



Holy Week Services



Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
 Chancel Choir Cantata

Presented by the Chancel choir of
 Speedway Christian Church

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

Speedway United Methodist Church
 5065 W. 16th Street, Speedway, IN
 Ecumenical Service
 12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

Celebration Worship Services
 8:15 & 10:15 a.m.



Easter Egg Hunt at SCC
Saturday April 15th - 11:00 a.m.

Rain or Shine.
 (in case of rain we will hunt indoors)



**A Day of Celebration at
 Speedway Christian Church
 Sunday, April 23, 2017**

- ◆ **One worship service @ 10:00 a.m.**
- ◆ **Thursday, April 20—No worship service**
- ◆ **Baptisms of Youth—Journey in Faith Class**
- ◆ **All church pitch in (following worship)**
 (The church will provide the meat and dessert)
Please bring a side dish or salad to share.



Speedway Organ Update:

I had hoped to have great news and details as we approach Easter. Fortunately, our current organ is still playing, although it is adding a lot of notes which Joshua doesn't play. When we ordered the organ, we sent a piece of the piano and asked Johannus to match the stains. This took longer than we anticipated. Also, Johannus has purchased another organ company and is doing some reorganization which has evidently slowed them down.



Please rest assured that we are working to get our organ constructed and shipped as soon as possible but I wanted you to have an update as of 4/5/17. As we get closer, we will provide additional information. Thanks for your many contributions and for your patience in this process.

Bob McColgin,
 SCC Organ Committee Chair

Please keep in Prayer

Dick Richmond Ted Pine
Doreen Harper Ray Norris
Don Strawser Martha Bosma
Eric Anderson Larry Houldson
Erika Chambers-Martin
Daniel Hodges (Steve & Marcia Hodges' son)
Kathy Wilmott (Irene Saunders' daughter)
David Anderson (Eric Anderson's father)



Dear Church Family,

It is with sadness and joy that I thank all of you for the love you showed Carlos and me over the last two months. By the time you read this, Carlos will be reunited with his mother and five sisters at their new home on the northwest side of Indy. I'm not sure where God is leading them, but I do know they are following Him. I especially want to thank all of you who provide child care on Thursdays, Sundays, and special events. You have helped Carlos come to know Jesus. I also appreciated the opportunity to take a short break and it was so important for Carlos to have that time in the church with each of you. Learning to make friends in a nurturing environment was also very important for Carlos so thank you to all the parents and kids who make use of the child care at SCC. Please keep Carlos and his family in your prayers. They are on the road to recovery but they have a long way to go with many trials ahead of them.

God Bless,
Jeff Hammer and Carlos Venegas-Diaz



General Assembly Help Needed July 9—12, 2017

Your help is needed at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) coming to Indianapolis in July! We are looking for individuals familiar with Greater Indianapolis, the Indiana Convention Center, and/or the General Assembly to volunteer at the Building & Program Information and City Information kiosk(s) July 8, 9, 10, and 11. If you are interested in one or more shifts, please contact committee chair Jim Schmidt at schmide64@hotmail.com <<mailto:schmide64@hotmail.com>>. SCC member Jared Trullinger also is assisting with the Information Services Committee and can be contacted at trullingerj@gmail.com <<mailto:trullingerj@gmail.com>> or 319-321-7311 should you have questions. **Remember you do not need to register to attend the worship services.**

Thinking Out Loud...

An assignment for the remainder of Holy Week that I hope you will accept: Read the stories of Jesus' death and resurrection in the four gospels. Notice that I wrote *stories* (plural), not singular. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have their unique slants. If we try to weave all these stories into one, seamless, consistent story, we do a disservice to each of them.

It may be natural to ask, which one got it right? We modern people often want to know the facts, simply the facts, so some Christians and congregations will try to reconcile all the details of the four gospel accounts. When they drive themselves crazy attempting to do this, they resort to: "The Bible is historically accurate in all of its details, because the Bible was inspired by God. If we can't reconcile the differences, it's simply because of our limited minds."

Others may admit that there are differences in the details of the four gospel accounts. Because of this, they may be tempted to "throw the baby out with the bathwater," to use an over-utilized cliché. In other words, they may conclude that if the facts can't be reconciled, then the stories can't be trusted.

I suggest another approach. The gospel writers weren't concerned with the historical accuracy of all of the details. That's a thoroughly modern concern. First-century people probably didn't ask: "Did it happen just as it is written?" They more likely asked: "What do these stories mean?"

Let's ask that as we read the stories of Jesus' death and resurrection. Specifically, we can ask: What do these stories mean for the world, the church, and my life? As we read the stories and let them soak in, we might begin to feel their power. They may begin to come alive within us as we hear with that deepest part of us, our hearts, that Jesus is still dying and rising, today.

What about it? Is Jesus dying and rising, now, not did Jesus simply die and rise two thousand years ago? Are those parts of our world, church, and lives that are no longer working or are hindering real life, dying with Jesus, and is Jesus rising now, bringing renewed hope, peace, and joy?

With Easter hope,
Scott

On Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to contribute to the special Easter offering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This offering supports Disciples Mission Fund. This is the common fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples Mission Fund supports 72 ministries as close as local congregations and reaching around the globe. Checks can be made to the church and earmarked "Special Easter Offering." Envelopes are available in the narthex and on the welcome table (parking lot entrance). You can also mail your checks to the church. Thanks for your consideration.



The E.D.G.E.

I recently witnessed something that would have to be called a miracle, and that happens only through the power of prayer.

We have a young man named Patrick that works at the Speedway Library. Patrick is a student at Marian University and will graduate in May 2017. On March 1, a dark and rainy evening, Patrick got off the bus 2 blocks from his home. As he was crossing the street, a truck failed to stop at the stop sign and hit him.

