

Who Stole Jesus? Update

This week, our first wave of "Who Stole Jesus?" billboards went up across the city.

- A total of **32 billboards** are going up. See the insert for details.
- Today we're launching an **8-week sermon series: *Reclaiming Jesus For Ordinary People***. Invite your friends, especially if they've felt alienated from institutional church! Sermon topics are at www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/news.
- **Yard signs, bumper magnets, and t-shirts** are available in the social hall. T-shirts are \$10 (cash or check). Other items are free.
- **To participate in the discussion**, go to www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc and choose the link for *Who Stole Jesus?*
- We'll post breaking news and links on our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch](https://www.facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch).

Please lift prayers this week as our campaign continues!

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University will be offered beginning October 2, and **we're offering preview sessions today**. Join us in Room 1 (just off the lobby) immediately after service. Details about the class are on the insert. This class can radically alter the way you look at money, generosity, and your finances.

Navajo Nation Service Trip. Please keep the Missions Service Team in your prayers this week, as they're serving with the Southwest Indian Foundation in Gallup, New Mexico.

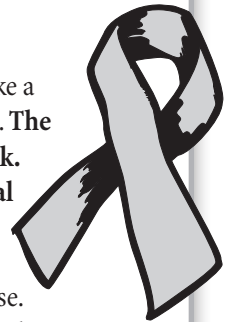
Join us for AIDS Walk 2011!

The AIDS Walk supports services and programs that help more than **10,000 Hoosiers** with HIV/AIDS.

We'll solicit pledges from family, friends, co-workers, and others to provide assistance with **shelter, utilities, food, medicine, and other daily living needs**.

Won't you sign up today to be part of the LifeJourney Team? Your participation can make a difference to many people right here in Indiana. **The walk is Saturday October 8 at University Park. Details and sign up are at a table in the social hall by the coat room.**

If you can't walk, you can still participate by gathering pledges or sponsoring someone else. If you'd like to make a **general team donation**, please see Gina Walker or email gmwalker0708@gmail.com.



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, 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, just a friendly "Hello" and share your name.
- **Wear a nametag.** That says, "I'm approachable; I care to get to know you." If you don't have a name tag, sign up by the nametag 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!

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.

Order of Service • September 25, 2011

Worship Theme: Reclaiming Jesus for Ordinary People

Key Verse: Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.
“Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” *Luke 10:25*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Stand Up And Give God the Praise*

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Like a River Glorious, Alive Forever Amen, Worthy*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Anthem: *Honored, Glorified, Exalted*, Sanctuary Choir

Sermon: *Rock My World*, by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *You Are Our God*

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I confess that my faith has often been too much in my head and too little in my heart. I want to know Jesus more deeply. I want to draw closer to him, loving as he loved, valuing what he valued, living as he lived. I want to

fully embrace those who are different. Help me in my weakness. 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 *God of This City*.

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 25

- 9:30 am **Early Worship Service.**
10:45 am **Financial Peace University Class Preview**, 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.
12:35 pm **Financial Peace University Class Preview**, Room 1. See page one for info.

Monday, September 26

- 7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Tuesday, September 27

- 7:00 pm **Interfaith Coalition on Nondiscrimination (ICON)**, Room 4. Info: Jeff Miner at (317) 722-0000.
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 **Square Dancing**, social hall. Info: Sandra Johnson at rjohnson1506@comcast.net.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

- 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.
7:00 pm **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**, Room 4. If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! Info on page one.

Friday, September 30

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Melissa Bruce at (317) 294-5225 or 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 or (317) 427-3728.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, October 1

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

Coming Soon

- Oct 2 **IYG Ministry Interest Meeting**. See page four for info.
Oct 8 **Indiana AIDS Walk**. See page one for info.
Oct 14-15 **Fall Family Retreat**.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	151
Morning Service Attendance	201
Other Events Attendance	180
General Offering	\$10,705
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,247
General Offering Average <i>Goal</i>	\$9,554



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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. IYG needs support in several areas: providing meals, support in the office, youth mentors, and special projects.

For info about this team (or if you are already helping IYG) please fill out the form below. You can contact team leader Sha-Hanna Lewis with questions: shahanna_lewis@yahoo.com or (312) 420-3974.

