

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

Want to hear a sermon again?

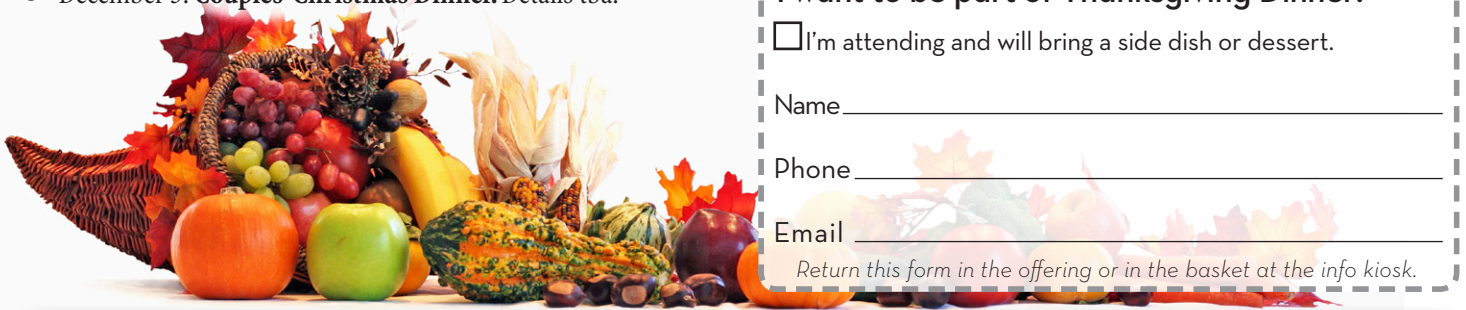
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Thanksgiving and Christmas at LifeJourney Church

- November 20: Our traditional Giving Tree will be ready next Sunday. We'll purchase gifts for the Indiana Youth Group and Dayspring Center.
- November 20: The Children's Ministry will explore the origins of Thanksgiving through stories, games, crafts, and, of course, food! Preschoolers through fifth graders are invited to the festivities during both morning services.
- November 24: Our traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner will happen from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. It'll be a great time with good food and church friends. The church will provide turkey and ham. Please bring a side dish or dessert to help complete the meal. If you plan to attend, please fill out the form so we can plan appropriately.
- December 3: Couples' Christmas Dinner. Details tba.
- December 8 and 9: Sing Joy! Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm. This event will be presented in concert style with a classic reading of the Christmas story.
- December 18: Birthday Party for Jesus! The Children's Ministry will hold a birthday party in Jesus' honor, complete with games, prizes, birthday cake, and a visit by Jesus himself.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Dinner at Jeff Miner and David Zier's home. This is not a pitch-in, and all are welcome.
- December 25: Christmas Remembrances. Join us on Christmas Sunday at our regular worship times for a one-hour service of carols, scriptures, and Holy Communion. We'll have you out in an hour for the rest of your busy day!



I want to be part of Thanksgiving Dinner:

I'm attending and will bring a side dish or dessert.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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.*

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

Early Service Communion Update

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

Weigh 2 Go Weight Loss Support Group

Would you like to lose weight and live healthier? Would you like some support for this journey? Today 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 the 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 on our weight loss journey. Whether you are trying to lose a lot or a little, we will be here to support each other. Join us today after the 9:30 am service in Room 4, or after the 11:00 am service in Room 1.

Order of Service • November 13, 2011

Worship Theme: Reclaiming Jesus for Ordinary People

Key Verse: Jesus said, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance.” *Luke 7:32*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer

Connection Opportunities

God’s Word To Us

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Anthem

Sermon: *Love Life!* by Jeff Miner

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I confess that too often I live with a spirit of gloom and doom. Help me to loosen up and celebrate the good things in life like Jesus did. Jesus, teach me to dance. Help people to see more of the light of life in me. 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

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, November 13

- 9:30 am **Early Worship Service.**
10:45 am **Weigh 2 Go Interest Meeting**, Room 4. Info on page one.
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 **Teen Life**, Room 5. Teens are released before the sermon.
12:45 pm **Art Exhibit Planning Meeting**, Room 6.
12:45 pm **Children's Ministry BlastOff! Team Meeting**, Room 4.
12:45 pm **Weigh 2 Go Interest Meeting**, Room 1. Info on page one.
1:00 pm **Financial Peace University**, Room 2.

