **Discipleship 101/102,** Room 2.
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, August 10

Fellowship Galactica will not meet this week.

- 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 2.

Saturday, August 11

- 10:30 am **Praise Team Practice,** sanctuary.
11:00 am **Animal Ministry volunteers at the Indianapolis Humane Society.** Info: Sarah Addison, sarahaddison05@hotmail.com.

Coming Soon

- Aug 12 **Black Pride Community Worship Service.** Details on page one.
Aug 25 **Church Picnic** at Broad Ripple Park. See page four for details.
Aug 29 **Family Oasis** and **Children's Choir** resume at 6:30 pm.
Aug 31 **Family Camp.** Details on page four.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	143
Morning Service Attendance	190
Oasis Attendance	83
General Offering	\$7,440
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,358
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,954

**LifeJourney**
CHURCH

2950 East 55th Place
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
(317) 722-0000

www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc
facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch
email: info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc

a congregation of the
Metropolitan Community Churches

Jeff Miner, Senior Pastor
Melody Merida, Minister of
Congregational Life
Vivian Wyatt, Minister of Care
and Business Administration
Richard Ramsey, Minister of
Worship Arts
David Zier, Minister of
Outreach and Development
David Squire,
Communications Director

Attention Singles!

We're going to meet for dinner on **Monday, August 6 at 6:30 pm at O'Charley's**, 6111 N. Keystone, just north of the church.

To reserve your spot, please contact Donna Martin at donnamartin12003@gmail.com or (317) 407-4611. You can also contact Donna if you have questions. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Annual Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic will be held at Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Avenue, Indianapolis, on **Saturday, August 25 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm** (or whenever the party ends!) We've reserved Shelter #2 — just look for the LifeJourney Church banner! The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs; please bring your favorite side dish and drink to share.

Because the picnic will take place at the park, there are lots of amenities. The children will enjoy the playgrounds while the adults might enjoy the view of the river, the tennis courts, the dog park, or just spending time with your church family.

Be Our Newest Teammate!

The Nursery Team is looking for four new team members to join them in serving the youngest members of our church family. Joining this team provides the opportunity to contribute to something greater than yourself, get to know the other members of this awesome team, have lots of great toy time with the babies, and listen to the endless giggles of playful toddlers.

Service on the nursery team consists of one Sunday worship service a month on a consistent schedule along with occasional team meetings and social events. For more information please complete the form below and we will provide you all the details.

I'm interested in the Nursery Team.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Jesus was a carpenter. Are you?

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

I'd like more info about the carpentry project.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Family Camp!

This is the last week to register for the Family Camp on Labor Day weekend! See Melody Merida for details.

Support for Parents of Transgender and Gender Variant Children

Kelsey Hanlon, a therapist at Christian Theological Seminary, is starting a **support and educational group** for any parent/caregiver of a transgender/gender variant child of any age. It will run for 10 weeks starting in September, and meet once a week in the evening.

Contact Kelsey Hanlon or Heather Shaw at CTS for more info: (317) 931-2379 x 5016.

Rides Requested

We've received two requests for rides to and from worship services:

- The first is from a man who lives **in downtown Indianapolis, near Michigan and Delaware.**
- The second is from a young woman who lives in **New Castle.**

If you can help, please complete the form below or contact Pastor Vivian: vwyatt@lifejourneychurch.cc.

I can help provide a ride.

to/from downtown Indianapolis

to/from New Castle

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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 purchase tickets online: lightingtheway.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$60 each. More info about IYG at indianayouthgroup.org.

No Trash, Please!

The Children's Ministry collects **aluminum cans** to raise funds for the purchase of additional playground equipment. The collection point for cans is in the coat room.

Lately, we seem to be collecting much more than cans. There has been a **significant increase in the amount of trash** that is deposited into the can container, including bags of trash brought from homes!

Please be mindful that your fellow church members have to sift through those cans before they go to be recycled and **please do not place trash of any kind** in the can recycling bin or in the bags brought from home. Thank you!