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 _____

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 social events for the singles of the church (*without dating intentions, and no need for Charo*) while keeping folks connected through Facebook. 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.

If you believe in the work of this Church, please consider becoming a regular giver. More than half our congregation now gives electronically. You can set up, change, or halt electronic giving at a moment's notice at www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate.

Oasis News

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

The **African American Oasis** is shaking up their schedule a bit: they meet **every other Thursday at 6:30 pm** in Room 4. **Our next meeting is October 6.** 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. Contact Tina Johnson-McCrackin for info: (317) 496-6557.

The **Couples' Oasis** returned 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.

Fellowship Galactica will be watching *The Matrix* this Friday, September 30. Join us for dinner and good conversation!

We've just finished the series *Firefly*, and our next series will be *Torchwood*. It's a contemporary science fiction/crime drama from the BBC. We'll begin *Torchwood* in October. Fellowship Galactica meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at David Wene and David Squire's home. Contact DavidWene@hotmail.com for info.

Jesus Seekers Oasis in Greenwood is moving to Thursday nights starting October 6. Join us on a new night as we continue our journey with the women of the Old Testament. All are welcome. See the calendar on page three for contact info.

Golf Scramble

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 **today** right after the 11:00 am service. We'll gather in the social hall by the bookstore. Contact Melissa for info: mmbruce59@hotmail.com or (317) 294-5225.

Ministry Opportunities

- **The Nursery Team** needs a few people for the 11:00 am service.
- **The Office Team** is looking for a receptionist/assistant for one weekday afternoon each week, probably on Tuesday.
- **The Ushers/Greeters** are in need of a few more team members for both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services.

Fill out the form for more info about any of these teams.

I'd like more info about:

- Nursery Team Office Team Ushers/Greeters

Name _____

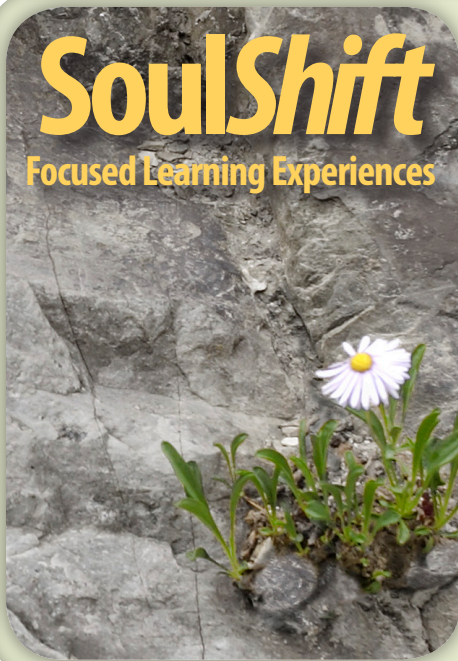
Phone _____

Email _____

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Tina Johnson-McCrackin



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.

