

Who Stole Jesus? Update

By now 19 of our 32 "Who Stole Jesus?" billboards are up across the city. Five more will go up this week. Our goal is to spark discussion, to provide hope and a welcome to those who have been alienated from institutional church, and to encourage other churches to consider what kind of Jesus they're presenting.

- Billboard locations are on a flyer at the info kiosk, or go here: <http://g.co/maps/e8yhz>
- Last week we launched 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 and t-shirts** are available in the social hall. T-shirts are \$10 (cash or check). Bumper magnets have been reordered and should be available next Sunday.
- **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).

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

This course begins TODAY at 1:00 pm in Room 2, and there are a couple of spaces still available. Details about the class are on the insert. This class can radically improve your finances, and the way you look at money and generosity.

The Indiana Youth Group Ministry Team will hold an interest meeting after each service today in Room 4. More info on page four.

Welcome Home! Our Navajo Nation Missions Team returned yesterday from Gallup, New Mexico where they have been for a week, working with the Southwest Indian Foundation to build new homes for those who are in need. We'll have more info and some pictures from their trip soon.

Do you need a nametag? Sign up on the yellow pad by the nametag board in the lobby.

Join us for AIDS Walk 2011

The Walk is this Saturday, October 8!

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? Details and the sign up sheet are on a table by the coat room.

Your participation can make a difference to many people right here in Indiana. **The walk is Saturday October 8 at University Park.** The Wellness Fair, Food Court, and registration all open at 11:30 am. We'll gather at 12:15 pm for a team picture, and the walk steps off at 1:00 pm.

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.



Children's Worship: All preschoolers to fifth graders will take part in adult worship today and will be dismissed before the sermon for *Blast Off Worship* in Room 1. There is no check-in on *Blast Off* Sundays, the first Sunday of each month.

Welcome to LifeJourney Church!

*Married, divorced, or single here,
It's one family that mingles here.*

*Conservative or liberal here,
We've all gotta give a little here.*

*Big or small here, there's room for us all here.
Doubt or believe here, we all can receive here.*

*Gay, trans, or straight here,
there's no hate here.*

Woman or man here, everyone can here.

*Whatever your race here,
For all of us, grace here.*

Order of Service • October 2, 2011

Worship Theme: Reclaiming Jesus for Ordinary People

Key Verse: Jesus said [to the religious authorities], “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” *Matthew 21:31*

Our Approach To God

Prelude: *Able to Save*

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer: *Shout Your Fame, Holy, Holy, Holy, You Are My Shelter*

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Anthem: *On My Knees*, by Sabrina Allen

Sermon: *Who Gets In?* by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources: *I Give Myself Away*, by Jared Hancock

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, sometimes I have taken great pride in the content of my doctrinal beliefs, as if that matters most, when Jesus taught just the opposite. I have focused more on right doctrine than right action. Forgive me. May my faith run so deep it changes how I live. 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

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, October 2

- 9:30 am **Early Worship Service.**
10:45 pm **IYG Ministry Team Interest Meeting**, Room 4. See page four 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.
12:45 pm **IYG Ministry Team Interest Meeting**, Room 4. See page four for info.
1:00 pm **Financial Peace University**, Room 2. See page one for info.

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

- 7:00 pm **Board of Trustees**, Room 4.
7:00 pm **Clergy Training Board**, Room 6.
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, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

- 6:30 pm **African American Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Tina Johnson-McCrackin at (317) 679-1510.
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 **Jesus Seekers Oasis** meets at the home of Roger Brown. Info: See Chuck Levi or call Roger at (317) 446-5604. **Note the move to Thursdays!**
7:00 pm **Exploring Spiritual Leadership**, Room 8. See the insert to register.
7:00 pm **Thriving in Christian Community: Discipleship 102**, Room 6. See the insert to register.

Friday, October 7

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Melissa Bruce at (317) 294-5225 or mmbuce59@hotmail.com.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, October 8

- 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.
11:30 am **Indiana AIDS Walk** at University Park. See page one for info.
4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Oct 14-15 **Fall Family Retreat.**
Oct 26 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception.** If you're new to LifeJourney Church, this time is for you! More details and registration available closer to the date.
Nov 6 & 13 **Membership Classes will be offered.** More info and registration available closer to the date.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	153
Morning Service Attendance	204
Other Events Attendance	119
General Offering	\$9,863
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,379
General Offering Average <i>Goal</i>	\$9,554

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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.

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? **TODAY after each service** we will have an interest meeting in Room 4 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.

If you can't be at one of the meetings today, 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 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.

Oasis News

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

- The **African American Oasis** now meets **every other Thursday at 6:30 pm** in Room 4. Our next meeting is this Thursday, and we're studying *Balancing Act*, digging into how to balance the many parts of our lives, including home, work, family, church, and all the rest. Feel free to drop in, or contact Tina Johnson-McCrackin for info: (317) 496-6557.
- The **Couples' Oasis** has returned from their summer break and is meeting on the *first, third, and fifth* Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the church. We're meeting this week.
- **Fellowship Galactica** returns to our regular schedule (second and fourth Friday of each month) on October 14, when we begin watching and discussing *Torchwood*. It's a contemporary science fiction/crime drama from the BBC. Join us for dinner and good conversation! Fellowship Galactica meets 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.

Deacon of the Month: Norma Edwards

If you're looking for someone who is real, talk to our Deacon Norma Edwards.

She says she is "a good neighbor and a devoted friend, a voter, a teacher and a student, an advocate, a volunteer, a concerned citizen, a joyful gardener, a homebody, a keeper of secrets, and a hopeful chef. And I am a searching, questioning, loving, believing, grateful, child of God." She's available when you need a listening ear or a friend to pray with.



Ministry Opportunities

- **The Nursery Team** needs a few people for the 11:00 am service, *once a month* on the third or fourth Sunday.
- **The Office Team** is looking for a receptionist/assistant for one weekday afternoon each week, probably on Tuesday. The work includes answering the door and the phone, working with the staff on special projects, and a good deal of miscellaneous. Computer proficiency is useful but not required. Vivian Wyatt oversees the Office Team.
- **The Ushers/Greeters** are in need of a few more team members for both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services.
- **Are you an aspiring Jim Henson? (Or even Jeff Dunham?)** Ok, so we aren't really looking for Jeff Dunham, just someone who, like him, enjoys puppets. Our children's ministry has a wonderful puppetry workshop on many Sunday mornings and we're looking for a new puppeteer. Here's your chance to work with some real dummies!
- **Do you like to make people feel welcome?** The Hospitality Team is looking for a few folks to help prepare and serve snacks after Sunday services.

I'd like more info about:

Nursery Team Office Team Ushers/Greeters

Puppeteering Hospitality Team

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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