



Greetings Friends in Christ,

As the daylight fades into dusk, I bring you greetings from Princeton Kentucky. This is the second day of our Fall Break work trip addressing the absolute devastation that occurred here and in Dawson Spirings from a series of tornadoes. As I write this, I am tired, but it is the good type of tired. The tired that only comes from being the hands and feet of Christ in these communities. Yesterday, we had the opportunity to speak with a homeowner who shared with us how thankful she is that we are here, doing this work. As she fought back tears, she told us that you all, and other groups like you, are doing the work that we could not. And that makes the sore muscles not seem near as bad. And these young people, let me tell you, are amazing! They have worked as hard as any young group that I have been a part of and that is saying a lot. I think this makes my fifteenth work trip over the years, and this one has been amazing. Among the best I've experienced.

Tomorrow, we will work a half day, load up and make our way back to Speedway. My prayer for these youth all week has been that they will take something from this experience back with them. I pray that they will know and appreciate the impact that giving up a portion of their Fall Break has had on the communities that we have worked in. I pray that they will come to know that they can continue to have an impact on and in their own neighbors. I hope they know that it doesn't take a disaster for them to respond to. But, by being who they are created to be, it is enough. That authenticity can be, and is, transformative.

This work is holy, friends. I am so very thankful for the opportunity to be here. I am thankful to hold these wonderful people in prayer. I am thankful that you have held us all in prayer, too. I am thankful that my muscles and bones hurt, but my heart and spirit are so very full.

I leave you with the words of Saint Teresa of Avila from the wonderful devotional that Rev. Katie put together for our trip

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“Christ has no body now.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.

Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.”

May God continue to bless you and keep you, now, and always.

Shalom,

Rev. Kyle



Our Chi-Rho youth (6-8 grades) will be having a lock-in this Friday, October 21. We will be leaving to go to Beasley's Orchard at 4:00pm and will return by 6:30pm for dinner and the lockin. Please send \$10 and RSVP to Katie at

kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. We are also deeply in need of drivers and two adults to spend the night with us. If you are able to volunteer, please send call, text, or email me at the above address.



Youth group for only our Chi-Rho youth will be cancelled Sunday, October 23.

Our high school youth will be going to Beasley's Orchard on Sunday, October 23. We will be leaving church at 3:30pm and will return at 6:30pm for dinner. Youth group will conclude at 8:00pm. Please send \$15 and RSVP to Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

We are also deeply in need of drivers. If you are able to volunteer, please send call, text, or email me at the above address.

Our annual Pet Blessing will be on Sunday, October 23 at 1:30pm. Please bring your pets of all shapes and sizes to our green space at church for a blessing and some fellowship.

Have an upcoming sports game, performance, or other extracurricular activity? Katie would love to come and support you! Please send your schedule to kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

Our youth will be sending care packages to all of our college students this fall in time for their final exams. With these care packages, we hope our students will feel loved and prayed for as they enter a tough time in their semester. Please send their address to kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.



2022 Mission Trip

Mission Trip Recap

It was during a casual conversation with Rich Hoerger in early August that he expressed a desire to help those in eastern Kentucky who were experiencing some disastrous flooding that this trip came to be. After that conversation, I called Week of Compassion who said that it would be difficult to invite a group to the region as they were still in the immediate stages after the flooding. They did say, however, that western Kentucky could still use a lot of help after the 30+ tornadoes that swept through the region in December 2021. After some additional conversations with Week of Compassion and their partner, Crossroads International, our trip came to be.

It was in these planning stages that I was reminded of the incredible work of Week of Compassion. The national media and our societal attention spans have long since moved on from these tornadoes, and yet Week of Compassion remains until the work is complete and lives are rebuilt. And we know that work is only done by those who say "yes" to a felt call to help both in their monetary generosity and in their generosity of time and work.

Gratefully, last week 27 of our people answered that call for a four day whirlwind trip to Princeton, Kentucky. We stayed at First Christian Church, a small congregation that completely transformed the life of their ministry after the tornadoes and became a place to house volunteers. What an incredible ministry of hospitality.

I was struck by many things while on this trip. I was reminded that it's one thing to know that something terrible has happened, that 30+ tornadoes violently swept through Western Kentucky, and something else entirely to feel it, to pick up rubble that used to hold so much of someone's life and find within it a Barbie doll, drywall that used to hold pictures of someone's loved ones, a remote control, to be standing on steps that used to lead to someone's porch and now lead...nowhere. On the other hand, what a holy moment to be able to look into the eyes of someone whose life will be immediately impacted because of the work you did.

It was a moving experience to watch the youth move through their days, processing what they were seeing and feeling throughout, and then at the day's end, having deep discussions about where we experienced joy and where we saw God in the rubble.

