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Hello church family! I'd like to tell you all about everything going on at Speedway Christian Church. But before I discuss the details, I'd like first to tell you about our theme for 2022: **COME HOME**. These two words can mean so many different things, depending on where you are on your faith journey. What Speedway Christian Church needs, what the Lord is calling us to do, is to bring his people home. **COME HOME** is going to be our focus as we bring more people into our sanctuary to "Get God".

When you invite someone into your home for the first time, sometimes you might clean or freshen up your space. The first quarter of this year, the Board has been honing in on its focus and preparing the church building and grounds to look its best for when we invite guests to **COME HOME**.

The Property team has been hard at work in many ways, and I can't thank the team enough for all the things they have been doing. The completion of the contracted work on the Fred Shed, the repair of unsafe sidewalks, the decluttering and reorganization of the stage and storage areas, and the rigging of lighting so the Christ Window inside the sanctuary may shine for all to see are just a few of the many accomplishments Property has achieved so far.

Finances for these projects is a big concern, and we have been getting creative on how to get the building looking good AND staying within the confines of the budget. Volunteers have been doing a lot of the painting, obtaining decorations from a "Buy Nothing" web page (where people advertise to others used items they no longer want), and acquiring donations for materials.

After Palm Sunday weekend's extremely successful spring cleaning effort, we are ready to move on to the next quarter of this year's work. This is where you get to be even more involved! Now that our house is properly prepared for our guests, it's time to invite them to **COME HOME**...

... **COME (back) HOME** to people who have departed Speedway Christian Church for one reason or another. They can get to know our new AMAZING team of Rev. Kyle, Rev. Katie, and Travis, who many of our church family still haven't had the experience of hearing preach/play!

...COME HOME to people who have no church but have faith, or who have a gnawing inkling to find a name for what their hearts are feeling. Those people are out there: our neighbors, our friends, our co-workers. They may have a quiet desire to experience a place of fellowship, and all they need is the gentle nudge of an invitation into this place.

...COME HOME to people who have never been taught about Jesus. They are curious about church but don't know how to start their journey - or even a notion that it IS a journey. One of our main goals as Disciples of Christ is to, well, disciple. Tell people the Good News, and ask them to COME "HOME" with you!

It really is a great thing for people to "Get God", even if it is at a different church. Helping people find God's love, wherever, is what we do as Christians. BUT, if they want to come to Speedway Christian Church to "Get God", it's a plus for us as a church family! We want to fill our home... bring the lost sheep back, bring the wandering sheep to the flock, and teach all that there is a shepherd waiting for them. Our Public Relations team is mindful of this theme and is in high gear designing tools for reaching out and inviting people in. Stay tuned in the coming weeks!

As always, feel free to talk to me on email, text, or in person with questions, comments, or concerns. I encourage ANYONE who wants to be a part of Speedway Christian's efforts to get involved on a committee team or ministry. We always have room for more hands and hearts, and the time commitment is minimal. I wish we had time to go around and invite all of you individually so that you know you are both wanted and needed. Instead, we are praying that God moves you to discover how you can use your talents to benefit our church family. Don't ignore his call! We are excited to grow our church with the hearts of the people of Speedway Christian Church.

"I myself will search for my sheep and seek them out." Ezekiel 34:11

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Please keep in Prayer

Norma Wilson (Lisa Mosier's mother)
Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister)
Chuck Heady (Pam Heady's husband)
Sherry Hendden (Steve Vernon's aunt)
Sandy Sanders Mandas (Dakota Sander's grandmother)

Barbara Golden Betsy Enerson Ann Shutters Sally Henzie Vicki Watts

Mary Day-Roberts



Our Sympathy and prayers to

Gloria Bohanon and family upon the death of **JR Colson**, who passed away on March 17, 2022.

Joan Fidger and family upon the death of **Jack Fidger**, who passed away on March 31, 2022.



Judy McKinney and family upon the death of Rex McKinney, who passed away on April 11, 2022.

Stewardship/Finance March 2022

March	2022 Funds Received	\$ 36,730
March	2022 Expenses	\$ 40,263
March	2022	\$ 3.533

2022 Year to Date

2022 YTD Funds Received:	\$ 107,617
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$ 108,315
2022 YTD	\$ 698

(2022 YTD expenses greater than YTD income)

During the month of March 2022, \$4,891.06 was transferred from the SCC savings accounts to cover incurred unbudgeted expenses.

These expenses and funds are not included in the above March amounts.

Please help us.....

When leaving an unoccupied area, please turn off the lights in classrooms and hallways. Help us to reduce the church's electricity expenses by turning off the lights in areas that are not in use.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. What a glorious Easter we have experienced together at SCC. From

the tulips to the music to the Spirit present in our midst what a joyous day it was, indeed. There is one catch to all the celebration though—It means that it is now our turn to take that Good News out into the world. Just what does that look like? Well maybe it is an invitation extended to that person or family you have wanted to invite to worship for a very long



time. Maybe it is adding your name to the list of wonderful volunteers that have for a specific ministry team or department. Maybe it is extending grace to someone who *really* doesn't *deserve* it. Maybe it is getting back in the habit of being present on Sunday or Thursday during worship?

