

**Every Sunday after services, Deacons are available** at the front of the sanctuary for any who would like to pray.

**Holy Communion** is available after the early worship service every Sunday in Room 2 (by the front doors).

### New Teen Life Group

Beginning **today during the 11:00 am service** the 9th through 12th graders will have their own place to talk, hang out, and share together. This group starts in the sanctuary for music and worship, and will be dismissed to their own room at the start of the sermon. They will then return for communion.

The leaders of this group are **Tiffany Soaper** and **Sha-Hanna Lewis**. Tiffany has a degree in Psychology and Human Services Counseling and an extensive background in working with youth.

Sha-Hanna has been a mentor and advocate at Indiana University and the University of Chicago Charter School, where she enjoyed helping youth overcome challenges in and out of the classroom.

### Tuesday is election day, so be sure to vote!

For the first time ever, a member of our church, Zach Adamson, is running for an at-large seat on the Indianapolis City-County Council. We are very proud of Zach, *but we cannot and do not endorse any candidates*. Read more about the views of all the at-large Council candidates and other contested positions:

- [indyjp.org/candidates/2011-candidates/](http://indyjp.org/candidates/2011-candidates/)
- [indyrepublicans.com/2011-candidates/](http://indyrepublicans.com/2011-candidates/)
- [marioncountymocrats.org/people/candidates](http://marioncountymocrats.org/people/candidates)

**Who Stole Jesus?** Bumper sticker magnets, T-shirts, and a few yard signs are available in the social hall.

### Weigh 2 Go: Your Weight Loss Support Group

Would you like to lose weight and live healthier? Would you like some support for this journey? **Next Sunday, after each worship service, there will be an interest meeting about such a support group.** We're seeking your input and sharing ideas about how this group can work for all of us.

Stacy Cook, a healthcare attorney who has lost 10 dress sizes and has kept it off for several years, will be facilitating this group. Stacy's journey began when she learned a poor diet as a youngster, and gained weight as an adult for all the usual reasons.

This group will be for anyone who is seeking to lose weight and be healthier, and who wants to support each other spiritually on our weight loss journey. It does not matter if you are trying to lose a lot

or a little, we will be here to support each other.

**I'm interested in the Weigh 2 Go support group.**

- I'll be at the November 13 interest meeting.  
 I can't be at the meeting, but I'm still interested.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### Thanksgiving Dinner at LifeJourney Church

**Our traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will happen on November 24 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please join us if your schedule allows! It'll be a great time with good food and church friends. You're welcome to bring board or card games.

The church will provide turkey and ham. Please bring a side dish or dessert to help complete the meal. We also need a few folks

who can help **coordinate, set up, and clean up after the meal.**

**If you plan to attend, please fill out the form** so we can plan appropriately.

**I want to be part of Thanksgiving Dinner:**

- I can help coordinate, set up, or clean up.  
 I'm attending and will bring a side dish or dessert.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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# Order of Service • November 6, 2011

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**Worship Theme:** Reclaiming Jesus for Ordinary People

**Key Verse:** You desire truth in the inward being. *Psalm 51:6*

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## Our Approach To God

**Prelude:** *This Is the Day*

**Call to Worship**

**Praise Songs and Prayer:** *We Lift Our Hands, Mighty God, I Will Rise*

**Connection Opportunities**

## God's Word To Us

**Scripture:** Luke 18:9-14

**Anthem:** *Festival Alleluia*, The LifeJourney Children's Choir

**Sermon:** *When a Bad Man Prays*, by Jeff Miner

**Offering our Gifts and Resources:** *All Glory*

## Our Communion With God

**Silent Confession**

**General Confession:** God, many times I've been afraid to meet You where I am, so I've run from You, or pretended to be something I'm not. Forgive me. Remind me of Your mercy. Remind me that authentic confession is the first step toward genuine spiritual living. 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 *How Great Thou Art*.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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, November 6

- 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.  
11:30 am **New Teen Life Group begins**, Room 5. Info on page one.  
12:30 pm **Membership Class 2 of 2**, Room 1. Lunch will be served at 12:30; class begins at 1:00 pm.  
12:30 pm **Young Adults Lunch Discussion**, Room 6. Info on page four.  
1:00 pm **Financial Peace University**, Room 2.  
2:00 pm **Animal Ministry Spay Day** from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Allisonville Animal Hospital. Info: Ronn Frizado at (317) 490-6325.

