

We will pray with you... Deacons are available for individual prayer or blessing after the 11 am service at the front of the Sanctuary. Want to see a sermon again? LifeJourneyChurch.cc/Listen Connect on Social Media: Facebook.com/LifeJourneyChurch Twitter.com/LifeJourneyCC

## the Weekly News • November 16, 2014

#### We Swept Past Our Goal!

Three weeks ago, we launched our Annual Stewardship Drive with the goal of increasing average weekly giving by \$900, so as to close our budget gap and allow a little wiggle room for future ministry expansion. Wow! What an incredible response!

A total of 65 people participated in the drive – 28 brand new regular givers and 37 existing givers who are increasing their giving. Some of those pledges have already begun, while others will start December 1 or January 1. Once all pledges are phased in, average weekly giving should increase by \$1,026! That means we exceeded our goal by \$126 per week!

These extra amounts will help us restore our emergency reserves, which were depleted by the recent budget gap. Once emergency reserves are restored, the extra amounts will fund wonderful ministry expansion.

**Our deepest thanks to all!** If you would still like to join in the fun, a few response forms still remain at the Info Desk.



Stewardship Drive Results!

## HELLO... I AM

Are you new to LifeJourney within the past six months (or even today)? If so, you're invited to a casual reception in your honor (snacks included) **Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm.** 

We'll get acquainted and answer questions you may have, like, "Is this church the right place for me? How do I fit in and make friends? What resources are available?"

**RSVP through the response form in today's bulletin**. Questions may be directed to: Info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc or call the church office at (317)722-0000. See you there!



#### **Snow Angels?**

When it snows on Saturday, our staff often find themselves scrambbling early on Sunday mornings to clear sidewalks, even as they're also trying to get ready for worship. We could really use a few volunteers who are willing to be on call for those occasional weekend snows. Here's how it would work.

If it snows on a Saturday, we would call you to see if you could show up around 7:30 am on Sunday morning to clear the sidewalks with our snow blower, shovels, and salt. The task usually takes two people 30 minutes. You would only clear the sidewalks. A plow clears our parking lot. If you can be on call, please fill out the response form be,low. Thanks!

#### In Loving Memory...

Joe Hardesty, a beloved member of our congregation, passed away Wednesday morning after a long illness. His memorial service will be at the church this Saturday, November 22 at 11:00 am.

#### Respond and get more info about these articles:

- Newcomers Welcome Thanksgiving Dinner
- ☐ Youth Progressive Dinner

Snow Angels Temple Keeper Ministry

Name

Phone

Email -

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

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## Order of Service

Worship Theme: The Genius of the Early Christians

**Key Verse:** "They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city." *Acts 14:19*.

#### Our Approach To God

Call To Worship:	Psalm 150	
Special Music:	In The Sanctuary	
	One Voice & LifeJourney Band	
Connection Moment	Ł	
Song:	Our God	
Song:	Still	
Prayer		
Special Music:	Just As I am	
	One Voice & LifeJourney Band with poet, Noell Allen	

#### God's Word To Us

Scripture:	Acts 14:8-20, selected verses		
Sermon:	Get On Up!		
	Rev. Jeff Miner		

**Offering our Gifts and Resources** 

#### Our Communion With God • 11:00 am service

#### Sending Song Benediction

#### Postlude

Notes		

**Webcast Reminder:** The morning services are recorded for our webcast; crowd shots are included. To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the center section

of seating. If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the left section.



#### Our Communion With God • 11:00 am service

#### **Silent Confession**

**General Confession:** God, when life hands me a bitter defeat, too often I act as if, "This wasn't supposed to happen!" and yield to despair. Forgive me. Help me to embrace the actual truth Jesus came to reveal - that every death experience presents a resurrection opportunity. Remind me that every time life knocks me down, you give me the power to "get on up." 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.

Ushers will release rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a prayer. After receiving the elements, 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.

