

## 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.

LifeJourney Church tries to respond with the love of Christ when emergency situations like this occur. Because of your generous giving, we have been able to provide \$2,000 in assistance.

**\$1,000 is going to CARE**, a 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 essentials including tents, firewood, stoves and access to 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. **Today and 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 14**, or any day this week that the church is open. (See the calendar on page three for evening activities.)

### Be part of an ongoing ministry

Our **Homeless Ministry** helps feed families at the Dayspring Center every month. See the insert for more info.

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

### Our 20th Anniversary Weekend (August 20-21)

will include a special worship service and our annual Church Picnic. See page four for details.

We will also make an exciting announcement about an **extraordinary new outreach effort** that could reverberate far and wide. You won't want to miss it!

**Black Pride Sunday** is next week, and will feature 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. **See today's insert if you'd like to assist with setup or cleanup.**



### The Easiest Way to Give

More than 50% of our weekly offering now comes in electronically. Electronic giving is easy, quick, and you can change it at a moment's notice. Just go to [LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate](http://LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate) to set up your secure account. You can change or stop your electronic giving at the same link.

Electronic giving helps our church enormously! It means your giving occurs even when you're away on travel, allowing our budget to remain stable. Plus it eliminates the need for us to count and handle cash or checks every Sunday. Make the most of your giving — go electronic!

## 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 energy kids bring to the start of each service, but these changes are 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 their teachers as they learn vital spiritual principles at an age-appropriate level.

# Order of Service • August 7, 2011

**Worship Theme:** God's Plan for the World

**Key Verse:** It stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 1 Peter 2:6

## Our Approach To God

**Prelude:** *All About You*

**Praise Songs and Prayer:** *Everywhere, Shout Your Fame, I Need Your Anointing*

**Connection Opportunities**

**Children's Sermon**

## God's Word To Us

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:4-10

**Anthem:** *Lord of the Dance*, Phil Criswell

**Sermon:** *The Plan*, by Jeff Miner

**Offering our Gifts and Resources:** *Who Am I*, Joan Hashbarger

## Our Communion With God

**Silent Confession**

**General Confession:** God, sometimes I make it so complicated when really Your plan is quite simple. Help me to grasp that Jesus is the 'cornerstone' — may his life and teachings become the center of my focus. Like him, may I be wholly devoted to making earth more like heaven. "Thy kingdom come, thy

will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.' 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 *Alleluia*.

**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

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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 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](mailto:info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc).

### Sunday, August 7

- 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 **Homeless Ministry Meeting**, Room 6.  
12:30 pm **Membership Class 2 of 2**, Room 2.  
12:45 pm **Children's Ministry Meeting**, Room 4.

### Monday, August 8

- 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 9

Tuesday Evening Oasis will not meet this week.

- 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.

### Wednesday, August 10

- 6:30 pm **[going deeper] Family Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Melody Merida, [mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000 x 102.

### Thursday, August 11

- 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.  
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](mailto:tommychittenden@gmail.com) or (317) 966-0284.

### Friday, August 12

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Melissa Bruce, (317) 294-5225 or [mmbruce59@hotmail.com](mailto:mmbruce59@hotmail.com).  
7:00 pm **Fellowship Galactica** meets at David Wene and David Squire's home, 5055 East 67th Street. Info: David Wene at [davidwene@hotmail.com](mailto:davidwene@hotmail.com) or (317) 427-3728.  
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

### Saturday, August 13

- 10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.  
11:00 am **Animal Ministry volunteers at the Indianapolis Humane Society**. Info: Robin Herman at [robin@luckydogretreat.com](mailto:robin@luckydogretreat.com).  
12:30 pm **Gospel Choir Rehearsal**, sanctuary.  
4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

### Coming Soon

- Aug 14 **Black Pride Worship Celebration**. See page one for info.  
Aug 20 **Church Picnic**. See page four for info.  
Aug 27 **Singles Game Night** at the church. Details to follow.  
Aug 31 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**. If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! 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	144
Morning Service Attendance	218
Other Events Attendance	131
General Offering	\$5,612
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,141
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554

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► **Children's Ministry**, continued from page 1.

- **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?**

If you have thoughts or questions, please contact Melody Merida at (317) 722-0000 x 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 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 below.**

### I'd like to help with the picnic.

- Set-up    Face painter    Grill Master  
 Tear down/cleanup

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Kings Island Pride Night

Two groups are going to Kings Island on **September 9** for Pride Night: the **Music Ministry** and the **Young Adults**. Both groups will carpool from the church at 6:00 pm and return around midnight. The cost is \$36.

If you'd like to go with the **Music Ministry**, give your payment to Mark Brown no later than September 5. Checks should be made payable to LifeJourney Church. **If you are considering joining the music ministry or already in the music ministry, please join us.** Contact Mark with questions: mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc, (317) 722-0000 x 104, or facebook.com/BrownMarkC.

If you'd like to go with the **Young Adults (18-35)**, payment should be given to Melody Merida. Questions: (317) 722-0000 x 102 or mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc.

## Deacon of the Month

**Carla Peck** became a deacon at LifeJourney almost three years ago, which did not put a damper on her singing in the sanctuary and gospel choirs or playing a mean saxophone as part of the instrumental group.

"Can I put some prayer on that!" is a favorite saying of hers as she ministers in the sanctuary after service. In fact, even if you don't approach her and are still in the sanctuary, she will seek you out and ask if there are any concerns that you would like lifted to God.

