

Welcome Gabrielle! Our New Ministry Intern

Great morning, Great day, or whenever you happen to be reading this! My name is Gabrielle, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to introduce myself. I was born and raised on the west side of Indianapolis, not too far from Speedway. I graduated from Ben Davis High School before earning my Associate's degree from Ivy Tech Community College and my Bachelor's degree from Indiana University Indianapolis. I am currently a Master of Divinity student at Christian Theological Seminary, where I hope to graduate in May 2029. My journey to Speedway Christian Church began with what I can only describe as a divine recommendation from the coordinator of Supervised Ministry at Christian Theological Seminary, and I am excited to see what God has in store for us this year.



People often ask me, "Why ministry?" My answer is simple: God. I genuinely believe God has called me to this work, and it is both a joy and a privilege to respond to that call. My deepest desire is to help build the Kin-dom of God by sharing the good news of God's love and walking alongside people as they grow in their relationship with God. During my supervised ministry experience, I hope to continue discerning God's call on my life while learning how to faithfully serve God's people.

Outside of ministry, you'll probably find me searching for the next great brunch spot, curled up with a good book (I'm always accepting recommendations!), or enjoying a movie at the theater. There is just something about movie popcorn that makes every movie better! I also have a deep love for Disney, and lately I've been hoping to add traveling to my list of hobbies. I believe we experience something new about God every time we encounter a new part of God's creation.

I am truly grateful to be a part of Speedway Christian Church, and I look forward to learning and growing alongside each of you. My prayer is that as we worship, serve, and share life together, we will encounter God in meaningful ways and become not only partners in ministry but also siblings in Christ. If you see me around, please come say hello! I would love to learn more about the life of this church, which is you!

Grace & Peace, Student Minister Gabrielle

Greetings Brothers and Sister in Christ!

As I write these words, we are in the midst of experiencing our new back to school routine. Lucy's chicken nuggets are in the air fryer. Cody is finishing up breakfast and Aubrey has already been at school for about an hour. And of course, Lucy just remembered that today is red day to help the kindergarteners learn their colors. Somehow, all will be well and the chaos of these early mornings will I am sure become a distant memory. But right now, I am just thankful that each of our children have a *community* of folks ready to teach, lead and guide them.



I wonder if that too isn't how the disciples experienced those long days of ministry with Jesus. For sure, they were not grabbing chicken nuggets out of the air fryer, but- I am sure their days had their own pace as well. I wonder if Jesus was the point person directing all the morning activities? Making sure that all the expectations were taken care of so that they could successfully face the day ahead as they went to the *communities* that they would serve. I wonder if Matthew or Mark ever forgot to brush their teeth or tie their scandals. I can almost hear Jesus asking these questions!

How about you? How has your morning routine changed over the years? Are there things that you have added to make the morning easier? Or do you find yourself rushing around in preparation of serving your *community* in a near panic? Whatever version it is, remember, nothing lasts forever. May you find a bit of joy in the chaos.

Shalom, Rev. Kyle

Westside Garden Plaza

speedway Christian Church hosted a communion service for residents at Westside Gardens Sunday afternoon August 1st. Senior Minister Rev. Kyle Hunter presided, assisted by Elders Laura and Ray Tice, Dr. Becky Shoemaker, Christy Morris and Alice McColgin, plus Rev. Kyle's son Cody Hunter.

Pat Devlin, a longtime member of our congregation and a Westside Gardens resident, played the piano, while her brother Don Pirtle, another longtime member of our church family was the greeter.

Over 30 people sang hymns, heard the Gospel of Matthew's account of Jesus feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fish, and were given colorful tags for backpacks and luggage that said, "God's Got Your Back."



Reception for Paula Nichols, Sunday, August 30th

Please plan to stay after worship on August 30th to celebrate Paula Nichols last Sunday as our Director of Music. Stop by the Bethany Room to thank Paula and enjoy light refreshments..



Can't attend?

There will be a basket in the Bethany Room for cards and notes of appreciation for the three years of Paula's thoughtful and inspiring music ministry at Speedway Christian Church.

Please keep in Prayer

Terry & Judy Swisher,
Ken Weiss, Dorothy Webb,
Kim Clark (Verna King's sister)
Mark Wilkey (Ann Hayes' son)
Jackie Farris (Verna King's stepdaughter),
Stephanie Adams (Ann Hayes' niece)

Our Sympathy and Prayers

*To the friends & family of
Helen Kellam,
who passed away on July 14, 2026.*

Backpack Blessing

During Sunday morning worship, August 1, Rev. Kyle Hunter and Student Ministry Intern Gabrielle Davis, blessed the children and their backpacks.

Blessings were also lifted up for teachers, bus drivers, school support staffs, and the students' families and friends. Prayers were also lifted up for the schools, communities and the safe spaces where children are supervised in before and after school programs.

Tags for backpacks and stickers for water bottles were offered to each child



Stewardship/Finance July 2026

July 2026 Funds Received	\$	30,032
Funds transferred for unbudgeted exp.	\$	5,009
July 2026 Operating Expenses	\$	30,016
July 2026 (Revenue greater than expenses)	\$	5,025

2026 Year to Date (January—July)

2026 YTD Funds Received:	\$	258,798
<i>Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)</i>	\$	47,777
2026 YTD Expenses:	\$	245,531
YTD (Revenue greater than expenses)	\$	61,045

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World Outreach News

Thank you to everyone who donated snacks for Wheeler Mission Women & Kids Shelter. Also, thank you to Allen and Tracy Percy, Brenda Williamsom and her niece Gabby, Susan Whitlow and her niece Amber, Chesney Long and Amy Ostrander for volunteering to serve at the Shelter on Saturday, July 25. We played several games of Bingo and had a wonderful time with all the ladies at the Wheeler Shelter.



Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and money for Speedway, IPS, and Wayne Township Pre-School teachers. This year we are supporting Speedway High School, IPS Clarence Farrington Elementary, and Wayne Township Pre-School classrooms, and are very appreciative of our generosity.

WOWW (World Outreach Works Wonders) giving for August & September will be The Storehouse Food Pantry. We will be collecting can goods along with baby diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please mark your monetary donations for The Storehouse Food Pantry.

Volunteer opportunities: **The Storehouse Food Pantry**
Saturday, August 8: 8:30-11:00am
Wednesday, August 26: 3:30- 6:00pm

Morning Light Abbie Hunt Bryce Home Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 23: 2:00-3:30pm

~ Amy Ostrander, World Outreach Chair