#### **Decision Form:**

If you feel moved to respond in a tangible way	lf you fe	eel moved	to respond	in a tangible	way.
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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: \_

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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.

l would	like to	schedule	a time	to talk.

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Place this form in the basket at the info kiosk.



#### About this Calendar

**Online Calendar** – LifeJourneyChurch.cc/Calendar **Events are open to all** – rare exceptions will be noted. **Questions?** Inquire at the info kiosk, see any staff member, or email Info@LifeJourneyChurch.cc.

#### Sunday, November 16

#### 9:30 am Early Worship Service.

9:30 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4).

#### 11:00 am Morning Worship Service.

11:00 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4).

11:30 am The Bridge 2.0 (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5).

- 11:30 pm **Teen Life** (9-12 grade), The Loft (Rm 10). Youth are released from the Sanctuary before the sermon.
- 1:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting, Room 7.

#### Monday, November 17

 7:00 pm Northeast Oasis meets at the home of Burns Gutzwiler & Nathan Tuttle, 207 W. Staat St., Fortville. Info: Linda Bernabie at (419)297-7576 or Ibernabie@hotmail.com
 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 9.

#### Tuesday, November 18

- 7:00 pm LifeJourney Press Meeting, Room 7.
- 7:00 pm Missions Board, Room 6.
- 7:00 pm **Southwest Oasis** meets at the home of Kim Dixon & Kay Champion, 6561 E.Walton Dr. North, Camby. Info: Randy King at reckking@aol.com
- 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Oasis,** Room 9. Info: Jim Rednour at (765)388-0256 or jrednour@hotmail.com
- 7:00 pm **Westside Oasis** meets at the home of Jackie Harris, 4465 Cloverlake Dr., Indianapolis for a special Thanksgiving Dinner.

Info: Pastor David at PastorDavid@LifeJourneyChurch.cc or Bambi Alridge at musiqstorm42@yahoo.com

#### Wednesday, November 19

6:30 pm **Family Oasis,** Room 6. Info: Melody Merida at (317)722-0000 x102 or PastorMelody@ LifeJourneyChurch.cc

- 6:30 pm **LJC Kids! Oasis,** Room 2. Info: Melody Merida at (317)722-0000 x102 or PastorMelody@ LifeJourneyChurch.cc
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice, Worship Arts Room.
- 7:00 pm **Eastside Oasis** meets at the home of Monica Law, 1440 N. Edmundson Ave., Indianapolis. Info: Vivian Wyatt at (317)722-0000 x106 or Pastor Vivian@ LifeJourneyChurch.cc
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Oasis, Room 7.
   Info: Graham Melendez at grahammelendez06@gmail.com or Samantha Hasty-Zander at samjzander@gmail.com
   7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary.

#### Thursday, November 20

- 7:00 pm Christian Theology Series, Room 7.
- 7:00 pm **Discipleship 102 (Registration Required)**, Room 6.
- 7:00 pm Instrumentalist Rehearsal, Sanctuary.
- 7:00 pm Northside Oasis meets at the home of Jody Bracken, 11249 Woodcreek Drive, Carmel. Info: Jeff Miner at (317)722-0000 x103 or

PastorJeff@LifeJourneyChurch.cc

7:00 pm Northwest Oasis meets at the home of Robert Ferguson, 3637 Catalpa Ave, Indianapolis. Info: Robert Ferguson at rob1ferg@yahoo.com or Genese Parker at gp4justice@gmail.com

- 7:00 pm **Garfield Park Oasis** meets at the home of Tex Green & Jerry Dowell, 615 E. Southern Ave., Indianapolis. Info: Jared Hancock at hancockjsh@yahoo.com.
- 7:00 pm **Greenwood Oasis** meets at the home of Virgene & Tina Cline, 1049 Springwater Circle, Greenwood. Info: Norma Edwards at normaedwards1976@gmail.com, or Cynthia Hudson at kindns1234@gmail.com
- 7:00 pm **Thursday Evening Oasis,** Room 9. Info: Larry Heavilon at larryheavilon@hotmail.com or (317)523-4543
- Friday, November 21

6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6.

