

Billboards Go Up This Week!

This week, our first wave of "Who Stole Jesus?" billboards will go up across town. Here is what to expect:

- We have a total of **32 billboards** going up. Sixteen go up this week; then we'll add four per week for the next four weeks. Each billboard will remain for four weeks. A complete billboard list and map will appear in next Sunday's *Weekly News*.
- Next Sunday we launch an **8-week sermon series** entitled *Reclaiming Jesus For Ordinary People*. Invite your friends, especially if they've felt alienated from institutional church! Sermon titles and topics are at www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/news.
- **Yard signs, magnetic bumper stickers, and t-shirts** will be distributed next Sunday. Yard signs and bumper stickers are free. T-shirts are \$10 each (cash or check).
- To participate in the **web-based discussion** that will anchor our campaign, go to www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc and choose the link for *Who Stole Jesus?* It's already live!

Please lift prayers this week as our outreach campaign begins!

Yard Sign Assembly: *Who Stole Jesus?*

You are invited to a **Yard Sign Assembly Party** Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the social hall. This is a great way to serve and to meet a few new people!

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!

Pastor Jeff is away this weekend leading a workshop for the MCC Heartland Network in Denver, Colorado. The workshop is about how MCCs can better position themselves to do public outreach. Jeff will return this evening.

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.

Kindness Matters

As our billboards go up, we can expect more visitors at worship in the coming weeks. Are we ready to welcome them? Specifically, we want to ask you to do two things:

- Each Sunday, when you take your seat in the sanctuary, before settling in, please take a moment to warmly greet the people in the seats beside you, behind you, and in front of you. Nothing elaborate is necessary. You can just say, "Hello, how are you today?" and share your name.
- Let's all start wearing our name tags again! Wearing a name tag says, *"I'm approachable; I care to get to know you."* If you don't have a name tag, sign the list that appears at the name tag board. Your new name tag will appear the next Sunday in alphabetical order on the big board.

Remember, small gestures matter a lot. Your warm welcome could make all the difference in how someone feels about our church — and about the Jesus we follow!

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University will be offered at the church beginning October 2. **There will be preview sessions offered today and next Sunday after each service.** Join us in Room 4 (down the west hallway) immediately after service today. More details about the class are on the *Weekly News* insert. This course can radically change the way you look at money, generosity, and your finances.



2011 Navajo Nation Missions Service Team

Order of Service • September 18, 2011

Worship Theme: Telling Stories

Key Verse: Jesus told the crowd all these things in parables;
without a parable he told them nothing. *Matthew 13:34*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee, Indescribable, You Are God Alone*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: 1 John 3, selected verses

Anthem: *This Is the Stuff*, Eren Garard

Sermon: *Into Africa*, by Melody Merida

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *Let the Church Rise*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, it is so easy for me to forget that all my actions have consequences not just for me, but for all of humanity. Forgive me when I have only talked about love and failed to practice it. Make me more like Jesus, living sacrificially for others. 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 *The Lord's Prayer*.

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 18

- 9:30 am **Early Worship Service.**
10:45 am **Financial Peace University Class Preview**, Room 4. 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.
12:35 pm **Financial Peace University Class Preview**, Room 4. See page one for info.
12:45 pm **Board of Deacons**, Room 6.

Monday, September 19

- 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 20

- 6:30 pm **Missions Board Meeting**, Room 6.
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 **LifeJourney Press**, Room 4. Info: Lynne Kaminski, lynnekaminski@yahoo.com.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Wednesday, September 21

- 6:30 pm **Children's Choir**, sanctuary.
6:30 pm **[going deeper] Family Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.
7:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000.
7:00 pm **Couples' Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Doug Snow at douglasesnow@yahoo.com.

Thursday, September 22

- 6:30 pm **African American Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Tina Johnson-McCrackin at (317) 496-6557.

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 **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 23

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, September 24

- 10:30 am **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.
4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Sep 29 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! Details below.
Oct 8 **Indiana AIDS Walk.** More info available next week.
Oct 14-15 **Fall Family Retreat.**

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	172
Morning Service Attendance	218
Other Events Attendance	145
General Offering	\$6,282
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,410
General Offering Average <i>Goal</i>	\$9,554

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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 on **Thursday, September 29 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, Sept 29

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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.** The Oasis is now studying *Balancing Act*, digging into how to balance the many facets of our lives, including home, work, family, church, and all the rest.



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. Contact Tina Johnson-McCrackin for info: (317) 496-6557.

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.

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.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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'll gather in the social hall by the bookstore. The scramble will let us enjoy some golf and connect with others and maybe make a new friend. Contact Melissa for info: mmbruce59@hotmail.com or (317) 294-5225.

Indiana Youth Group Ministry Team

Remember how awkward and difficult growing up could be — especially if you were LGBTQ? Would you like to know how YOU can help our LGBTQ teens and young adults? **On October 2, after each service**, we will have an interest meeting on how you can lend a helping hand through the Indiana Youth Group (IYG).

IYG provides programs and services for LGBTQ youth, including a safe space to talk, share and be who they are.

Sha-Hanna Lewis, who has an extensive background as a volunteer coordinator and in community leadership, is our new IYG Ministry Team leader. LifeJourney Church has supported IYG for many years, but we can make an even bigger difference! IYG needs support in several areas: providing meals, support in the office, and youth mentors. There are also special projects, like the Prom and fundraisers.

If you'd like information about being part of this team (or if you are already helping IYG) please let Sha-Hanna know your interest by filling out the form below. You can contact her with questions: (shahanna_lewis@yahoo.com or (312) 420-3974. *Thanks!*

I'm interested in the IYG Ministry.

I'll be at the October 2 meeting.

I can't attend the meeting. Please contact me with info.