For a daily recap and lots of pictures, please visit our church Facebook group, "Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)." Many thanks to ALL of you and your support as we prepared and for your prayers along our journey. ~ Reverend Katie

Stewardship Moment

A version of these words were shared on October 16, 2022

Without your gifts, non of the memories we have shared today happen (reflections from the Mission Trip to Princeton Kentucky).

Without your gifts, there isn't a place for a family to gather together and mourn the loss of a loved one.

Without your gifts, there isn't a place for our youth to gather on a Sunday evening. To know that they are welcomed and loved and safe.

Without your gifts, there is no opportunity for fellowship and donuts.

Without your gifts, there is no opportunity for you all to bless Rev. Katie, Rev. Kyle, Travis and all of our staff.

It is your gifts that allow us to be the church that God is calling us to be and my friends, it takes each and everyone of us.

So give freely.

Give with hope.

Give with the knowledge that your gifts go to the work that we are all called to do.

Stewardship/Finance **September 2022**

September 2022 Funds Received	\$ 25,609
September 2022 Expenses	\$ 35,874
September 2022 <i>Exp. greater than income</i>	\$ (10,264)

2022 Year to Date (January—September)

2022 YTD Funds Received:	\$ 297,220
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$ 314,892
2022 YTD <i>Expenses greater than income</i>	\$ (17,295)

Together, we can eliminate the budget deficit that we are facing as described in the chart above.

Together, we can end the year strong and look forward to the blessings that await us in the year to come.

Together, we can continue to be the church.

Together, we can celebrate our wonderful staff.

Together, we can continue to enjoy the building that has been a blessing for so many.

Week of Ministry

The week of October 10-16 was recognized by the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, as the Week of Ministry – a special time to celebrate pastors and those who have accepted the call to ministry by showing appreciation for their dedication.



Dedication. That word takes on a new meaning when you think about it as it applies to our ministers, Kyle and Katie.

Dedication sometimes looks like leading a group of youth and adults into a community that was ravaged by tornados and offering hope in the form of physical labor as they seek to rebuild.

Dedication sometimes looks like early morning hospital visits to celebrate new life, or late night hand holding to mourn the end of life.

Dedication looks like sacrificing your own needs so that you can provide a safe space to listen to someone who really needs to talk.

Dedication looks like leaving your own birthday camping trip early so you can fulfill your obligation to preach.

Dedication looks like missing your own family gatherings so you can provide a space for others to celebrate.

Dedication looks like planning and hosting celebrations of life, weddings, and funerals – taking care to pay attention to the details that make each event special and unique.

Dedication looks like finding words each and every week to make sense of an often senseless world.

Dedication looks like being brave and leading when you feel scared and uncertain.

Dedication looks like providing comfort when you are really in need of comfort yourself.

Dedication looks like Easter egg hunts, dress up nativity skits, vacation bible school silliness, budget meetings, building repairs, managing egos and expectations, gathering around a table or a campfire, showing up and cheering from the sidelines of sporting events and performances, making crabby teenagers laugh, finding ways to connect with and inspire wise, seasoned members who have seen and experienced things you never have, high-fiving preschoolers, and sometimes **dedication** even looks like mopping up overflowed toilets.

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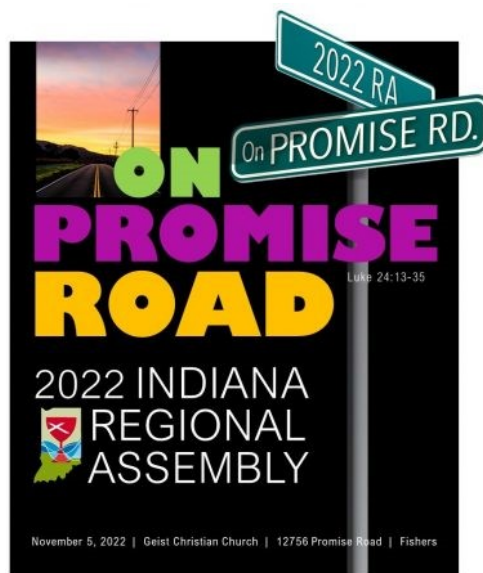
Week of Ministry

Dedication is answering the call again and again and again to serve God's people in whatever form that takes and however they can do it.

I am humbled and grateful for the **dedication** that Kyle and Katie have shown our church family - the dedication they show day in and day out.

I invite you to find time in the next few days to express your appreciation. Drop them a note, an email or simply stop on your way out of the sanctuary one Sunday morning and tell them thank you. They are incredibly dedicated and we are incredibly fortunate.