## Monday, November 7

- 7:00 pm **Understanding the Bible Better**, Room 1.  
7:30 pm **AA Meeting**, Room 2.

## Tuesday, November 8

- 7:00 pm **Board of Directors**, Room 4.  
7:00 pm **Square Dancing**, social hall. Info: Sandra Johnson at [rjohnson1506@comcast.net](mailto:rjohnson1506@comcast.net).  
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Tuesday Evening Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Jim Rednour at (765) 388-0256.

## Wednesday, November 9

- 7:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at [mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000 x 104.

## Thursday, November 10

- 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 6. Info: Larry Heavilon, [larryheavilon@hotmail.com](mailto:larryheavilon@hotmail.com) or (317) 523-4543.  
7:00 pm **Exploring Spiritual Leadership**, Room 1.  
7:00 pm **Instrumentalists Rehearsal**, sanctuary. Info: Mark Brown at [mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc) or (317) 722-0000 x 104.  
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] L<sup>3</sup>: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at [tommychittenden@gmail.com](mailto:tommychittenden@gmail.com) or (317) 966-0284.

## Friday, November 11

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Beulah Bragg, (317) 924-2488 or [mzbees@att.net](mailto:mzbees@att.net).  
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, November 12

- 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).  
4:00 pm **Praise Team Practice**, sanctuary.  
7:00 pm **Singles Trivia Night**, social hall. Details on page four.

## Coming Soon

Nov 24 **Thanksgiving Dinner**. See page one for info.

## Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	122
Morning Service Attendance	229
Friday Night Praise	75
Other Events Attendance	185
General Offering	\$8,715
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,451
General Offering Average <i>Goal</i>	\$9,554

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## 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.*

## Singles Social Event: Trivia Night

Donna Martin has taken the reins of the Singles Social Group: *"I am excited and grateful for this opportunity to lead the Singles Group. I first attended LifeJourney Church in June and I knew immediately it's where I belong. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and I'm confident we can put together a lot of fun activities for all to enjoy."*

Our next event is a **Trivia Night** at the church **this Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 pm**. Bring a snack and your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. There will be something for everyone and prizes will be awarded. Please RSVP with the form below.

I plan to attend the Trivia Night on Nov 12.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Attention Young Adults!

If you're 18 to 35, we want to hear from you! **Today at 12:30 pm** we will host a **lunch discussion** for young adults. We know there is much more we could do to widen our welcome, and **we need your brain power to make that happen**.

**Join us today in Room 6 after the 11:00 am service.** We'll evaluate what we're doing now and brainstorm what more we can do together!

## Artistic Talent Needed

The Children's Ministry is looking for someone with lots of artistic vision and talent to design a project display. If interested see Melody Merida or email [mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc).

## Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who has continued to bring in **food and toiletries for the Damien Center Food Pantry!** Recently a volunteer took **eight big bags of essentials** to the Pantry. They were especially grateful for the **canned meats and fruit, and for the toiletries and toilet paper**. Those items are the most in demand.

If you'd like to assist, leave your donations in the marked container in the storage room next to Room 2. Please direct questions to David Squire, [dsquire@lifejourneychurch.cc](mailto:dsquire@lifejourneychurch.cc).

## Animal Ministry meets this Saturday

The Animal Ministry gathers monthly (on the second Saturday, usually) to provide service to the Indianapolis Humane Society. They walk the dogs, do clean up and repair, and generally make themselves useful (aka, "a blessing") to the IHS.

You don't need to schedule a special time for orientation — you can work alongside the Animal Ministry members for "on the job" training.