Carla is very busy outside of the church as a real estate paralegal and as life partner with Melissa Bruce. She likes hiking, bicycle riding and music (especially free outdoor concerts). Carla enjoys lending a listening ear with an open heart, so when you see her make sure that you greet her, but don't be surprised if she wants to put some prayer on you!

## Cans for Kids

Did you know we have plans to expand the children's playground? The next phase will just about double the size of the play space. We currently have **\$2,174.18** in the playground fund, all of which was raised by **recycling aluminum cans!**

If you'd like to help with this effort, just bring your aluminum cans to church and leave them at the collection point in the coat room. *Thanks!*



Here are a few highlights of the ministry opportunities available at LifeJourney Church. See the back of this page for a list of all our teams.

## Helping 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.

The Homeless Ministry provides breakfast on the third Saturday of each month. Team member Greg McMullen describes what the team does: "We cook breakfast in the Dayspring Center kitchen, preparing items as varied as egg casserole, pancakes and fruit salad, and biscuits and gravy — you do not have to be Julia Child to help on our team! We then serve our meal to the families, and it's rewarding when the kids or parents come back for seconds, thirds and even fourths! They're always so appreciative of our efforts to nourish their bodies, while we appreciate the opportunity to nourish our own souls."

You're welcome to check out the team, either at the **meeting on August 7, 12:30 pm** in Room 6, or come help us serve breakfast! **We'll be at the Dayspring Center on August 20, 8:00 to 10:30 am.**

## Children's Ministry

Team member Melissa Hummerickhouse says, "I love serving in the Children's Ministry! The relationships I have with the children mean the world to me. Being a part of their lives has made a huge impact on my own life — I get to share with them how much Jesus loves every one of them! It's a fun-filled adventure!"

Like Melissa, you can develop new skills, build friendships and feel good about service by being a part of the Children's Ministry. Right now there are opportunities for the following roles:

- **Storytelling:** Five services in August, September, and October.
- **Puppetry:** Five services in August, September, and October.
- **Acting/Directing:** Five services in August, September, and October.
- **Cooking with the kids:** Five services in August, September, and October.
- **Art Projects:** Five services in August, September, and October.
- **Shepherding:** Weekly except for Blast Off! Sundays.
- **Check-In Supervisor:** One Sunday service a month

All you need will be provided, including a bit of courage to take on a group of children! Join us!

## Let's Make Music!

The Choir and the Instrumentalists are back!

**LifeJourney Choir's first rehearsal** will be on Wednesday, September 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Room 1. All singers are welcome!

If you have an ear for music please join us, whether you can read music notation or not. Our season ends with the Christmas program.

**The Instrumentalists' first rehearsal** will be on Thursday, September 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the sanctuary. Instrumentalist must be able to read music at a good to excellent level. This group accompanies congregational singing and special music every other Sunday, and the ensemble plays through Christmas. If you played in high school, college, or professionally please consider serving with us!

## Black Pride Outreach

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.

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.**

## Make a difference in a dog's life

The **Animal Ministry** will be at the Indianapolis Humane Society **this 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 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.

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

- Homeless Ministry     Children's Ministry  
 Choir     Instrumentalists  
 Black Pride Booth (Aug 13)     Black Pride Pitch-In (Aug 14)  
 Animal Ministry

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Join a Team!

Looking for a place to use your gifts, interests, and abilities in service? Consider the groups listed below. For more info, fill out the form and we'll put you in touch. All are welcome to participate; church membership is *not* required.

## Ministry Teams

- **Altar Care**  
prepares the altar each Sunday
- **Animal Ministry**  
helps homeless animals
- **Be Still and Know Writers**  
write for our online daily devotional
- **Children's Choir**  
provides creative worship outlets for our children
- **Children's Ministry**  
teaches our children how to build a strong relationship with God
- **Communion**  
serves Holy Communion during 11:00 am worship
- **LifeJourney Press**  
produces and markets LGBTQ Christian resources
- **Gardening Team**  
maintains the flower beds and greenery
- **Homeless Ministry**  
works to help the homeless in Indianapolis
- **Hospitality**  
provides snacks and a welcoming atmosphere after services
- **Instrumental Ensemble**  
provides instrumental music for worship
- **Library Ministry**  
oversees our collection of books and media
- **Media Team**  
oversees sound and video for worship
- **Mowing Team**  
keeps the grass mowed during the warm months
- **Nursery**  
provides a loving place for our little ones during service
- **Office Volunteers and Receptionists**  
perform clerical and computer tasks; serve as church office receptionists
- **Pastoral Care Team**  
provides care to the congregation
- **Security Team**  
oversees security procedures during Sunday services
- **Special Music**  
provides music for worship. Groups include the Sanctuary Choir, the Gospel Choir, and the HeartMenders.
- **Temple Keepers**  
keeps the building clean
- **Usher/Greeter Teams**  
welcomes folks to worship and helps the service run smoothly
- **Welcome Team Ministry**  
helps newcomers feel welcome and at ease
- **Word Alive!**  
presents Scripture readings for worship



## I'd like more info about:

### Ministry Teams

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- Animal Ministry
- Be Still and Know Writers Group
- Children's Choir
- Children's Ministry
- Communion (11:00 am worship)
- LifeJourney Press
- Gardening Team
- Homeless Ministry
- Hospitality
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Library Ministry
- Media Team
- Mowing Team
- Nursery
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Print name

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