I'm interested in

mentoring providing food special projects.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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New weight management group

There are many people at LifeJourney Church who are on a path to health: eating better, losing or maintaining weight, or incorporating more activity into their lives. We are seeking someone who understands the journey, has had success, and has firsthand knowledge of the ups and downs of healthy weight loss.

If you're interested in helping lead a group that will support and encourage each other on this journey toward healthy living, please fill out the form below.

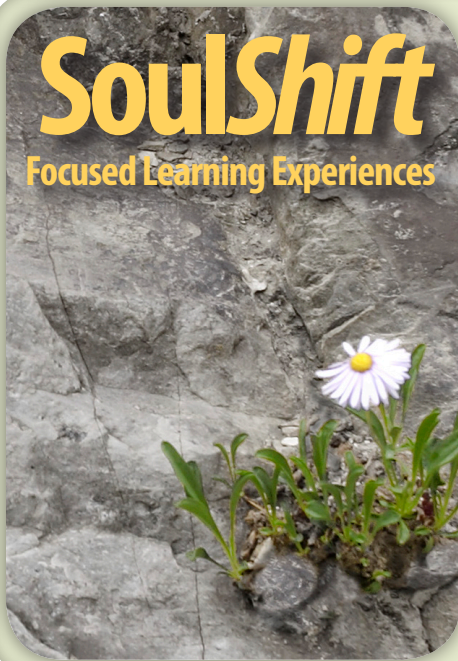
I'd like info about leading a weight management group.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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In the life and words of Jesus, we find strength, direction, and *invitation*. It's astounding — almost unbelievable — that the God of the universe, the Creator of all things, wants to be in relationship with *me*. Our *SoulShift* program was created to explore that invitation, so we can dig deep into Jesus' teachings and learn new ways to live.

It's so easy to get caught in the daily grind and never find time to nurture our souls. Jesus came to show us a better way. *SoulShift* courses will:

- Grow your knowledge of the Christian faith.

- Equip you to take charge of your own spiritual development.
- Help you establish a spiritual rhythm in life that will keep you on track.
- Introduce you to wonderful friendships with others who share your spiritual values.

SoulShift courses are offered every calendar quarter. These courses are open to anyone; church membership is *not* required.

If you're ready to take the next step spiritually, take a look at the *SoulShift* program!

Thriving in Christian Community: Discipleship 102

Thursdays at 7:00 pm beginning October 6, with class leaders Melody Merida and Donna Hays. Prerequisite: *Discipleship 101*. Eight weeks.

This course picks up where *Following Jesus: Discipleship 101* leaves off. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live together in spiritual community. When we walk this journey together, pooling our spiritual power while sharing, loving, creating, challenging, pushing (and even sometimes arguing) we have the best opportunity to grow our souls and to change the world.

Thriving in Christian Community: Discipleship 102 will give you the chance to think deeply about how spiritual community (i.e., church) is supposed to work and where your gifts and talents might best fit in. We will explore vital topics like spiritual gifts, the purpose of worship, building friendships, small groups, generosity, and conflict resolution.

Discover church the way it's supposed to be!

Exploring Spiritual Leadership

Thursdays at 7:00 pm beginning October 6, with class leader Jeff Miner. No prerequisites. Eight weeks.

Much of the wonderful work of LifeJourney Church is made possible by gifted volunteer leaders. Given the broad scope of our ministry endeavors, we are in constant need of additional gifted leaders. Volunteer leaders guide the work of our Ministry Teams, Oasis Groups, *SoulShift* Courses, and Administrative Boards.

If you feel you might be called to leadership at LifeJourney Church, or you are a current leader and want to sharpen your skills, this course is for you!

Topics include:

- Spiritual principles for effective leadership.
- The nuts and bolts of leadership in a church setting.
- Current leadership options at our church.

As part of this course, we will help you discern whether you are called to a leadership role and, if so, where and in what capacity. So please don't be bashful. If you have a hunch that God may want you to invest more of yourself in our church by serving as a volunteer leader, give this course a try! You won't feel fulfilled until you take steps to explore your sense of call!

Additional course information and a registration form is on the back page. ▶

Financial Peace University

Sundays at 1:00 pm beginning October 2, with class leader Brent Walsh. No prerequisites. Thirteen weeks.

This course can revolutionize the way you think about your finances, generosity, and money in general. You'll learn how to achieve financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving as never before. You will be challenged to make a plan for your money and change your financial habits forever. The cost of \$99 per person (which is set by the publisher, not the church) includes course materials, online resources, and a lifetime membership to FPU.

Join us on September 18 or 25 after any service for a course preview. Check the calendar for the room assignment.

Understanding the Bible Better

Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning October 17, with class leaders Keith Phillips and Vivian Wyatt. No prerequisites. Eight weeks.

Is the Bible *inspired*? Does the Bible have to be *inerrant* to be relevant? *Understanding the Bible Better* covers these questions along with many others. This course is a "big picture" look at the Bible, discussing topics like:

- how Jesus applied scripture,
- how the Bible came to exist in its current form,
- the pros and cons of different translations,
- Bible study aids,
- ways to interpret scripture, and
- the role of the Holy Spirit in both the Bible's creation and its interpretation.

Registration for Fall SoulShift Classes

SoulShift

- Thriving in Christian Community: Discipleship 102
- Exploring Spiritual Leadership
- Financial Peace University
- Understanding the Bible Better

Print name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For SoulShift Classes: I covenant to attend all sessions unless ill or out of town.

Signature: _____

All courses have a \$20 registration fee, except for *Financial Peace University*, which has a \$99 fee. A limited number of scholarships may be available.

Fees will be collected at the first class meeting. Do you need a scholarship for these fees? Yes No

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