#### Saturday, November 22

8:00 am Homeless Ministry serves Dayspring Center.

- 9:00 am **Discipleship 102 Retreat,** Rooms 6,7,9.
- 11:00 am Joe Hardesty Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm Indy Boyz & Girlz (Open Meeting), Room 6.
- 6:00 pm Youth Progressive Dinner.

#### Exceptions...

Nov. 18 Westside Oasis meets for Thanksgiving Dinner.

#### Coming Soon...

- Nov. 23 New Member Sunday & "Friendsgiving"
- Nov. 25 Newcomers Welcome Reception
- Nov. 27 LJC Thanksgiving Dinner

#### Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	160	
Morning Service Attendance	242	
Oasis Attendance	128	
General Offering: Last Week	\$ 10,659	
General Offering: Three-Month Average	\$9,231	
General Offering: Average Goal	\$9,503	



#### We invite you to become a regular giver.

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## Choose YOUR Perfect Oasis Oasis is the best way to connect and make friends at church—small groups that meet regularly for friendship, support, study, and prayer.



**Today!** 

**Monday** Northeast Oasis

### Tuesday

Southwest Oasis Tuesday Evening Oasis Westside Oasis

#### Wednesday Eastside Oasis Family Oasis LJC Kids! Oasis Young Adult Oasis

Thursday

Northside Oasis Northwest Oasis Garfield Park Oasis Greenwood Oasis Thursday Evening Oasis

## 2014 Holiday Planner

**Giving Tree Begins** 

The Giving Tree is up and filled with gift needs for Dayspring Center and Indiana Youth Group.

#### Nov. 23 "Friendsgiving" Dinner & Games

Sunday Fun-Day of Games moves to the 23rd for a special potluck and afternoon of games.

#### Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Dinner

This annual Thanksgiving Dinner is held at LifeJourney Church and open to everyone. Please RSVP and bring a dish or dessert to share.

#### Dec. 14 Birthday Party for Jesus

A party just for LJC Kids! Games, treats, gifts, and a visit from Santa as they celebrate Jesus' birth.

#### Dec. 21 Christmas Program

During both Sunday services, the Life Journey Church Music Ministry will present a bold expression of praise and celebration as we take a truly unique Bethlehem journey together.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service Evening candlelight service at 7:00 pm.

#### Dec. 25 Christmas Open House

The tradition continues... Pastors David & Jeff invite everyone to their home for this annual dinner, and fellowship.



According to Thom Rainer, CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, two of the TOP

10 ways churches drive away first-time guests are:

- Unsafe and <u>Unclean</u> Children's Area
- <u>Dirty</u> Facilities

Can you believe it... How a church building looks *really* matters! It's for this reason the LifeJourney Church *Temple* 

Keeper Ministry is such an integral part the weekly duties to prepare for Sunday services.

Currently, we need a few extra helping hands. (Don't worry, you won't be on your hands and knees mopping like Cinderella, nor taking a toothbrush to the rim of the toilet.) Volunteers participate once per month in light cleaning. Please, use the response form on the front page to let us know you are willing to do your part to make sure visitors have a positive experience LifeJourney Church.

# Progressive Dinner

Old school folks might remember the days of progressive dinners-the meal that involves a group moving from place to place eating a different course.

Well, the junior high and high school kids of LJC are about to kick it old school with their very own progressive dinner—fast food style! This Saturday, November 22 at 6:00 pm, the youth will set off from the church and travel to four fast food locations in the city where they will partake of various food items at each stop. The cost for each kid is \$10 and includes transportation to the locations. To reserve your spot today, complete the RSVP form on the front page of today's bulletin.

#### PS... Got a passenger van the church can use?

We are looking for a vehicle that can transport large numbers of people for one night. If you have access to such a vehicle please contact PastorMelody@LifeJourneyChurch.cc