

Thirty-two Billboards!

We now have 32 billboards sponsored, enough to allow us to stagger the start dates of our billboards to stretch the campaign from four weeks to eight. Here is some key info:

- **Theme: Who Stole Jesus?** Each billboard will proclaim that question and invite people to our web site for fuller discussion.
- **Timing: September 19 - November 14.** Half the billboards will go up the week of September 19. Each week thereafter we'll add four more, until all are up. Each billboard will run for four weeks. The last billboards will come down around November 14.
- **Yard signs.** Yard signs, magnetic bumper stickers, and t-shirts will be available starting Sunday September 25, just a few days after the first billboards go up.
- **Sermon Series.** September 25 will also mark the beginning of an eight-week sermon series highlighting the gap between the Jesus of the Gospels and how he's often presented by institutional Christianity.

If you want to sponsor a billboard, but haven't yet, fill out a sponsor form at the info kiosk. Meanwhile, let's all be praying that this outreach campaign will give hope to many who have felt excluded from Christ — while causing many others to re-think how they present Jesus to the world.

Another Way To Participate

We are assembling a crew to help with several tasks. We will **fold and staple yard signs** one evening the week of September 19. We will also need volunteers to **hand out yard signs, bumper stickers, and t-shirts** on September 25 and October 2. If you'd like to help, please fill out the form.

I can serve on the team that prepares and hands out yard signs and other items.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Children's Check-In

We're now using our new check-in system for the children. Parents, please take your children to the Check-In Station before the service. Follow the signs down the west hallway!



Justice In Indiana

On Saturday, September 17, Indiana Equality will hold a statewide "Stop The Amendment" summit hosted at LifeJourney Church from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The purpose is to discuss strategy for defeating efforts to amend Indiana's Constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage. All interested persons are welcome. To register, email lponterio@indianaequality.org.

Service Trip to the Navajo Nation

The Missions Service Team will be in Gallup, New Mexico September 24 – October 1. The team will be working with the Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF) to build houses for needy families on the Navajo Reservation.

Please support our missions effort by praying for the team's health and safety and that Christ's love is demonstrated in our actions. Please also pray that the Navajo people will be abundantly blessed.



Order of Service • September 11, 2011

Worship Theme: Lessons from 9/11

Key Verse: Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Let the Church Rise*

Praise Songs and Prayer: *I Will Follow, Breathe, It Is Well*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:19–25

Anthem: *If I Had My Way*, Bambi Alridge

Sermon: *If Jesus Had Been President on 9/11*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *Lead Me to the Cross*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, in my personal life, I have often not followed the example of Jesus in his suffering. I have been far too quick to respond to abuse with abuse — and have shown far too little confidence in the power of love to overcome evil. Forgive me. Give me the courage to experiment with the power of love in my life's conflicts. 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 *Make Me a Blessing*.

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, September 11

- 7:00 am **Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace and Unity** at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. See info below.
- 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, September 12

- 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, September 13

- 6:30 pm **CREDO Confirmation Class for Teens**, Room 6. See page four for info.
- 7:00 pm **Square Dance Intro/Open House, social hall.** See page four for info.
- 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.
- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Wednesday, September 14

- 7:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000.

Thursday, September 15

- 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 **Instrumentalists Rehearsal**, Sanctuary. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000.
- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] L³: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284.

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

- 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.
- 4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Sep 28 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! More info and registration in next week's *Weekly News*.
- Oct 14-15 **Fall Family Retreat.** See Melody Merida for availability.

Last Week's Numbers

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| Early Service Attendance | 138 |
| Morning Service Attendance | 199 |
| Other Events Attendance | 106 |
| General Offering | \$11,238 |
| General Offering: Three Month Average | \$9,438 |
| General Offering Average Goal | \$9,554 |



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Interfaith Prayer Vigil on 9/11

Today, several people from LifeJourney Church are participating in an interfaith **Prayer Vigil for Peace and Unity** coordinated by St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Our assigned time was from 8:00 to 9:00 am, but you're welcome to attend any part of the vigil, which concludes at 6:00 pm.

