



2024 Giving Statements

2024 Annual Giving Statements are available to be picked up in the Hall of Light. Please help the church save on postage cost by picking up your statement. Thank you for your continued support of our church.



Opportunity to Serve

When: Sunday February 9th

Where: Wheeler Mission Shelter for Men
520 East Market St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Time: 3:30pm to 7:00pm

There are 5 openings for volunteers who are 18 and older to help serve dinner at Wheeler Mission. We are specifically looking for a few more men. There is a sign up in the Hall of Light, or you can call the church office.

The plan is to meet at the church and carpool downtown to Wheeler. Parking is very limited.

Interested or have questions? Please contact Amy Ostrander at amyostrander8202@sbcglobal.net

Wednesday evenings, beginning Jan 15
6:30 - 8 pm
Join us anytime in room B1

The CHOSEN

Discussion Group

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

[Here is the Schedule](#)

January WOWW Giving

supplies for emergency clean-up kits to go to people around the world affected by natural disasters



We are collecting:

- Scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads preloaded with soap)
- Sponges of multiple sizes
- Scrub brushes (with or without handles)

World Outreach Works Wonders (WOWW) Spotlight

In addition to all of the wonderful things World Outreach did in 2024, we were able to start 2025 in an exceptional way. Thanks to some extra resources, SCC was able to donate:

- ⇒ Allison Elementary: 35 pairs of boys underwear, 24 washcloths, 4 girls leggings
- ⇒ Newby Elementary: 12 disinfectant surface wipe containers, 24 boxes of tissues
- ⇒ Wheeler Elementary: Added to fund to help offset student lunches and helped a family
- ⇒ Fisher Elementary: Added to Angel Fund that helps with student needs

Way to go, church! Your donations and resources really do work wonders in our community. Thank you!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It finally SNOWED has been echoing throughout my house since the first snowflake descend from on high earlier this month. It has only been slightly overshadowed by the lament, *why couldn't this have happened on Christmas*. Of course, these are the words of Aubrey, Cody and Lucile and not from me... right... Regardless, I pray that your entry into winter has been one mostly free of complications and challenges. It has been delightful to worship together as the New Year has begun.

Here is a bit of a recap of where we have been and a sneak peak at where we are going.

We began January following the star and the Magi to Bethlehem where we asked the important question, what gift are we willing to bring or give to Jesus? We also received our *Star Words*. Our prayer is that this word helps to guide and lead you in the year to come.

From there, we joined John the Baptist in the river Jordan and experienced the baptism of Jesus, according to the Gospel of Luke. We explored the idea of what is it that we need to do in order that we might clear the threshing floor of our lives? What do we need to do to make sure that the grains of our faith are separated from the chaff?

From there, we head to the Gospel of John and meet Jesus, his Mother, and some of the earliest followers of Jesus, at Cana. Cana is the location of the first sign of Jesus according to John. We lift up the idea that sometimes we need a little nudge to get things going.

Finally, we will close out the month where we began. We will return again to asking what G.I.F.T. will we bring to Jesus and to the church? It is our G.I.F.T. that allows us to continue to share the Good News from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Friends in Christ, I am sure that the snow will continue to fall in some form or fashion over the next several months. I am equally sure that our children will offer their own commentary on all things related to it.

I also know, with supreme confidence, that our church will step into the New Year in new and powerful ways, just like it has done from the beginning. I pray that you will face each opportunity that we will face, with as much joy and passion as our children often do with each forecast of snow. Let's keep our heads up, be surprised by God, and hold on to those moments of pure joy.

See you in church.

Shalom, Rev. Kyle



News and Updates from Reverend Katie

Christian Education Calendar for Children and Youth

Sunday, January 26 – Little Explorers of Faith

Sunday, February 2 – Youth group

Friday, February 7 – Valentine's Day Dinner
(youth fundraiser)

Sunday, February 9 – No groups meeting

Friday, February 14 – Sunday, February 16 –
Indiana Regional Youth Retreat

Sunday, February 16 – Little Explorers of Faith

Sunday, February 23 – Youth Group

Little Explorers of Faith is a new program for our children, kindergarten – 5th grade.

