



A New Organist Has been hired.....

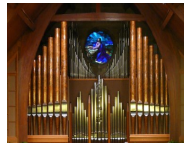
I am pleased to officially announce that Speedway Christian Church has hired an organist!

Mr. Evan Cogswell will be joining our staff the first week of August. Evan has a wonderful background in church music and will be a tremendous addition to our worship services. He has just completed his Master's Degree from Yale, where he majored in Organ Performance and Composition. Evan will begin his doctoral studies at Indiana University this Fall and will be living in Bloomington. The Chancel Choir had the opportunity to meet Evan and attend a rehearsal that he accompanied a couple of weeks ago. We are all very excited to welcome him into our church family. Please pray that Evan has a smooth transition with his upcoming move and studies as we support him in those efforts.

~ Marge Graham

Organ Update

Our Johannus organ has been shipped, and is due to arrive in Chicago by the end of July.



~ Bob McColgin

A "music" all thanks.....

A special thanks has certainly been earned by four awesome members of our church that have spent countless hours filing and re-filing hundreds of music anthems in the choir room. This is a huge undertaking when considering that the church now has over 2,000 anthems for our use in the years ahead. After I reviewed all the music, all that was considered still relevant and "singable" was counted and filed and is now in a database so it can easily be utilized. Those faithful servants were: Rich Horger, Bobbi Jones, Don Pirtle and Mims Pirtle



~ Marge Graham

Camper Prayers

You are invited to be in prayer for our last group of campers heading off for adventure, fun and growth in faith. Attending New Beginnings Camp at Bedford, **July 13-15: Charlie Hornocker and Lacie Mynatt.** Attending Explorer Camp at Bedford, **July 17-22: Cayden Mynatt and Elijah Kim.** These last campers round out another great season of church camps with 40 of us who went to one camp or another this summer. Big thanks to all who



donated to the Camperships Fund which ensured that scholarship help was available for all.

~ Randy Kuss

Blessing of Backpacks

Thursday, August 3 & Sunday, August 6

Calling all students!!! Bring your backpacks or book bags to church Thursday evening, August 3, or Sunday morning, August 6 for a Blessing of Backpacks as school is getting underway. Who will have the smallest bag or pack? the largest? the most colorful? Whatever the size, shape or color of your pack, know that we will be in prayer for your safety and growth and for a new year of learning. ~ Randy Kuss



The E.D.G.E.

As I have gotten older, my prayers each night have evolved into a different format. Before I go any further, I understand that prayer is very personal. In my opinion, there is no right or wrong way to pray. My intent is not to tell you how to pray or what to say. It is simply to share how my prayers have changed. My favorite scripture is Psalm 118, verse 24. **FOR THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE. WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.** As I thought about the scripture, I realized that I didn't spend enough prayer time thanking God for all the gladness in my life.

Because of this revelation, I now begin my prayers with at least three things that I am grateful for that day. This encourages me to look back at my day and reflect upon my blessings each and every day. It helps me to end each day with a positive, glass-half-full attitude. This helps me to try to "live" the words of my favorite scripture – to rejoice and be glad in each day. ~ Tom Smith, Co-Chair of Elders

Please keep in Prayer

Liz Foster Donna Pingleton
Bobbi Jones Alan Davis
Doreen Harper Charlene Hoyt
Bill Hammel (Melanie Heaviland's father)
Greg Littrell (Deanna Beaver's brother)
David Milhouse (Pauline Vermillion's brother)
Haddie Noblet (Marge Miskoweic's great-granddaughter)



Sympathy is extended to the friends and family

of **Don Strawser**, who passed away on Friday, June 16, 2017. Services were held on Saturday, June 24, 2017.



Sympathy is extended to the friends and family

of **Mary McGilliard**, who passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Services will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2017 in the Chapel at Robin Run Village, 5354 W. 62nd Street, Indianapolis.



Thinking out Loud..

I have started a sermon series which I am calling the *This I Believe* series. I got the idea from two sources. One is a lecture I heard on You tube by the author Anne Lamott. In the lecture she speaks of the twelve things that she believes are absolutely true by which she tries to live. In the lecture, she has her characteristic poignancy and humor.

The other source of my "inspiration" for the series comes from a book titled *This I Believe*. Eighty essayists, from the well-known to the unknown, complete the words "This I Believe blank," and they fill in the blank with a short essay in which they describe one thing by which they try to live.

In the sermon series, I am going to preach about one thing each week for ten weeks that are true for me. I have already preached two sermons in the series. The first is: "This I Believe: We Have Little to No Control in Life." The second is: "This I Believe: Love Is the Most Powerful Force in the Universe." I try to live my life by these. Your list may or may not correspond with some or any on my list. I'm not going to try to convert you to my list; although, I obviously hope that you will take them into consideration, since they are so important to me. But what I especially hope that you will do is begin to think about the things with which you would fill the blank in the statement: "This I Believe blank."