Life Transition

It is with deep sadness that we share that Bill Geshwiler, a beloved member of our congregation, passed away on August 30. He was 87 years old.

Oasis News

See the flyer at the info kiosk for details about all Oasis groups.

The **African American Oasis** recently celebrated *six years* of growing spiritually, and building friendships. Now we're shaking up our schedule a bit: we're meeting **every other Thursday at 6:30 pm** in Room 4. **Our next meeting is September 22.** All are welcome to attend — you don't have to be African-American or a member of the church. So come out on Thursday and learn together with us.

Fellowship Galactica has a schedule change this month: we'll meet on the *third* and *fifth* Fridays. On September 16 we'll watch the movie *Serenity*, the culmination of the series *Firefly*. We'll watch another movie (to be determined) on September 30 and begin a **brand new series** in October. Fellowship Galactica meets at David Wene and David Squire's home. Email DavidWene@hotmail.com for info.

The **Couples' Oasis** returns from their summer break on September 21! They now meet on the *first, third, and fifth* Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the church, and use the "going deeper" format to discuss each week's sermon.

The Couple's Oasis helps couples connect and share experiences, both good and bad, to learn from them and support each other.

CREDO Confirmation for Teens

Confirmation is not the beginning or the end of the faith journey — it's about making disciples!

Confirmation gives teens a familiarity with what Christians believe, value, and do; but **instruction** is only one aspect of the program. In addition to learning about their faith, confirmands will also **experience** their faith and gain a sense of how to live as a disciple of Christ in a covenant relationship with the church.

They will do this by attending and participating in weekly Sunday worship, by working alongside other Christians in service of God and neighbor, by participating in Christian education, and by being engaged in the ministries of the church.

Confirmation begins **this Tuesday, September 13** and is open to all youth ages 12 to 17. The course will run through March, 2012 in six-week segments. Classes will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. For more info please complete the form below.

We're interested in Confirmation for Teens.

Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Wanted: Cruise Director

Remember Julie from *The Love Boat*? She was the cruise director who knew just what to do when planning fun events and activities on the ship.

The **Singles Social Group** is in need of their very own Julie who can do the same for them. This Julie would plan and promote fun social events for the singles of the church (*without dating*

intentions, and no need for Charo) while keeping folks connected through Facebook as well. If this sounds like your area of interest then please complete the form below and expect a phone call from Captain Stubing!

I'd like info about directing the Singles Group.

Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Square Dance Lessons!

Join us **this Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm** for an intro to square dancing, including an easy beginner's lesson. You're welcome to come just to observe, if you don't want to dance.

Modern western square dancing is *rhythm set to music* using country western, show tunes, Broadway, and pop music. It's not clogging nor is it the "Virginia Reel" you may have learned in school. It's moderately aerobic, a great way to meet friends, and a lot of fun. Our instructor has 30 years of square dance calling and teaching experience.

For more info, email rjohnson1506@comcast.net or call (317) 881-9223.

Golf Scramble

Are you looking forward to fall golf? Melissa Bruce would like to meet with anyone who's interested in playing in a Florida Scramble in mid-October. There will be an interest meeting on **Sunday, September 25** right after the 11:00 am service. We will gather in the social hall over by the bookstore. The scramble will let us enjoy some golf and also connect with others and maybe make a new friend. Contact Melissa for info: mmbruce59@hotmail.com or (317) 294-5225.

Office Team Opening

The Office Team is looking for one more volunteer (or maybe two) who can assist with **attendance data entry and analysis**. This task is essential to helping our staff stay in touch with the congregation. You'll be part of a team, so you'll do this task every other or every third week, and it can be done any time between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening. It requires **careful attention to detail and general proficiency with computers**. If this sounds like your cup of tea, please fill out the form and we'll be in touch.

I'd like info about the data entry/analysis volunteer position.

Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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