



## ***B-1 Adult Sunday School Class Resumes***

The B-1 Adult Sunday school class will resume **Sunday, September 10**, after a summer hiatus. We invite all of our "regulars" to join us, but we also invite anyone else to be part of this class – whether you come every week or just drop in on an occasional Sunday. The discussion is always spirited! And no advance knowledge is required. We meet from 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning in Room B-1.

## ***Sunday School Kickoff***

Our "Kickoff" for a new year of Sunday School for children, youth and adults will be **Sunday, September 10!** Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 for the Sunday School Kickoff with music, a story, introduction of teachers and classes. Bibles will be presented to our new 5th graders during worship. Worship & Wonder also enters a new year. Sunday evening youth groups will be back to their regular evening gatherings on September 17.

~ Randy Kuss

## ***Let the singing and ringing begin!***

We are excited to begin a wonderful year of special music possibilities at the church:

- ◆ Chancel Choir practices begin **Thursday, September 7 @ 7:15 p.m.**
- ◆ The Kid's Choirs begin practices on **Sunday, September 10** (ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) **@ 4:30 p.m.** (note the time change)
- ◆ Joyful Ringers (our adult hand bell choir) practices begin **Thursday, September 28 @ 6:15 p.m.**



If you are interested in finding out about any of these groups or would like to join us, give Marge Graham a call @ 317-313-5337. We would

love for you to be part of our music ministry!

## ***Helping Others in Need***

A reminder that *Week of Compassion* is an ongoing ministry of our denomination. In the wake of *Hurricane Harvey* if you would like to make a contribution to this ministry, checks can be made out to the church. Mark "***Week of Compassion: Hurricane Harvey***" in the memo section. There is no administrative cost for these gifts. 100% of the contribution will go to hurricane relief.

## ***Ever Consider Joining the Church Choir?***

Thursday, September 7 will be the first Chancel Choir rehearsal this fall. Please know that ***all are welcome to join us.***



We rehearse every Thursday night at 7:15 for about an hour. Child Care is available.

If you have questions, please call Marge, at the church office 317-244-7656.

Jr. or Sr. High students are especially welcome!!!

## ***Planners & Parliamentarians Wanted***

As Moderator of our Board, I have been talking to our Board and Staff about the need to review our bylaws and organization structure for the last couple of years. The fact is that our Board is very large and based on the Church's volunteer capacity from decades past. In addition, our tax-exempt status depends on our bylaws being reflective of how we actually do "business" now.

So, I am asking for your help! We are in need of thoughtful folks who care about the future of our Church and who are willing to attend 2-3 meetings this fall (Sep-Oct). Together, we will review the bylaws and consider several suggestions on the table and ask questions about how we should govern ourselves in the near and not-so-distant future. The goal of the committee will be to both confirm our current document and make recommendations for desired changes in time for consideration at our final Full Board meeting in November.

If you are interested, please contact me via email, text or phone and let me know! I look forward to hearing from you, [allenpearcy@gmail.com](mailto:allenpearcy@gmail.com) or cell/txt: 317-441-8781.

~ Allen Pearcy, Moderator

## *Please keep in Prayer*

Alan Davis  
Linda Percy  
Helen Kildsig  
Donna Pingleton  
Bill Harting  
Sherry Schwartz (Ken Barnes daughter)  
Bill Ferrell (Georgia Stackhouse's grandson)



*and*

*All those impacted by Hurricane Harvey*



## *October Home-Bound Birthdays*

October 22      Frieda Rieke



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## *Full Official Board Retreat Saturday, September 30, 2017*

*9:00 a.m... — Noon*

*All 2017 Board Members -*

*Officers, Trustees, Elders, Deacons,  
Department Chairs—are asked to attend.*



Heavenly Father , Please help me to trust you even when  
I don't understand why things happen as they do.  
Comfort my heart and remind me of your  
goodness and love.