A couple in our church think that it would be interesting to have all of us write a sentence or two with which we would fill the blank. These should be statements that are at the heart of your life. I encourage you write a statement, and then drop it in the offering plate. You can remain anonymous or sign your name to the statement; although, I prefer that you sign your name, so we will get to know you better. But you aren't obligated to sign your statement. At the couple's suggestion, we will have some of these published in upcoming newsletters. (If you are homebound and would like to participate in this, please call the church office and share your statement.)

Why don't you ponder one thing that is at the heart of what is an essential belief for you? Won't it be interesting to see what others believe? Undoubtedly, our statements will reveal the diversity of beliefs in our congregation. It will remind us of how in Jesus we remain united.

Blessings on your journey,
Scott



Happy Birthday to
Lavern Crafton who will be
102 years young
on August 8.



To **Chuck, Kim, Cale, Creighton & Camden Bennett, and Kenny & Bobbi Jones** for all their help. Each

without hesitation stepped up and helped the office staff with a delivery. Your help and your smiles helped more than you know.

Spirit Newsletter Summer Schedule

Next publication date:

August 15, 2017

Informational updates and announcements will be sent out as needed between publications.



Become a Host Mentor

Become involved in an outreach of Speedway Christian Church. As a Premier Partner with Wayne Township Schools, Speedway Christian Church is building a community connection that benefits children.

Your commitment of only one hour a week can “make a difference” in the life of a child. Research shows that students who can read well by the time they are in third grade are more likely to graduate and become successful, productive citizens!



Finally, mentoring is a very personally rewarding experience. To better understand that experience just ask Doug and Sandy Hostrawser, Rich Hoerger or Kris and Bill Workman about the program.

Call 317-988-8675 for HOSTS information.



Please help those in need by bringing in food items to support St. John's Food Pantry



Rememberto Recycle

Bring your paper to the recycling bin located in the church parking lot.

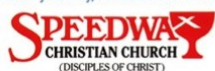


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Each time you buy, Amazon will donate to



BackSacks

Speedway Christian Church provided 9 students with BackSacks for the entire 2016-2017 school year. At \$200.00 per student this was a \$1,800.00 effort to reduce food insecurity in our Speedway Elementary Schools. To participate in our church efforts for the 2017-2018 school year, please consider a donation. Checks can be made out to Speedway Christian Church. Your canceled check provides the documented charitable gift. Please enter 'BackSacks' in the memo column. All levels of support as noted on the slide below, are appreciated. A great overview of the program is on YouTube titled “BackSacks Program Overview by Graham Rahal. A second YouTube video titled “10K Kids Receive BackSacks from Gleaners on Fridays” provides more detail.

Thanks for your support ~ World Outreach



BackSacks: Weekend Food for Kids

Provides nutritious shelf-stable food for the weekend to elementary students who have been carefully selected by school officials based on need.

Cost per student:

1 student/1 week	\$5.00
1 student/1 month	\$20.00
1 student/1 school year	\$200.00

Estimated supplemental food needs for Speedway Elementary Schools:

Wheeler Elementary	30-32 students
Allison Elementary	30-32 students
Newby Elementary	10-12 students
Fisher Elementary	10-12 students

Stewardship/Finance

2017 Approved Budget: \$497,289

2017 Required to Date (7/9/2017).....	\$ 262,718.72
<i>(to meet approved budget)</i>	
2017 Received to Date (7/9/2017)	\$ 244,047.13
2017 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 7/9/2017) \$	18,671.59

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
June 11, 2017	\$ 12,021.60	169
June 18, 2017	\$ 5,596.00	176
June 25, 2017	\$ 6,223.75	195
July 2, 2017	\$ 9,496.10	182
July 9, 2017	\$ 7,060.00	239

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Bean Blossom Music Series
Saturday, July 15, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m.
St. David's Episcopal Church
Bean Blossom, IN
Featuring Joshua & Fiona Ridenour
All are welcome!

To the Congregation and Friends of
Speedway Christian Church,

100th Birthday Celebration
for Hilda Ruth Hippensteele

A reception will be held for Hilda Ruth on
Sunday, July 30, 2017.

Where: The Bridge at Westside Garden Plaza
8614 W. 10th Street, Indianapolis

When: July 30, 2017
4:00—5:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend
and share in this special
celebration with Hilda Ruth!



All Church Women's Brunch
Saturday, August 12, 11:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars! The ladies of CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) will be hosting a brunch for all of women of the church. The brunch menu will consist of salads & desserts, and will be provided by the ladies of CWF. A program will follow brunch. Tom Smith will be our guest speaker.

Sign-up sheet will be available in the Hall of Light beginning Sunday, July 16. All women are invited! We would love to see you there. ~ Teresa Gorrell



Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, July 14 — Sunday, July 16
Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

Friday, July 21 — Sunday, July 23
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Friday, July 28 — Sunday, July 30
Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

Friday, August 4 — Sunday, August 6
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, August 11 — Sunday, August 13
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Full Official Board Retreat
Saturday, August 19, 2017
9:00 a.m.. — Noon
All 2017 Board Members -
Officers, Trustees, Elders, Deacons,
Department Chairs—are asked to attend.

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