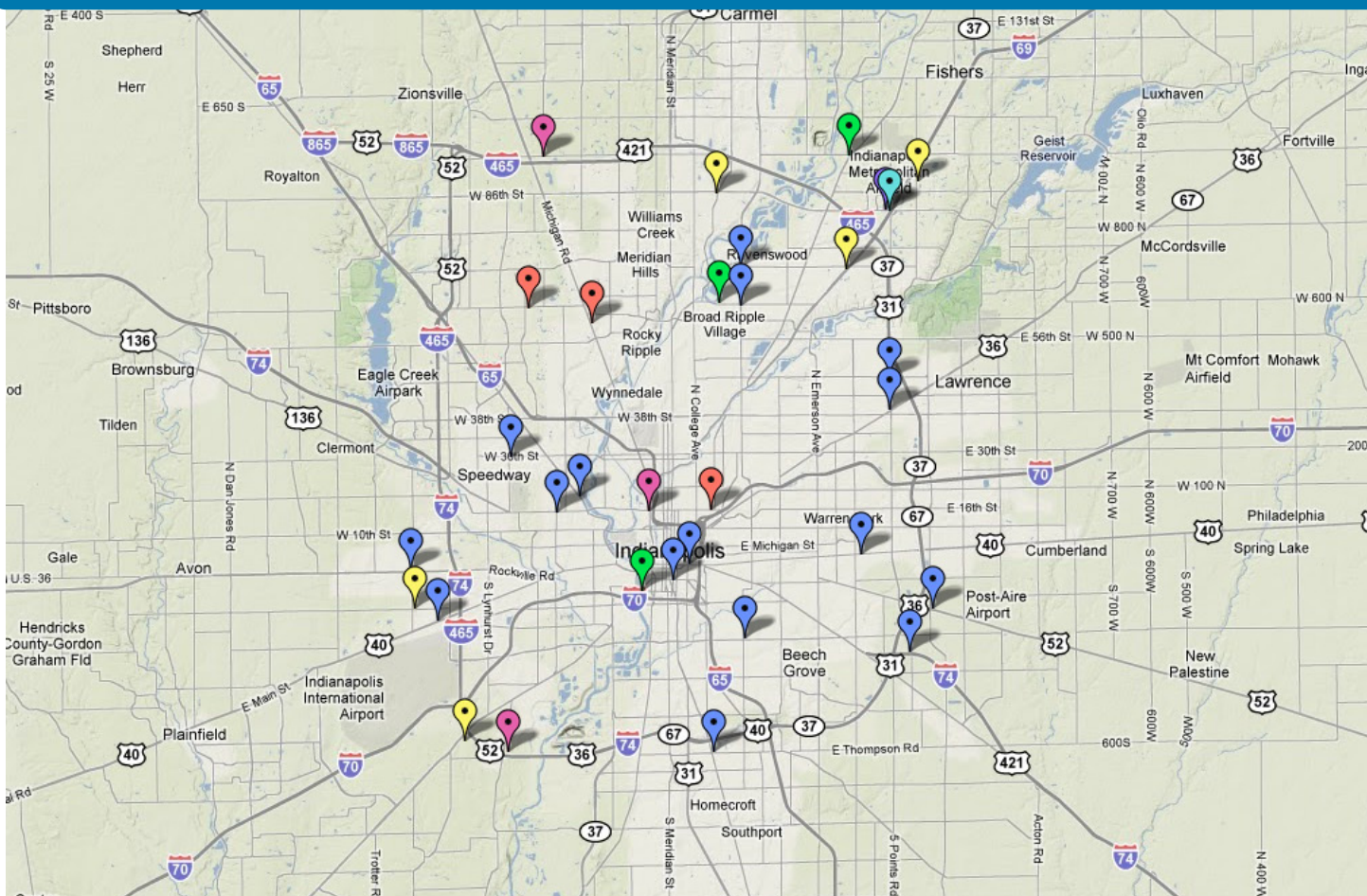
Signature: _____

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

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

Who Stole Jesus? Billboard Locations



To view this map online, go to <http://g.co/maps/e8yhx>

Dates indicate when the billboards go up; they remain up for 28 days. More info about **Who Stole Jesus?** at www.lifejourneychurch.cc

September 19

- North Keystone south of 62nd Street
- North Keystone south of 71st Street
- North Shadeland south of 46th Street
- Pendleton Pike east of Shadeland Avenue
- Brookville Road east of Franklin Road
- East Raymond Street east of Keystone Avenue
- Madison Avenue north of Thompson Road
- Washington Street at Catherwood Avenue
- I-74 east of I-465
- Washington Street east of Sigsbee Street
- Rockville Road west of Girls School Road
- 16th Street at Tibbs Avenue
- 30th Street east of Georgetown Road
- Lafayette Road at Cold Spring Road
- South Pennsylvania Street south of South Street
- East Street north of Washington Street

September 26

- East 16th Street east of Yandes Street
- West 62nd Street east of Guion Road
- Michigan Road north of 59th Street

October 3

- Hague Road north of 88th Street
- Westfield Boulevard south of 86th Street
- East 71st Street west of Binford Boulevard
- Girls School Road north of Morris Street
- Kentucky Avenue south of I-465

October 10

- Mann Road north of I-465
- West 96th Street west of Shelbourne Road
- West 16th Street west of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

October 17

- East 96th Street west of Allisonville Road
- East 62nd Street west of Primrose Avenue
- Kentucky Avenue south of West McCarty Street

October 24

- East 82nd Street east of Bash Road

October 31

- I-69 south of 82nd Street