Monday, November 14

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

Tuesday, November 15

- 6:30 pm **Missions Board**, Room 6.
7:00 pm **LifeJourney Press**, Room 4. Info: Lynne Kaminski, lynnekaminski@yahoo.com.
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, November 16

- 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 x 104.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] Couples' Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Doug Snow at douglasesnow@yahoo.com.

Thursday, November 17

Jesus Seekers Oasis will not meet today.

- 7:00 pm **[going deeper] Close Encounters of the Heart Oasis**, Room 6. Info: Larry Heavilon, 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 or (317) 722-0000 x 104.
7:00 pm **[going deeper] L³: Love Looks Like Oasis**, Room 2.
Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284.

Friday, November 18

- 9:00 am **[going deeper] Friday Morning Oasis**, Room 4. Info: Beulah Bragg, (317) 924-2488 or mzbees@att.net.
7:30 pm **Women's AA Meeting**, Room 2.

Saturday, November 19

- 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

- Nov 20 **Our traditional Giving Tree** will be ready. Info on page one.
Nov 24 **Thanksgiving Dinner**. See page one for info.
Dec 5 **Newcomer's Welcome Reception**. Info on page four.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	178
Morning Service Attendance	234
Other Events Attendance	184
General Offering	\$11,344
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,339
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554

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David Squire,
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Congratulations!

...to LifeJourney Church member **Zach Adamson**, who was elected to an at-large seat on the Indianapolis City-County Counsel. We're proud of you, Zach!

Nominating Committee Notice

At our Annual Congregational Meeting in February, we will elect three members of our Board of Directors. Those positions are currently held by Todd Cox, Sheryl Holko, and Tony Benner. Todd and Sheryl are willing to be considered for re-nomination. However, after 12 years on the Board serving as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Tony Benner has decided he's ready for a rest! **We honor and celebrate Tony's remarkable service!**

Pursuant to our Bylaws, the Board of Directors creates a Nominating Committee before each election to ensure that at least one qualified candidate is available for each position to be elected. This year's Nominating Committee will consist of Pastor Jeff, one Board member (Todd Cox), and two other Church Leaders.

The Nominating Committee will review the incumbents and any other individuals who express an interest, then prepare nominations. Because our Treasurer is retiring, we especially need candidates who have financial and accounting skills.

If you are interested in being considered, please fill out the form below. To stand for election to the Board of Directors, you must be a member of the Church for at least six months prior to the election.

I'd like to request an application.

Do you have financial/accounting skills? Yes No

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

What's Hot in the Bookstore

We have some great stuff in the church bookstore, including:

- A new CD from **Marcus Young: *The Collection*** for just \$8.
- A "basic" Bible. It's a hardback *New Revised Standard Version Bible* that sells for just \$12. This is in addition to all the other Bibles: *The Beginner's Bible* for young children, *The Hands-On Bible* for older kids, *The Youth Bible*, *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*, and *The Message*.
- *Made in God's Image*, a thoughtful introduction to gender diversity. Also: Justin Tani's *Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith*.
- Two powerful DVDs: *Inlaws and Outlaws* and *For the Bible Tells Me So*.

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.

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.

Do you shop at Amazon.com?

If you shop on Amazon.com, go to 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.

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 **Monday, December 5 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, December 5

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

If you believe in the ministry of LifeJourney Church, we would like to invite you to become a regular giver.

People who give on a *regular basis* — even small amounts — are the financial backbone of our Church. Their giving makes possible all the incredible work we do together.

How can I become a regular giver?

More than half of our offerings are now received electronically. Simply go to:

www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/donate

You set the amount you want to give and decide the frequency of your donations — weekly, biweekly, monthly. You can stop or change your giving immediately at any time at the same link.

What if I don't want to use electronic giving?

You're also welcome to place checks or cash in the offering on Sundays. Some who give this way like to use offering envelopes, which are optional. You can pick up a box of envelopes at the table by the info kiosk in the social hall.



Why is regular giving so important?

- You get the blessing of knowing that you're changing lives through the work of this church.
- Generosity is a basic spiritual virtue; practicing generosity grows our souls.
- Regular givers have the most impact. Someone who gives a small amount on a predictable schedule has far more impact than someone who gives even larger amounts at unpredictable intervals. Regular giving allows the church to plan ministry endeavors with confidence, knowing the money will be there.
- Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38.
- Donations are tax deductible; tax receipts are distributed at year end.