Thank heavens the driver stopped and called 911. Patrick was unconscious and had a compound fracture of his lower left leg. The leg could be repaired, but he had a severe concussion. At the insistence of his mother a MRI was done., and it was determined that he had a DAI head injury. Most people who have this type of head trauma do not come out of their coma. Patrick finally woke up that day. He had no short term memory and they were unsure if it would come back.

Patrick's mother ask for prayers at her church and everyone who knew him were praying constantly for him. The Monday after his accident, Patrick was not answering the doctor's questions well at all. On Tuesday, he knew the days of the week and the current President. The doctors were very encouraged, and by Wednesday one week later, they said he was on his way to a full recovery. He is continuing rehab and will be back to work as soon as he can walk on his leg. Patrick is working on his college work on-line and will definitely graduate in May. This is nothing short of a miracle and I am so thankful to God for it!

Teresa Gorrell, Elder



Volunteers Needed...

Spring and warmer weather are here! Which also means yard work is here too! The church is always in need of volunteers, to help keep the outside of our church beautiful and welcoming.

A weekly commitment is not required. Whatever time you can give would be greatly appreciated! The church provides the mower and gas.



Volunteer signup sheet can be found in the Hall of Light or contact the church office to signup. Any questions, please contact Matt Holton, SCC Property Chair @ 317-271-8428 or contact the church office.

Thank you!

Heading into Holy Week our youth did some heavy pondering of Jesus' last week – Chi Rho reflecting on his approach to Jerusalem where he weeps over the city, lamenting that the people of the city don't know the peace of God; CYF digging into the “Seven Last Words of Jesus” and pondering the mystery that the Christian symbol of the cross, a symbol of death, is also a symbol of hope. Powerful stuff. See below for our schedule coming up. (NOTE: Easter Sunday is the deadline to register for the Youth Assembly! Contact Randy if you have questions.)



Looking Ahead:

- **April 16 – EASTER** (No Sunday evening groups)
- **April 22 – Speedway Home Helpers Project**
- **April 23 – Journey in Faith Baptisms @ 10:00 a.m.** service with meal following – **Chi Rho & CYF meet @ 5:45– 7:30 p.m.**
- **April 28-30 – Spring Youth Assembly @ Geneva Camp** (No Sunday evening groups)
- **May 7 – Chi Rho & CYF meet 5:45–7:30 p.m.**
- **May 14 – Graduates Sunday & Mother's Day!!** (No evening meetings)
- **May 21 – Indians game** to close out our season

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Please plan to join us on **Sunday May 21** for the SCC Indianapolis Indians baseball game (oh, and to celebrate “Marge Graham Appreciation Day”). *Game tickets will need to be purchased in advance.* Ticket price is \$14.00, the seats will be in section 105, along 3rd base. Tickets can be purchased in the Hall of Light on Sundays (between services) April 16, 23 & 30. May 21 will also be Colts @ Bat Day & Kids Eat Free Sunday at Victory Field! Any questions, please contact Hannah McDonald @ 317.418.0084 or email membership@speedwaychristian.org



Stewardship/Finance

2017 Approved Budget: \$505,739.00

2017 Required to Date (4/9/2017)..... \$ 143,133.68
 (to meet approved budget)
 2017 Received to Date (4/9/2017) \$ 126,519.45
 2017 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 4/9/2017) \$ 16,614.23

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
April 2, 2017	\$ 9,098.23	185
April 9, 2017	\$ 7,822.50	295

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Camperships Fund Growing

One of the best investments we make in young people here at Speedway Christian Church is providing “camperships” (camp scholarships) to cover half the cost of going to camp. One full campership is \$120. Donations of any size are welcome! Our goal is \$3000. **Donations of \$1,490.00 have come in so far!!** Check with the Christian Education rep in the Hall of Light on Sundays or contact the church office to contribute toward our Campership Fund so we can help all our 2017 campers! ~ Randy Kuss



How to Register for Church Camp Registration Deadline May 15, 2017

Wondering how to register your kids for camp this summer? Camps will be held at the Geneva Center in Rochester, a new site for our regional camps, and at Bedford Camp, a long-standing regular for us. **Registration for camps at either site is ONLINE this year!!** To find camp dates and the registration links go to <http://indianadisciples.org> and click on the link for CHURCH CAMP. (NOTE: The age group listed by each camp is based on school grade completed, not the grade a child is entering.)



Please register BY MAY 15!! When registering you can choose to pay the full fee or can pay half the fee and the church will scholarship the rest. (Either way, please let Randy Kuss know you have registered and for which camp so we have an accurate record of who is going and what is owed to the region.) ~ Randy Kuss

Craft Bazaar

In 2015, Speedway Christian Church held a craft bazaar. Due to the many talents of our congregation, and member support, it was a huge success! Therefore, we feel it would be a missed opportunity to not have another. We want to let you know now so that you have plenty of time to prepare your items. The bazaar, will be held on Saturday November 4, 2017. We need your talent and support for this event to succeed. If you have an item or skill that you know you will be bringing or have an artisan you feel we should contact; please send an e-mail to membership@speedwaychristian.org. If you have any questions please get in touch with Lisa Mosier, Kelly Ward or Hannah McDonald.



Food Pantry News



Newby Elementary School collected food as a service project. On March 23rd, students loaded boxes containing 1,263 food items into our vehicles. A big thank you to Holly Polites and Amy DeLisle for coordinating the event, and to the students who collected these items to feed those in our community. ~ World Outreach

Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, April 14 — Sunday, April 16
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, April 21 — Sunday, April 23
Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

Spirit @ SCC (USPS 510-220)

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