~ Melanie Heaviland, Elder



Saturday, November 5, 2022

Geist Christian Church
Promise Road Campus
12756 Promise Road, Fishers, Indiana

Register online at [IndianaDisciples.org](https://www.IndianaDisciples.org)

Gathering & Exhibits: 9:00 am
Plenary: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 2:30 pm
Assembly will conclude at 4:00 pm

Celebrating New SCC Member

On Sunday, September 18, 2022 we welcomed **Colton Dosch** to Speedway Christian Church by confession of faith.

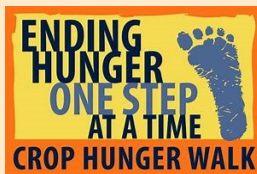


Crop Hunger Walk

We at Speedway Christian Church have the opportunity to participate, raising funds to help provide food and clean water for people in the world where these things are not a given, but a necessity often not available in sufficient amounts. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, our giving makes a huge impact.

Ways in which each of us can help in this effort:

- ◆ Walk individually, walk with your family or group to raise funds. Ask friends, neighbors, family to pledge support.
- ◆ Make a donation either online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org>
- ◆ Or through SCC—make your check payable to Speedway Christian Church, note: Crop Walk in memo section.



WALK.GIVE.CHANGE THE WORLD.

SCC T-Shirts

Get your Speedway Christian Church t-shirt! We have brand new T-shirts to promote our church. We hope you will purchase one and wear it any time, but especially during performing community service or just attending a community event like the upcoming Trunk or Treat. They are made from the really soft cotton that is SO comfortable to wear.

The shirts are available in children's sizes for \$15 each and adult sizes for \$25 each.

Thanks to JumpStart for providing the seed money to get the shirts produced. The money from T-shirt sales will then be returned to the JumpStart account to fund future projects.
~ Marilyn Shank

Please keep in Prayer

Jennifer Patterson
Deanna Beaver
Barb Golden

Roy Shoemaker
Betsy Enerson
Mary Day-Roberts



Our Sympathy and Prayers

To the Tetmeyer, Straub and Harting families upon the death of **Georgia Tetmeyer** on September 19, 2022.

To Chuck Henzie and family upon the death of **Sally Henzie**, who passed away on September 23, 2022.

To Linda Walthall and family upon the death of **Jerry Walthall**, who passed away on September 28, 2022.

To Rich, Megan & Rylee Hoerger upon the death of **Jan Hoerger**, who passed away on October 19, 2022.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

It was lovely to see Helen Kellam recognized for creating her 100th prayer shawl. If you'd like to learn more about why she is devoted to this mission, you can learn more in a video at this link:

<https://bit.ly/SCC100thprayershawl>

B-1 Adult Sunday School Class

The B-1 Adult Sunday School class is discussing the writings of the late Frederick Buechner, a prolific writer and ordained minister who has been described as too liberal to be a conservative and too conservative to be liberal. In other words, his writings cover the spectrum of most of us.

We're concentrating on the book *Listening to Your Life*, but we use several others as well. You don't have to read the books; we'll introduce a short passage each week and then discuss. We meet Sunday mornings 9:15—10:00am in room B1 (lower level).

All are welcome, please join us!

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Animal blessing

In honor of God's love for all of God's creatures, we will be having a Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 23 at 2:00pm**. Lovers of animals of all kinds are invited to bring their pets to church where we will have a very short service, followed by a time when Rev. Kyle or Rev. Katie will visit with your animal and offer a blessing for them and their human family. The services are a way of thanking God for the pets that bring joy to so many.

Blessing of the Animals



Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
6:30pm

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.



Sunday Family Funday

Family Funday is our monthly opportunity to gather with our church family for fellowship, food, and fun. On the last Sunday of every month, we meet after church for lunch. **All are invited and welcome!**

Please join us on:

Sunday, October 30 2022

11:30am—1:30pm

Los Patios—Speedway



A Storehouse Story - Birthday Bags

At our September Saturday distribution a young woman came in just as we were putting things away. Megan Hoerger was the contact at her car door, asking the needed questions as a first time recipient of food. At the end Megan asked her if any children in her family were going to have a birthday soon. She said her daughter was, so we retrieved a birthday bag from the pantry and gave it to her.

She returned today while we were unpacking the trailer and said that she was out of food and did not have anything to feed her family that night. We prepared a box of food and gave it to her. She became emotional as she told us how much the birthday bag meant to her. She and her husband fixed the cake together and her daughter was delighted. She gave me a hug and said thank you.

These birthday bags are prepared by our youth group. This was an idea they came up with on their own and we at the pantry are glad they did.

Thanks Be to God,
Rich