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SPEEDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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Come make a Joyful Noise!

The SCC music ensembles have begun rehearsals and you are invited to be a part of the music ministry of the church. New members are welcome in all of the ensembles and prior experience singing or ringing is not necessary. A love of God and a love of music are the only prerequisites! Here are the rehearsal times:

Joyful Noise (Children's Choir)

Sunday 11:30am – 12:00pm

Joyful Ringers (Handbell Choir)

Thursday 6:30 – 7:30pm

Chancel Choir (Choral Ensemble)

Thursday 7:30 – 8:30pm

Blessings,
Paula



2024 Camp Bedford Reflection

As I reflect on my 48 hours as a counselor at Camp Bedford for New Beginnings camp the first question, I have to answer is why would someone in their mid 50's choose to be a counselor? I have always felt closer to God in nature. Southern IN as my mom says is God's country. Yes, I felt closer to God. I have also been learning to find my inner child. Being at camp would allow me to be a kid at heart. My way of sharing my faith is to model what I feel Christ would want others to see.

The start of camp probably did not start out as any of the counselors would have thought. Just after lunch and our first activity we learned that Barb Hester's son had tragically taken his life. Had it not been for God and a wonderful group of counselors we pulled together and kept on leading the kids and campers with the Holy Spirit leading us.

I had a God sighting just before dinner on the last night when Parky (another counselor), spotted an Eagle flying behind the dinning hall. What a sight in the blue sky. I think the most humbling experience was a conversation I had with one of the young girls in my cabin. She was homesick the first night as it was her first time away from home, I gave her a big hug before the lights went out and she slept the whole night. The next night as we were walking back to the cabin for lights out Izzy told me she was so proud of herself for challenging herself to do something new by coming to camp and being away from home. Izzy chose to share that with me. She could have chosen someone else to share her feelings with. Something I had done in just those short few hours made her comfortable to share her fears and how she challenged herself.

Thank you, SCC family for your prayers and support. I could feel them!

Christy Morris



2024 Stewardship Full Moon Of Giving August 19, 2024 - Sturgeon Moon Food Pantry

This month's focus will be on collecting money for our Storehouse Food Pantry Ministry.

If you have any questions or comments regarding our 2024 stewardship campaign, please reach out to Chuck Bennett and/or Kim Bennett, Stewardship Chairs @
317-441-5678 or cbennett@speedwayschools.net

In Service, Chuck and Kim Bennett



We all need a little Jesus!

SHELTERING WINGS

Dear SCC,

You care enough to send donations to make our work possible. The help you send saves lives and helps families rebuild from abuse. You are an answered prayer.

~Paige Vanzo, Donor Engagement Director

Beginning August 1 - mid November
Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8 pm

The CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

We will watch an episode and then discuss it the next week.

More information will be coming soon!

August WOWW Giving

BACK TO SCHOOL

We are collecting school supplies for Sparky's Pantry to help set Speedway students up for success this school year!



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The school year has begun and our Christian Education programs have returned. What a joy. I don't know about you, but for my family and I, we sure welcome the return of structure. Don't get me wrong, I love the flexibility of summer. The longer days, the warmer weather, the ample opportunities to fire up the grill and enjoy the company of others, but... There is just something about the rhythm of the school year.

Perhaps it's the certainty of each day, or the reassurance of knowing that someone *else* is pouring their talents, gifts, and patients into our children. There is just something about the return of this rhythm that I sure welcome this year.



And yet, there are some new rhythms breaking into our shared life together. We have two new options to grow and deepen our faith that I am excited about. One focuses on the video series *The Chosen* and another focuses on prayer. One (The Chosen) happens Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8pm and the other (Prayer) happens during our new Sunday School hour following worship on Sunday.

An additional new rhythm is the development of a children's choir that has been named **Joyful Noise**. I was able to hear a bit the practice last Sunday and my how excited I am for the kids involved and for us, as we get to experience the sharing a their gifts and talents in worship in a few short weeks. A huge thank you to Paula Nichols who when asked if this was a possibility said something along the lines of sure! Let's give it a go. I know that there are some additional things in the works as both the Joyful Ringers and the Chancel Choir return.