The Humane Society is located at **7929 Michigan Road**,

## Quiet Room For Parents and Infants

We love babies! If you have a baby, you are welcome to either make use of our nursery or to keep your little one with you.

**If you keep your infant with you, all we ask is that you take them out of the sanctuary if they become noisy or restless.** We have a Quiet Room where you can watch the worship service without interruption. Just enter through the door marked "Quiet Room", to the left of the TV in the Social Hall.

## Deacon of the Month

In his own words, Mike Driskell is Pastor Jeff's "nemesis" in services, and as we know, the brunt of many of Jeff's jokes. He is also a founding member of our church, a former member of the Board of Directors and a Deacon since 2006.

Mike's desire is to be the old Deacon from one of Jeff's stories, who sat on the floor with the long-haired young college student to make the student feel welcome and not alone. It is this caring concern that makes Mike open and accessible. When you see him, bend his ear; he'll love it.



## Do you shop at Amazon.com?

If you shop on Amazon.com, go to [LifeJourneyChurch.cc](http://LifeJourneyChurch.cc) **first**. On our front page, near the bottom on the right, there's an "Amazon link." Click that, and you'll be taken to Amazon. We'll then receive a commission (about 6%) for your purchases. *This does **not** increase the price you pay—it just redirects a percentage of your payment to the church!* The commission is paid for almost everything on Amazon, including gift cards.

## Early Service Communion Update

Beginning next Sunday, Communion will be offered after the early service in **Room 4** instead of Room 2. Room 4 is down the west hallway.

on the northwest side of Indianapolis. You're welcome to just show up at **11:00 am this Saturday, November 12**, or contact Robin Herman for more information: [Robin@luckydogretreat.com](mailto:Robin@luckydogretreat.com).



Find your

# Oasis

What is Oasis? **These groups are the best way to make friends and connect to people in your church.**

- Oasis is NOT a Bible study, but they do use the Bible as a resource.
- Oasis is NOT an intensive educational class, but there is a lot of learning that takes place.
- Oasis is NOT a support group, but the support given there is without compare.

### Want to get connected?

- You can show up at any of the groups listed.
- You can contact the Oasis leader, who will help welcome you to the group.
- You can complete the form and Melody will contact you to help you decide which group is best for you.

### Find your Oasis today!

#### African-American Oasis

*Spiritual support by and for African-Americans.*

**When:** Every other Thursday at 6:30 pm at the church.

**Leader:** Tina Johnson-McCrackin, (317) 679-1510.

#### Close Encounters of the Heart

**When:** Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the church.

**Leader:** Larry Heavilon, larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317) 523-4543.

#### Couples Oasis

**When:** The first, third, and fifth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the church. **Leaders:** Doug Snow, douglasesnow@yahoo.com, and Tom Lerdal, thomaslerdal@yahoo.com.

#### Family Oasis—for parents and children

**When:** Every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the church.

**Leader:** Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 x 102.

#### Fellowship Galactica

*We share dinner together, and use episodes of Torchwood as a springboard for discussion.*

**When:** The second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. **Where:** David Wene and David Squire's home, 5055 East 67th Street, Indianapolis. **Leader:** David Wene, (317) 427-3728 or DavidWene@hotmail.com.

#### Friday Morning Oasis

**When:** Fridays at 9:00 am at the church.

**Leader:** Beulah Bragg, (317) 924-2488 or mzbees@att.net.

#### Jesus Seekers Oasis

**When:** Thursdays at 7:00 pm. **Where:** at a member's home on the south side of Indianapolis. **Leader:** Roger Brown, (317) 446-5604.

#### L<sup>3</sup>: Love Looks Like

*Love in action: Connecting learning with doing.*


**When:** Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the church.

**Leader:** Tommy Chittenden, (317) 966-0284 or tommychittenden@gmail.com.

#### Tuesday Evening Oasis

**When:** Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at the church.

**Leader:** Jim Rednour, (765) 388-0256.

 Groups with this tag host discussions based on Sunday's sermon.

**I'd like to discuss Oasis options with a staff member.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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