



KEEPING YOU Informed

Sunday, February 5	All Church Pitch-In <i>(more information to follow)</i>
Saturday, February 19	Church Board Retreat
Monday, February 20	Church Office Closed <i>(President's Day holiday)</i>
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner 5:30 Worship Service 6:30

Sunday Family Funday

Family Funday is our monthly opportunity to gather with our church family for fellowship, food, and fun. On the last Sunday of every month, we meet after church for lunch.

All are invited and welcome!

Sunday, January 29, 2023
11:30am—1:30pm
Noble Roman's
7201 W. 10th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46214

Operating Fund: The most common form of giving comes to the church via tithes and offerings. These gifts support the work and ministry of the church on a daily basis.

Time and Talent: This section is the time and talent investment. Not everyone is in a place to tithe money, but still want to contribute to God's work. This is that section to get involved. To be clear you can always give financially AND with time and talents! You don't have to just pick one.

Capital Fund: This fund supports major repairs and improvements to the church building and property

Perpetual Endowment Fund: Gifts remain in this fund permanently, forming a stable long term funding base. Gifts are invested and only the earnings and interest income are distributed upon request and approved by the trustees.

My Investment to Church

This pledge card represents my financial intention for 2023. By investing in SCC, I know this will support our church and God's calling to support our missions and ministry. My tithe will also go to help the church run day to day supporting all SCC ministries & committees to do God's Work

My/Our Financial Investment:

Operating Fund \$ _____
Week / month / year
(Circle one)

Capital Fund \$ _____
Week / month / year
(Circle one)

Perpetual Endowment Fund \$ _____
Week / month / year
(Circle one)

My/Our Time and Talent Investment:
(check all that interests you)

- Call me for volunteer work
- Call me to join a ministry or committee
- Call me to _____

I would like to take my journey to generosity by

- Race Car
- Horse
- Mini Van
- Spaceship

Don't forget to fill out back



Something Fun!: Be sure to select an option to hop on the road to generosity. We want to get as many cards returned as possible and this is a way to show our progress!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2023! I pray this will be a year full of abundance and blessings for you and for the church as we continue the journey together. Speaking of being on a journey, January 6th each year always marks Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates and acknowledges the day that the star appeared to the Magi, guiding them to the Christ Child. I have long been fascinated about some of the customs that are upheld on this day. For my family, we often begin the process of taking down our Christmas decorations on or after the 6th. I will also turn off the dusk to dawn timer on the lights that we have outside. Other customs on or around this day include things like Epiphany singing, chalking the door, having one's house blessed, consuming a Three Kings Cake, winter swimming... and others even head into church to worship!



Another custom that has been fun to watch grow in popularity over the years is the practice of picking out a *Star Word*. Now, as much as I would like to tie this into my favorite film franchise *Star Wars*, it actually does not have anything to do with a galaxy far, far, away. But, it does have everything to do with picking a word among a wide variety of words, often blindly, in hopes that that word would come to define your journey through the year just like the star defined the journey of the Magi all those years ago.

Here are some examples of a *Star Words*.

Ability, abundance, anticipation, boldness, breath, celebrate, cheerfulness, commitment, faith, joy, offering, ready, testimony, build, healing, inspiration, combine, discipleship, expand, persevere, shine, wonder, yes, support, transformation, unity

There are all sorts of words that could be a possibility. The above list was referenced by Revgalblogpals.org, but there are tons of options out there.

Perhaps this is the year you try a new custom at home or with those you love. Maybe you pick out a word that will help define your journey. Maybe you will leave those Christmas decorations out a little bit longer. Maybe you will even try your hand at chalking the door, or finding another way to bless your home during this new year.

One of the things that I continue to look forward to on Thursday evenings and twice on Sunday morning, is to come together and offer our worship and praises to God. Year after year, I am thankful for the opportunity to get to do just that. 2023 will be no different. God's abundant blessings be with each of you as the journey begins.

Shalom,
Rev. Kyle

Retreat

The Indiana region is hosting a Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Bedford for ALL of our youth in Indiana, grades 8-12, on Friday, February 17 - Sunday, February 19. This will be like a weekend of church camp or youth group. You can find more information and the registration form at



www.indianadisciples.org. Scroll down the home page until you see "Upcoming Events." The retreat is the first one listed. Please let me know after you register so I know how many are going.

We will meet at 5:30 PM Friday evening and return at 1:30 PM Sunday afternoon. The fee is \$50 (includes registration fee and two meals: one on the way there and another on the way back).

We will need help with transportation to and from camp. More information about that later.

For questions, please contact Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

Valentine Youth Fundraiser

- ◆ Spaghetti Dinner
- ◆ Friday, February 10 @ 6:00pm
- ◆ ALL welcome and invited

Our youth group will be hosting a Valentine's Day fundraiser and everyone is invited! The youth will be serving a spaghetti dinner, followed by "The Newlywed Game." A free-will offering will be taken, with a suggested donation of \$15 for adults, \$5 for children (5th grade and younger), and \$25 for couples.



