



Are you feeling God's call?

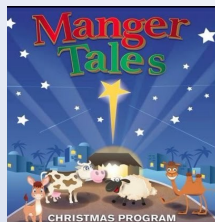
We are entering into the nominating season here at the church. There are several opportunities to serve God, each other, and the church this year. A faithful group of folks will be gathered and begin that important work. The prayer for **you** is that if someone reaches out to **you** that **you** might prayerfully consider saying yes. The work of the church is work that we are all called to do.



It takes all of **us** to participate in the mission and ministry of **our** church.

Calling all children and youth

who like to perform! The Christmas play, "**Manger Tales**" will be presented on Sunday, December 7 before SCC's Chili Cook-off and all children and youth in grades K – 8 are invited to participate. We've all heard the stories of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men, but what about the others who were there when Jesus was born? Manger Tales will introduce you to the animals that were there, from the residents of the stable to visitors from afar. As each animal pays a visit to a TV talk show, we will see the Christmas story through their eyes and get a fresh perspective on the wonder of Christmas. Rehearsals will begin on Oct. 19 from 10:30 – 11:00am in the Choir Room. Parents are asked to come to the first rehearsal with their children. All are welcome and the more the merrier!



Blessings, Paula

2025 Crop Walk

Crop Walk Sunday

October 5, 2025

2:00pm

Interchurch Center
1100 W. 42nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

DONATE BLOOD

Sunday
October 12
11:00AM - 3:00PM

SCAN ME



SPEEDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Fellowship Hall
5110 W 14th St
Indianapolis, IN 46224

Just one blood donation could save up to three lives! Your simple act of kindness could make a life-changing difference for patients in need!

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED* Walk-ins
Welcome: SCAN the QR Code to schedule your appointment!

Helpful tip:

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Remember to bring your ID!

Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (in-person)
6:30pm

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to September! We have been greeted this month with the reminder that summer is nearing its end and before long it will be full on sweatshirt weather.

Now, to be clear, there will still be some days when we will hit the high 80's, but the possibility of an sweltering stretch of days in the 90's is most likely behind us. Did you catch all of those clarifiers? It is Indiana after all... One of the few places where you can experience every season in one day, sometimes even in a few hours.



The change in weather has brought with it the return of routine. At our house, long bike rides have been replaced with the familiar grind of homework. Along with that comes the *gift* of being told that all my work is done, only to remember *mostly at bedtime* that there is actually a truck-ton of homework to do before morning. Alas, we resource our children as best we can even when it *would be easier to just do it for them*.

I wonder if God ever feels that way about us? It would just be easier if *God* did it for us. What would the limits to that be? Would *God* be willing to wash and or put away the laundry or the dishes? Would *God* intervene to make sure we got an A+ on the assignment? Would *God* jump in for our favorite sports team or performer giving them the best outing imaginable? Perhaps that explains why my beloved Boilermaker football team started the year 2-0, making head coach Barry Odom the first Purdue coach to start his tenure 2-0 since ol' Cleo O'Donnell in 1916? Sure makes me think some divine intervention, or divine scheduling has taken place.

In all seriousness though, maybe the gift of the change in seasons is a reminder for us all that we too can change? As we have been walking through the Gospel of Luke, that is one of the things that continues to stand out for me. Jesus absolutely asks those around him to change. He asks the Pharisees and the Scribes to change. He asks his followers and his own disciples to change. He also asks *us* to *change* as well.

Just as the leaves will shed their green for the vibrant colors of fall. Just as our wardrobes change from short sleeves to longer ones. Just as we reach for the comfortable feel of our favorite sweatshirt on a brisk September day, may we be willing to change the things in our lives that keep us from following God.

May the Holy Spirit fire you up when you feel the chill in the air. May God continue to bless you and keep you. May Jesus compel you to change for all the right reasons.

Shalom,
Rev. Kyle

News and Updates from Reverend Katie

If you have college kids or you are a college kid, please email your school address to Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. You each have the prayers of your church family as you prepare for another school year.



Please keep our 6th and 7th graders in prayer as they begin the *Journey in Faith* class. In the next 8 months, seven of our youth will be learning, asking big questions, and exploring what it means to follow Jesus in their own lives. This is such an important time in their lives, and your love, encouragement, and prayers mean so much as they take these steps in their faith journey.

I have designed and written four brochures for our church for you to share – one for the overall church, another for children's ministries, another for youth ministries, and another for Worship and Wonder. They are at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please grab them for a visitor or for someone you would like to invite to church!