We will gather 2-4 pm once a month for a bible study, crafts, games, a snack, and fellowship time as we explore our faith together. This **Sunday, January 26**, we

will be gathering to celebrate the winter season – and remember all of the ways God is working in our lives, even through the wind and rain and the snow, to create lives of beauty and joy. On, **Sunday, February 16**, we will be talking about our prayer life and all of the ways we can talk to God every day.

This is also an opportunity for our youth to serve our young people! If any adults or youth would like to volunteer, please sign up here:

tinyurl.com/explorersccc.

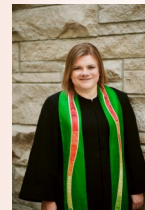
This spring, our youth group will begin meeting twice a month, rather than every Sunday. This is largely because of a lack of volunteers. If anyone feels called to serve our young people, please sign up here:

tinyurl.com/youthscc. We need people to help out at youth group – often just being present with the youth, contributing to discussions/bible studies and helping to keep them engaged. We also are in need of people to help with meals – this could mean you purchase the meal and cook it **OR** that you purchase the meal (and then we find someone else to cook it) **OR** that you cook a meal that someone else has purchased. If you have any questions or ideas, please email Rev. Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org or Christian Education Chair Angie Dinwiddie at dinwiddiea@gmail.com.

Our youth will be hosting a Valentine's Day dinner!

On **Friday, February 7** we will be gathering at **6pm** for a spaghetti dinner and our own version of The Newlywed Game! Tickets are \$10 per person, \$6 for kids 10 and younger. Please RSVP to Rev. Katie at

kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org and be sure to mention any dietary restrictions. We can't wait to see you and join in this dinner for fun and fellowship as we help our fundraiser for our mission trip.



A Thank You and an Invitation

I can't believe that I have been serving as Director of Music at Speedway Christian Church for 6 months. It proves the adage that time flies when you're having fun, because I truly am enjoying making music with you! I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind welcome, words of affirmation, and generous Christmas gifts from the congregation and the choirs. The loving work that God has called us all to do is alive and evident in this body of Christ and I am grateful that God brought me to be a part of your ministry.

Now the invitation: There is room in the choir loft for many more singers! The only requirements are the availability to come to rehearsals on Thursday evenings and a love of singing. The choir will be presenting a beautiful cantata in worship on Palm Sunday and it would be great to have more singers join our ranks. If you don't read music well, please don't let that stop you, because the choir is blessed with strong musicians in every section who can help you find your part. Also, we are going to start Joyful Noise back up on January 26 right after Sunday School. A light snack will be provided at the beginning of each rehearsal, so the children have some fuel for the rehearsal. This group is open to all children and youth from Kindergarten on who would like to sing and play chimes in worship. In the words of Bill Staines' song, "All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir!"

Blessings,
Paula



Please keep in Prayer

Sam Golden, Jean Hunter,
Marge Graham, Marty Skaggs
Kim Clark (Verna King's sister)
Samantha Swan (Verna King's niece)

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Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Barb Golden**, who passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

A Celebration of Life service will be announced when we are aware of the plans.



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Sandy Ridenour**, who passed away on Monday, January 13, 2025.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Service plans will be announced when known.

Thank you

My family and I want to thank everyone who sent prayers, cards, and condolences during Keith's illness and passing. SCC is such a caring church, and I'm grateful to be a part of it. ~ Reta Kaiser

Stewardship/Finance—December 2024

December 2024 Funds Received	\$	36,635
<i>Funds xferred to unbudgeted expenses</i>	\$	2,083
December 2024 Expenses	\$	37,515
December 2024	\$	1,203

2024 Year to Date (January—December)

2024 YTD Funds Received:	\$	412,194
<i>Funds xferred to unbudgeted expenses</i>	\$	97,089
2024 YTD Expenses:	\$	503,691
2024 YTD	\$	5,593

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Men's Bible Study

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

A Zoom link is also available. Please contact Bob Parke at rlparkeatt.net he will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!



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.



2025 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.**

Speedway Christian Church Vision

*Believing that Jesus is the Christ,
Speedway Christian Church's
mission is to
celebrate that God has given us
unique gifts to serve
our congregation,
our community,
and the world.*

Contact Information Need Updated?

Does the church office have your -

- ◆ Correct address?
- ◆ Correct telephone #?
- ◆ Correct email address?

Please let the church office know of any changes, additions, etc. Thank you!