

Christmas at LifeJourney Church

The Giving Tree

Our traditional Giving Tree items are available by the tree in the social hall today.

We're purchasing gifts for **Indiana Youth Group**, a safe haven for LGBT teens and young adults, and **Dayspring Center**, our ministry partner that assists homeless families. Complete instructions and due dates are on the gift tags. *Questions?* Contact David Squire, dsquire@lifejourneychurch.cc.

Couples' Oasis Christmas Party

December 3: Dinner at Chili Verde (www.chileverdeindy.com), followed by dessert and a white elephant gift swap at Paul Hancock and Richard Morse's home.

To RSVP or for more information contact Doug Snow at douglasesnow@yahoo.com or (317) 755-1469.

An Advent Meditation Resource

Beginning Monday, we're offering four weeks of Advent meditations via *Be Still and Know*: LifeJourneyChurch.cc/bestill.

Be Still and Know is our very own devotional resource, written by members and friends of LifeJourney Church. You can read each day's entry on the website, or subscribe by email.

LifeJourney Press Sale

Just in time for Christmas gift-giving!

- All versions of *The Children Are Free* (English, Spanish, and audiobook) are just \$10.
- *Quench! refreshing devotionals by gay, trans, and affirming Christians* is \$12.
- *To Have and to Hold* CD resource for couples is just \$25.

See the display in the social hall today, or shop at www.LifeJourneyPress.cc.



Sing Joy! Christmas Concert

December 8 and 9 at 7:00 pm. Join us for a casual, cozy, contemporary Christmas concert, with a classic reading of the Christmas story.

Concert participants include the Children's Choir, the Gospel Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, the Instrumental Ensemble and guest Charlie Morgan of the local band *Hyryder*.

Birthday Party for Jesus!

December 18. The Children's Ministry will hold a birthday party in Jesus' honor, complete with games, prizes, birthday cake, and a visit by Jesus himself.

Christmas Eve Open House

December 24: Christmas Eve Open House at Jeff Miner and David Zier's home. Drop in any time from 1:00 to 7:00 pm for Christmas dinner and a relaxed time with church friends. This is *not* a pitch-in, and all are welcome. Their address is 10838 Midnight Drive, 46239.

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!



Order of Service • November 27, 2011

Worship Theme: Expectant Waiting

Key Verse: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord. Be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord! *Psalm 27:13-14*

Our Approach To God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise Songs and Prayer

Connection Opportunities

God's Word To Us

Scripture: Luke 2:22-33, 36-38

Anthem

Sermon: *Waiting*, by Vivian Wyatt

Offering our Gifts and Resources

Our Communion With God

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I confess that often I have not waited well. When times are hard, I have sometimes given in to despair, instead of waiting with confidence. Forgive me. In times of trouble, help me to wait expectantly for Your presence to be revealed. 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 our closing song.

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 27

Teen Life will not meet today.

- 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.
- 1:00 pm Financial Peace University, Room 2.

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

- 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 30

- 6:30 pm Children's Choir, sanctuary. Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 × 102.
- 6:30 pm **[going deeper]** Family Oasis, Room 2. Info: Melody Merida, mmerida@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 × 102.
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Room 1. Info: Mark Brown at mbrown@lifejourneychurch.cc or (317) 722-0000 × 104.
- 7:00 pm **[going deeper]** Couples' Oasis, Room 6. Info: Doug Snow at douglasesnow@yahoo.com.

Thursday, December 1

- 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 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 × 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]** L3: Love Looks Like Oasis, Room 2. Info: Tommy Chittenden at tommychittenden@gmail.com or (317) 966-0284.

Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 3

- Dec 3 Couples' Dinner. See page one for info.
- 10:30 am Praise Team Practice, sanctuary.

Coming Soon

- Dec 5 Newcomer's Welcome Reception. Info on page four.
- Dec 8 & 9 Sing Joy! Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm. Info on page one.
- Dec 18 Children's Ministry Birthday Party for Jesus! Info on page one.
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Dinner at Jeff Miner and David Zier's home. Info on page one.
- Dec 25 Christmas Remembrances. Regular worship times for Christmas day; a one-hour service of carols, scriptures, and Holy Communion.

Last Week's Numbers

Early Service Attendance	169
Morning Service Attendance	223
Other Events Attendance	98
General Offering	\$11,637
General Offering: Three Month Average	\$9,356
General Offering Average Goal	\$9,554



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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.

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

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 Tanis' *Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith*.
- Two powerful DVDs: *Inlaws and Outlaws* and *For the Bible Tells Me So*.

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.

Free HIV Tests

Planned Parenthood of Indiana will recognize World AIDS Day (December 1) by offering free HIV tests at 19 of its health centers from December 1 through December 8. Center locations can be found here: www.ppin.org/healthcenters/locations.html.

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.

Creation Care Letters

How we treat the world and the other people in it has a direct impact on the world as a whole.

That message was a key lesson learned during our last quarter of workshop rotations in the children's ministry. As a part of that lesson the kids wrote letters to the congregation about ways they felt we could be more environmentally conscious as a church community.

See what the kids had to say about what we can do together to make a difference for God's beautiful creation!

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 2. Reuse bottles
 3. Reduce things when your not ~~using~~ it.
 4. use glass cups not styrofoam
 5. ~~Plant~~ as you take.
 6. Recycle plastic
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 4th & 5th grade group

We believe the church could reduce, reuse, recycle by doing the following

- pick up trash
- reuse cups
- coupons
- use glass cups
- recycle plastic bottles
- donate clothing
- turn off power when you are not using it.

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