We are currently in the midst of focusing some time on John 6 in worship as we hear Jesus declare that he is the bread of life. I have been captivated, again, about how folks receive this revelation and the plans that were put into place in response to this declaration.

I am also deeply appreciative of the work that Allen Percy has done on updating our phone system. In the near future, you will be able to catch any member of the staff with a direct phone line. You can also still call into the church as well. Thankfully that number will remain the same. I am excited for some of the new capabilities this system will bring. That means, if you call into the church office and it seems a little different, its because it is! I am sure that we will get the new system *dialed* in, quickly.

I pray you find new rhythms that bring you joy in this season.
Shalom, Rev. Kyle

News and Updates from Reverend Katie

Do you have a youth (in grades 8-12) who would like to be baptized, but didn't get a chance to be in our Journey in Faith class? Rev Katie will be leading a class for this group of youth. Together, we will learn about God, grow in our faith, explore the history of the church, and look forward to its future. The day and time this class begins will be dependent on those who are interested. Contact Rev Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org by September 15.

Youth group is back and we are excited to be together again after a summer away. Let Rev. Katie know if you would like to be added to the email list or if you need the schedule. Remember, friends are always welcome!



We need some help from our church to make youth group a success, particularly folks who can help out with our youth during our time together and to provide meals. The expectation of sponsors is to simply engage with the kids (participating in activities/discussions, etc.) with the youth. Rev. Katie will plan and lead all of the activities; we just need adults who will be present with the group. Click here for more information and a calendar: <https://www.bit.ly/2024sccyouth>

If you have college kids this year (or you are one of those college kids), please send Katie your address at school at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. You have the prayers of your church family as you prepare for another school year.

Rev. Katie

*We have a new sign near the rear entrance of the church. Good reminder for all of us!
Thank you to Patrick Kiser for putting up for us.*



Christian Education—Fall 2024 Schedule

Sunday morning

- 8:15 am
Journey in Faith
6th and 7th grades
Room B2
- 9:00 am
Childcare for those under 4 years old
- 9:15 am (during worship)
Prayerground
Worship and Wonder (after Children's Moment)
Ages 4-2nd grade
Room 203
Adventures in Faith (during the sermon)
3rd-5th grade
Narthex
- 10:30 am – Sunday School
Children
Ages 4-3rd grade
Room 207
Youth
4th – 12th grades
Youth room downstairs
Adults
Room B2
- 11:30 am
Joyful Noise Children's Choir
1st-5th grades
Choir room

Sunday Evening—Youth Group

- Chi-Rho
6th-8th grades
5:30-6:45 pm
Dinner together
6:45-7:15 pm
- CYF
9th-12th grades
7:15-8:30 pm

Monday

- Lunch and Learn
12 noon
Bethany Room
- Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm
Bethany Room

Wednesday

- The Chosen video series study
6:30 pm
Room B1

Please keep in Prayer

Regina Parson, Andrea Baetsle,
Joan Gossett, Marge Graham
Carol Angel (Christy Morris' aunt)
Becky Parke (Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)
The Family of Charlie Gossett
The Family of Jacki Pine

"The tongue of healing is a tree of life." Proverbs 15:4

A few words can sustain someone whose heart feels crushed.

- ~ So write the note.
- ~ Make the call.
- ~ Speak the encouraging words today when you have the chance.

The hinge is small on which an entire life can turn.

I wanted to share the above with you. These words were part of a "Morning Reflection" sent to me by Tom Smith on February 3, 2020. Good words to remember and practice.
Wilma Heller

**Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
6:30pm**

**Stewardship/Finance
June 2024**

June 2024 Funds Received	\$	21,647
<i>Funds xferred to unbudgeted expenses</i>	\$	6,359
June 2024 Expenses	\$	42,375
June 2024 <i>Income less than expenses</i>	\$	(14,377)

July 2024

July 2024 Funds Received	\$	31,262
July 2024 Expenses	\$	29,695
July 2024 <i>Income greater than expense</i>	\$	1,566

2024 Year to Date (January—July)

2024 YTD Funds Received:	\$	262,882
<i>Funds xferred to unbudgeted expenses</i>	\$	9,232
2024 YTD Expenses:	\$	246,190
2024 YTD <i>Income greater than expenses</i>	\$	25,924