Please RSVP to the church office or to Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. This is going to be a fun night with lots of laughs and opportunities to help our wonderful, lively youth group as we raise money for our mission trip this summer.

Please join us!

Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
6:30pm

2023 Church Calendar

Please make sure the church office is notified of the dates and times for your event, meeting, etc. This will ensure that the office has an updated church calendar for the year. **We need to hear from all groups (old and new) confirming dates and times.**

Retirement Announcement

What? Who is retiring? Have you ever noticed the beautiful and creative displays in the wooden case just inside the triple doors at the front of the church? Behind all these works of art were Jerry and Ann Oliver! Over a decade ago, the couple saw an opportunity to turn the never-changing welcome display into a transforming work of art as another way to greet people coming inside Speedway Christian Church. As a retired art teacher, Ann's ideas and visions were the perfect fit to make this welcome display case come to life each season. Every spring, summer, fall, and winter, Ann and Jerry would come in together and create something new and dynamic.



When asked what her favorite season was to create, she said she couldn't really pick. Each one was special and had certain aspects she loved to exhibit. She did comment, though, that summer was easily her least favorite because "there isn't much to work with!" Ann loved to work with this particular display case so much because of the three-dimensional designs she could assemble. This medium provided a variety of angles from which to appreciate her creativity.

Jerry was Ann's favorite assistant. He helped carry in the props and set up the ladders. He knew just what tool Ann needed next, and he even had some compelling input on the designs. When he passed away, Ann decided to keep doing the displays. She commented, "Doing the displays always kept my creative juices flowing."

The Olivers said, "Here I am Lord!", and they shared their amazing God-given gifts with Speedway Christian Church. Who knew it would be a passion for ten years? We have been so lucky to watch every season change into fun, vibrant portraits capturing the time of year. As she passes on the torch, she is excited to see what someone else's vision will create in the welcome display case.

Ann, we can't thank you and Jerry enough for seeing the opportunity to adorn SCC and continuing to do it for so many years. You have brought so much joy to us all, especially the Opportunity Day kids who pass by on their way to play in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for hearing God's call and responding with marvelous creations again and again! You have blessed us, and we are so thankful for you and Jerry.

~ Heather Dietzer, Moderator

Please keep in Prayer

Betsy Enerson
Barb Golden
Bob Alexander (Art Vermillion's brother –in-law)
Heather Smith
(Doug & Sandy Hostrawser's daughter)
Stella Cook (Sandy Feely's mother)



Our Sympathy and Prayers

To the family and friends of **Verdell Baker**, who passed away on December 23, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Whitney Knoy**, who passed away on December 25, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Judy McKinney**, who passed away on January 11, 2023.

Dear Church Family,

Don and I appreciate all the phone calls, cards, visits and the sharing from the Women of Rebekah. Each of these acts of kindness help us to stay in touch with you and the church and we are most grateful.

Blessings, Don & Martha Bosma

As a Reminder...Your Help Is Needed

If you are the last to leave a gathering, meeting, etc., please remember to make sure:

- *All exterior church doors are secured.*
- All interior lights are turned off.

Stewardship/Finance December 2022

December 2022 Funds Received	\$ 51,417
December 2022 Expenses	\$ 36,407
December 2022 <i>Income greater than exp.</i>	\$ 15,010

2022 Year to Date (January—December)

2022 YTD Funds Received:	\$ 402,698
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$ 421,940
2022 YTD <i>Expenses greater than income</i>	\$ (19,242)

Speedway Christian Church
5110 West 14th Street
Speedway, Indiana 46224

Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals for Joyful Ringers and Chancel choir resume on Thursday, January 12 for the spring. The bell choir meets at 6:30pm and the Chancel choir at 7:30pm. January is a great time to join the choir if you have any interest in singing or ringing. If you are only interested in making a short-term commitment through the season of Lent, we will start rehearsing Lent and Easter music at the end of January. Please email me if you have any questions. We would love to welcome new members this year! ~ Travis Whaley



2022 Giving Statements

2022 Annual Giving Statements are available to be picked up in the Hall of Light through Sunday, January 22, and also during the week in the church office. Please help the church save on postage cost by picking up your statement. Thank you for your continued support of our church.



The Storehouse Food Pantry

The Storehouse food pantry, managed by Speedway Christian Church and others, served 106 families on the final Wednesday night distribution of 2022. That night, 21 volunteers helped feed 562 individual family members.

During the tough economic times of 2022, with higher prices for food and scarcity of certain food items, the numbers of people served steadily grew throughout the year. A Saturday distribution last January served 85 families representing 412 individuals. By December, a Saturday distribution served 194 families, representing 841 individuals – more than twice as many. Over the entire year, the Storehouse served 2,303 families representing 10,376 individuals.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and everyone who contributed food items or money. We could not have done this without you. Take a moment to appreciate that your work and your generosity made a difference for more than ten thousand people!

Thanks be to God!

Lunch & Learn

Please join us each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room, as we discuss the scripture for the following week's Worship sermon.



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meet on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Bethany Room.**

A Zoom link is also available. Please contact Bob Parke at rlparkeatt.net or Art Vermillion at artpaulinev@sbcglobal.net they will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!

