



### **Sunday Afternoon Worship at Westside Garden**

The Elders of Speedway Christian Church hosted a Sunday afternoon worship and communion service January 11st at Westside Garden Plaza. Rev. Kyle Hunter and Elders Rose Hunter, Holly Cecil, Laura Tice and Alice McColgin lead a service of hymns, scripture reading, a meditation and communion for over 30 Westside Garden residents in their chapel.

Special thanks to SCC member Pat Devlin, who hosted us and played the piano for the service. Six other SCC members who live at Westside Garden, Joe Dickie, Joan Gossett, Helen Kellam, Jean Hunter, Don Pirtle and Dorothy Webb, also attended the service.

Also in attendance were four generations of the Hunter family that included Jean, her son David, her grandson David, the second and great-granddaughter, Lilly.



The Elders plan to provide similar worship services at Westside Garden once each quarter this year. We will post the date of next quarter's service when it's finalized.

If you would like to assist with this ministry, contact Alice McColgin, Elder Chair.

### **Youth Group**

All junior & senior high youth are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30pm in room B1. We are currently watching and discussing *The Chosen Video Series/Season One*, (the video series follows the life of Jesus and his followers). Snacks will be provided - please bring your own drinks. If anyone is interested in providing snacks for the youth group, please see Amy Ostrander.

## ***Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,***

***Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon YOU.***

***~Isaiah 60:1***

As we begin this new year, one of the things that I pray we hold on to is this idea of coming light. The prophet Isaiah once lifted these words up to and for a people who were in a time of transition and change. As we find ourselves in a bit of a period of change ourselves, may these words be a continual reminder to us that it is God's light that has already arrived, and it is God's light that will continue to guide us. The lingering question that I hope you hold space for is *what difference does God's light make in your life?* We will continue to lean into this question throughout 2026.



I would also like to fill you in that we have had our first board meeting for the church this year. I requested a bit of time during this gathering of the leaders of our church to share one of my favorite videos that continue to have an impact on the way that I approach ministry. If you would like to watch the video, I encourage you to head over to YouTube.com and search for ***Know your why*** by the comedian Michael Jr. The line in this video that continues to stick with me is this:

***"When you know your why, your what becomes more impactful because you are walking towards or in your purpose."***

What does that mean? Well, your ministry teams and leaders are tasked with answering that very question! So be on the lookout as folks around our church family look beyond the *what* of their ministry team or committee and start to look to the *why*.

I pray this year will be our best year yet. See you in church.

Shalom,  
Rev. Kyle

### ***Please keep in Prayer***

Dorothy Webb, Gayle Parke,  
Mike Hall (Joe Dickey's son-in-law),  
Ed Bunch (Debby Bunch's brother)

Cathy Butler (friend of Georgia Stackhouse),  
Lou Oppy (co-worker of Susan Whitlow),  
Jackie Farris (Verna King's stepdaughter), Stephanie Adams (Ann Hayes' niece)

## Words to Ponder

I recently read a post on social media that totally resonated with me. Many of my friends are musicians, so it's little wonder that this came from a fellow church choir director, but I know that it reflects truth for more than just professional musicians. Only the first few stanzas of the song (due to space) are noted below. My hope is that you will look up the song in its entirety and read/listen to the words.

If this piece resonates with you, you should consider joining the choir at rehearsal this Thursday evening at 7:00pm in the Choir Room!

Please read these words:

### *I Go to Sing (Lindy Thompson)*

I might be exhausted and the children might be cranky, but I will be going to church on Sunday.

Don't know who is preaching, doesn't matter – the sermon may be helpful or not, holds my attention or doesn't – it's the singing.

I go to sing.

I get up,  
get clean,  
get dressed,  
possibly get mad (*at not-ready kids, at an empty coffee pot, at traffic*)

get going,  
get there,  
get seated,  
get comfortable,  
get focused.

And when the music starts, get saved.  
It's the singing. I go to sing.

Blessings, Paula

## World Outreach Volunteer Service Opportunities

- **Wednesday, January 28** - Storehouse Food Pantry Distribution 3:30 to 6:00pm
- **Saturday, February 13** - Storehouse Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 to 11:00am
- **Wednesday, February 25** - Storehouse Food Pantry Distribution 3:30 to 6:00pm
- **Saturday, February 21** - Wheeler Missions Men's Shelter server dinner 4:30 to 6:30pm  
We need men & women to serve at Wheeler Mission Men Shelter (must be 18 and older).

Questions? please see Amy Ostrander.



## Stewardship/Finance December 2025

Dec 2025 Funds Received	\$	58,324
Funds transferred for unbudgeted exp.	\$	35,450
Dec 2025 Operating Expenses	\$	36,874
Dec 2025 Capital Impr. Expenses	\$	24,595
Dec 2025 <i>(Revenue greater than expenses)</i>	\$	32,305

## 2025 Year to Date (January—December)

2025 YTD Funds Received:	\$	406,530
<i>Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)</i>	\$	142,292
2025 YTD Expenses:	\$	542,844
<i>YTD (Revenue greater than expenses)</i>	\$	5,978



## ***Informational Seminar—Interest?***

SCC has an opportunity to host a “Peace of Mind Seminar”. At this time, we are curious if the following presentation would be of interest to our congregation and friends. We would like to set up an educational seminar presented by Flanner Buchanan, but before scheduling, we need to see how many would be interested in attending. The seminar would be for informational purposes only, there would not be a push for sales, etc.

**If interested in attending—please let the church office know by February 12.**

### ***Peace of Mind Seminar***

We invite you to learn how planning for your final wishes may shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden. Join us and learn more about pre-arrangements, veteran benefits, cremation, burials, and more.

Discussion will include:

- Cremation & Burials
- Traditional Funerals
- Veteran Benefits
- Payment Plans
- Pre-arrangements

Presented by Flanner Buchanan

