



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, December 22

Blue Christmas Service @ 6:00pm

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:30pm This service will include a children's special message.

8:00pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:15am—One worship service

No Sunday School Classes

January 1-New Year's Day

9:15am—One worship service

No Sunday School Classes

Monday, December 26—Monday, January 2 - Church Office Closed



Tis the Season!

I love a good winter snow storm. After years of living in southern Indiana, I really missed snow and now find that I get eager when there is mention of snow in the forecast. However, I also fully know and understand that there are people out in the world and who are most likely reading these words that do not enjoy it when there is snow in the forecast. And that is okay, too. The beauty of winter is that it too will give way to spring.



This week, the week leading up to **Christmas**, the forecast also includes some very challenging conditions. Record breaking cold temperatures mixed with high velocity winds compounded by potential ice accumulations first, followed by snow... That sure isn't the winter snow storm that I had hoped for! I am not sure that is what folks had in mind when they dreamed of a *white* Christmas.

And yet, this storm is an opportunity for us to be as neighborly as we can. What do I mean by that? If you can, check in on your neighbors or family members and be as neighborly as you safely can. A phone call from a friend or a loved one can be as heartwarming as a cup of hot chocolate on a cold winter's morn!

There are several opportunities this month to warm your spirit as well. We have an opportunity tonight (December 22, 2022) to lift up to God the heaviness and grief that for so many weighs up the festive activities of this Season. We will light candles and watch the light grow as a reminder that even on the longest night of the year, the *light* shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

We will also have an opportunity to gather together twice on **Christmas Eve**. The first opportunity to worship will take place at **4:30pm**. It will be a wonderful way to welcome the joy of the Christ Child with our families, and pajamas! The second opportunity will happen at **8pm** and include sharing the light with each other. We will watch in wonder and amazement as the darkened sanctuary will be filled with light!

To finish out the season, we have an opportunity to worship together on **Christmas Day at 10:15** and then we will have one worship service on **New Year's Day at 9:15am**. Even if the weather happens to be a challenge, for some, we all get to experience the warmth of God's presence. *Let it snow*, and may peace be with you all!

Remind codes

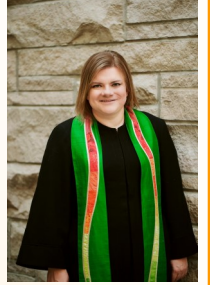
We have Remind text threads for all of our children and youth. Here are the codes so you can access the threads to keep up to date on everything that is going on with our children and youth.

Babies – 5th grade: acaahe

6-8th grade youth: k96a8a

9-12th grade youth: scchsyo

If you have questions or need to be invited through the Remind app, please contact Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.



Youth Ski Trip

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Sunday, January 15—Our youth will be traveling to Perfect North Slopes. We will leave the church at 11:30am (after the 10:15 worship service) and will return by 11:00pm.

**Cost: \$75.00 Ski and/or Snowboard (only)
\$35.00 Tubing (only)**

These amounts will cover two meals, gas, equipment rental, and admission to the park. Each youth may also bring spending money. If cost is an issue, please let Katie know and we will over the cost of the trip. More information, visit www.perfectnorth.com.

Please RSVP to Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org or by calling the church office by Sunday, January 8 (this is a strict deadline as we have to find drivers).

Youth Group Schedule

Youth group is cancelled on Christmas Day but we will be meeting on New Years Day during our normal hours. A more complete schedule will be released on Sunday, January 1, 2023.



Noisy Offering

Thank you for your generous gifts to the children's noisy offering fund! Following are the programs selected and amounts given.

St. John's Food Pantry Storehouse: \$200.00
Salvation Army \$100.00
Foster Families Program: \$200.00

Your gifts bring smiles to many.



Please keep in Prayer

Betsy Enerson
Barb Golden
Mary Day-Roberts
Bob Alexander (Art Vermillion's brother –in-law)



Our Sympathy and Prayers

To the family and friends of Virginia (Ginny) Beck, who passed away on December 3, 2022.

QR Code

The church now has its own QR code, from which anyone can scan with their smart phone and directly connect with our website:



Go ahead and try it. Point the camera in your smartphone at the QR code and it will automatically take you to the Speedway Christian Church website. As long as the website URL remains the same, it will work with the new website under development. The QR code should be inserted in every print item the church produces from the Sunday bulletin to the printed newsletter to posters and letters. The digital version will be forwarded to the appropriate people. Here's how it was introduced on the table card at the Speedway Light the Night table where we gave away the Connect 4 games and kids made ornaments.

David Shank

Connect with us!

FREE!

(one to a family)



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Thank you to for all the birthday wishes, cards and prayers. I had a great day celebrating with my family and friends.

~ Regina Parson



Thank you to our Speedway Christian Church family for all the thoughts, kind words and prayers.

~ The Family of Bob Collins



As a Reminder...Your Help Is Needed

If you are the last to leave a gathering, meeting, etc., please remember to make sure:

- **All exterior church doors are secured.**
- All interior lights are turned off.

Stewardship/Finance November 2022

October 2022 Funds Received	\$ 25,508
October 2022 Expenses	\$ 37,441
October 2022 <i>Exp. greater than income</i>	\$ (11,934)

2022 Year to Date (January—November)

2022 YTD Funds Received:	\$ 351,281
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$ 385,533
2022 YTD <i>Expenses greater than income</i>	\$ (34,252)

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SCC Door Hangers

Door hangers are available to make it easier for you to invite friends and neighbors to experience the joy of Christmas at Speedway Christian Church.

The door hangers are available in the Hall of Light, If you would like to distribute door hangers in your area. There will also be a sign-up sheet, to note the area you plan to distribute.

Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
6:30pm



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meet on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Bethany Room.**

A Zoom link is also available. Please contact Bob Parke at rlparkeatt.net or Art Vermillion at artpaulinev@sbcglobal.net they will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!



Approved 2023 Slate **Speedway Christian Church**

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