The point is, there are many ways that we can respond to the grace and hope of Easter. But that response is ours and ours alone. That is the beautiful thing about being people of the resurrection. We have the opportunity to see and to acknowledge resurrection all around us! I think that is part of what makes this season in the life of the church so powerful.

The eggs and bunnies will give way to the familiar sounds of summer, I promise (even though it SNOWED today). But the Good News of Easter never changes. May we continue to live into the people and the church that God is calling us to be. We don't have to be perfect; Jesus has already taken care of that. We just have to be a little bit better today than we were the day before. Blessings be with you this Easter season of life.

Shalom,

Rev. Kyle

Sunday Family Funday

Family Funday is our new, monthly opportunity to gather with our church family for fellowship, food, and fun. On the last Sunday of every month, we will be meeting after church for lunch at a different restaurant around Speedway. *All are invited and welcome!*

Please join us on:

Sunday, April 24 @ 11:30am MCL Restaurant & Bakery 6002 Crawfordsville Road, Speedway

Hope to see you there!



Journey in Faith Confession of Faith and Baptisms

The youth of the 2022 Journey in Faith class will be offering their confession of faith during the 8:15 & 10:15am worship services on Sunday, April 24.

We will celebrate the baptisms of our ten young people on Sunday, April 24 at 5:30pm. With thanksgiving this year, we are grateful to be able to open the celebration of the baptism service to everyone, family, friends, and our congregation. Please plan to join us along with the families of Catherine Pryor, Eli Bishop, Hailey Mynatt, Macy Chastain, Nathan Morris, Oliver Cecil, Paul Tice, Rylee Hoerger, Thomas DeLisle and Ty Andrews to celebrate their commitment to living their lives in Christ.

The baptism service will be live streamed. Go to www.speedwaychristian.org and click on the tab to access live stream.



Celebrating New Member

We welcome **Gloria Bohanon** to Speedway Christian Church! On Sunday, April 18, Gloria transferred her church membership to SCC.

Indiana Disciples Women

Disciples Women from across Indiana will gather on Saturday, April 30 at Avon Christian Church. All are welcome to enjoy connecting, learning, and discovering how the Disciples Women in Indiana are "branching out!" Associate Regional Minister, Rev. Cheryl Russell will give the keynote. The cost of \$20 will include lunch and childcare (if needed). A virtual option is also available at a cost of \$10 per registrant. Contact Cheryl at **cheryl@indianadisciples.org** with any questions.







- ~ Our youth are hard at work creating and preparing a wonderful **Youth Sunday** worship service for **Sunday**, **May 15**. We will also be celebrating our graduates on this day as they prepare to launch into this new chapter of their lives. Come worship with us and support our youth.
- ~ Church camp season is upon us and we are so excited! This year's theme will be, "What's In A Name" (see additional camp information in this newsletter publication).

All of the information you will need, including prices, dates, and how to register can be found at our region's website, www.indianadisciples.org. Speedway Christian Church will pay half of your camp fee, however if you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. Everyone who wants to go to camp will be able to go. Contact Katie for more information at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. Please also talk to Katie if your camper shows interest in going to camp, but is experiencing some understandable anxiety about going. The Indiana region is always looking for more adults to counsel camp, so please also let Katie know if you feel called to spend some time with our incredible young people this summer.

Trivia... The two chairs around the card table in the Bethany room, were donated to Speedway Christian Church by the Jack Mayhugh family in 2003. The needlepoint chair seats, were made by Vera Schrock (Dick Schrock's Mother). The chairs have always been a beautiful addition to the Bethany room.

Blessings, John & Linda Stiff

Lunch & Learn

Please join Rev. Kyle each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room. We will be discussing the scripture for the following week's Worship sermon.

Next Official Board Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:30pm



	GENEVA	BEDFORD	
You and Me 1 (3 days)	June 13-15		(age 5+ and an adult
New Beginnings (3 days)	June 13-15	June 27-29	(completed gr. 1-3)
Explorers	June 13-18	June 20-25	(completed gr. 4-5)
You and Me 2 (3 days)	June 20-22		(age 5+ and an adult)
M.A.D (Music Art Drama)	June 20-25		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)
Middle School	June 27-July 2	July 11-16	(completed gr. 6-8)
High School	June 27-July 2	July 4-9	(completed gr. 9-12)
CROSS (Recreation/Sports)	June 27-July 2		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)

Early Bird Fees: 6-day camps: **\$415**; 3-day camps: **\$235** (add \$25 after May 15th registrations)
Visit **genevacenter.org** for Geneva camp registration/info. Visit **indianadisciples.org** for Bedford camp registration/info. Scholarships for Disciples campers at Bedford and Geneva camps are available. Visit **indianadisciples.org** to download.

Church Camp

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