I love getting to cheer our youth on outside of church! If you have a game, concert, play, or any other activity coming up, please let me know—I'd love to come support you. Just send me the details and I'll do my best to be there.

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!

Our meeting times are:

5:30–6:30pm – Chi-Rho (6-8 grades)

6:30-7:00pm – Dinner together

7:00-8:00pm – CYF (9-12 grades)

Our youth group is in **NEED** of a few caring adults who would like to walk alongside our youth – encouraging, listening, and helping to create a safe and welcoming space to grow in faith. I plan everything – **I'm just asking that you show up and be present. Why not try it for a week?**

Another simple but meaningful way to support our youth is by **providing a simple meal** for our gatherings. Sharing food together helps build community and gives our students a chance to connect in deeper ways. Meals don't have to be fancy – pizza, sandwiches, or chicken fingers and tater tots are perfect!

If you feel called to sponsor or provide a meal, please reach out. A meal sign up sheet is located in the Hall of Light. We would **LOVE** to have you join in this important ministry in the lives of our young people.

Speedway Christian Church is so blessed with a church family that gracelessly volunteers their time and talents.

Thank you to Amy Ostrander who worked diligently on the shrubs and flower bed along the west side of the parking lot. This area was overgrown and full of weeds. What a difference Amy made!



Another big **thank you** goes to Matt McArthur and his crew. On Tuesday, September 9, Matt's crew worked several hours trimming shrubs, weeding all around the church property, cleaning up leaves, etc.

All the work and time to help our church nice, inviting and welcoming is so appreciated.!

Thank you Amy!

Thank you Matt and crew!

World Outreach News

On Sunday, September 7th, 7 Adults and 4 Youth served at Sheltering Wings Domestic Violence Shelter in Danville. We played Bingo and gave out prizes to 27 women and 20 kids staying at the shelter. We also served ice cream sundaes and root beer floats. ~ Amy Ostrander, Outreach Chair

Thank you for your generous donations of Bibles for the Wheeler Mission Women and Children Center. SCC donated 5 boxes full of Bibles. Here is an email I received from the Volunteer Manager at Wheeler Mission Women Center

Thank you so much for the Bibles! There are so many!! I will make sure that they are shared throughout the building. They will be a blessing, for sure!

Cindy Wright,
Volunteer Engagement Mgr. for Women's Services

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.



Please keep in Prayer

Judy Swisher, Andrea Baetsle, Julia Allen,
Mary Houldson, Don Greer, Dorothy Webb,
Jan Oeth, Gayle Parke, Don Bosma,
Erin Wolpert (Max & Deanna Beaver's daughter)
Becky Parke (Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)

Congratulations

to Colton & Mackenzie Dosch
on the birth of their daughter,

Sophie Anne

born August 25, 2025.

Proud grandparents, Joe & Angie Smith,
and great-grandparents,
Tom & Pat Smith and Phill Smith.

Synopsis of an article in the current AARP magazine...

In the 1950's only about 2,300 Americans reached the age of 100. Last year, more than 101,000 Americans celebrated their 100th birthday!

Tom Cole, a rabbi and co-author of The Oxford book of Aging, doesn't think you can live to an old age without a belief system, whether that's religious faith or simply a deep conviction that tomorrow holds promise.

The science backs it up. Research from Ohio State University found that religious affiliation alone can add as much as nine years to a person's life. A separate study showed that women who regularly attended religious services had a 33% lower mortality rate.

Stewardship/Finance—August 2025

Aug. 2025 Funds Received	\$	25,212
Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)	\$	2,430
Aug. 2025 Expenses	\$	33,991
Aug. 2025 (expenses greater than income)	\$	(6,349)

2025 Year to Date (January—August)

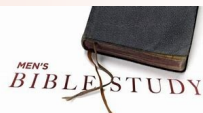
2025 YTD Funds Received:	\$	259,448
Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)	\$	86,292
2025 YTD Expenses:	\$	356,576
YTD (expenses greater than income)	\$	(10,836)

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5110 West 14th Street
Speedway, Indiana 46224



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. Contact Bob Parke at rlparkeatt.net he will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!



Opportunities to Give **September Stewardship** **What G.I.F.T. will you bring?**

**Gifts will support the work of
Reconciliation Ministry**

September WOWW Giving

- Kid Friendly Breakfast Foods**
- ~ Individual servings of cereal, oatmeal
- ~ Laundry Detergent—**PODS only**
for Sheltering Wings Domestic
Violence Shelter
- Women and Children Center**

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Where: Bedford Camp &
Conference Center

Time: 9:00am--4:00pm EST

Cost: \$55 per person

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