## *Thinking Out Loud...*

We have watched with sadness the destruction that has occurred in Houston and surrounding areas. For most of us, it is impossible to imagine such devastation. It may lead us to question where God is in all of this. In order to explain this, there is some sick theology that says that Hurricane Harvey is God's judgement of sin, so the hurricane serves as a wake up call to "get right with God." I call this *sick* theology because for the Christian, the God Jesus revealed would never do such a thing.

There isn't a complete answer to where is God in all of this. There is, however, a partial answer. God is at work through police officers, firefighters, and other rescue personnel. God is at work through government officials who are doing all they can to dispatch help. God is at work through faith communities and other citizens who are reaching out to those who have been hit the hardest. And yes, God can work through us through our financial gifts.

There are a variety of non-profit groups who do good work to which we can contribute. I suggest that we consider a gift to Week of Compassion. Many of you know that I am passionate about the work of Week of Compassion. *Week* of Compassion is emphasized by many Disciples congregations for a week in February, but I remind you that *Week* of Compassion is at work throughout the year doing wonderful ministry. One of its primary ministries is to reach out to those throughout the world who have been impacted by natural disasters. Week of Compassion is already responding in Houston and nearby places that have been hit so hard.

Please consider letting God work through you by making a check out to the church. Please write "Week of Compassion: Hurricane Harvey Relief" in the memo section. As an announcement in this newsletter indicates, 100% of the contribution will go to hurricane relief. There is *no* administrative cost. This is the case with all designated gifts to Week of Compassion. Even a general gift only has about a 5% administrative cost. For a non-profit organization this is almost unprecedented.

Where is God in all of this? I believe God is present with all who hurt as we do what we can to touch the lives of those who cry out for help.

Scott



## *The E.D.G. E.*

The DVD "The Shack" came out this summer. I read the book when it came out several years ago. It's the story of a family who has a terrible tragedy happen. This tragedy causes Matt, the father, to question his faith: "Why wasn't God there?" or "How could God let that happen?" We all go through times in our life when we ask these types of questions. God never said life would be easy because we are Christians. He said he would be with us always. What I loved about this book was the interaction Matt had with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Matt figures out that God was with his daughter and she, even as a young child, felt God's presence with her during her terrible ordeal. Knowing this helped Matt come out of his dark place and strengthened his faith. May we all come to trust that God is here for us, even when we have our doubts. God is never far away, just waiting for us to come back to him.  
~ Teresa Gorrell, Elder

## *Craft Bazaar Changes*

Thank you to all who have reached out to us over the last several weeks, about your intent to support the craft bazaar. While we have many who have made items, we do not have the amount that we had in previous years.

So we have a new plan:

Speedway Christian Church will be renting a booth space, at the already well attended and advertised, Holiday Craft Bazaar at Speedway Junior High School on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 11:00 – 4:00p.m. The fee for the booth space is low, compared to what we would spend putting the event on ourselves. We will also use this opportunity to have information available about our church.

***We still need your crafts!*** If you already have items made, and ready to donate, please make a list of items with a price range that you think is fair (we will price the items with prices for you).

Please contact us at [membership@speedwaychristian.org](mailto:membership@speedwaychristian.org) and we will make arrangements to get the items from you. If you are able to make a few items, we don't think we will have any problem filling up booth space. We will be contacting those of you we have already spoken with. Items that would be good for this bazaar range from baked goods, sewing/needle craft, crochet/knitted items, painted items, floral arrangements, jewelry, the ideas are endless. Items that do not sell at the bazaar will be placed in the Hall of Light on Sunday, November 19 for further purchases, before being returned to the crafter. So that we have time to price and prepare, we would like to have all items to be donated turned in to us by November 4.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [membership@speedwaychristian.org](mailto:membership@speedwaychristian.org) or seek out a committee chair: Hannah McDonald, Lisa Mosier, or Kelly Ward.

Big thanks to the Hartman family who hosted 18 CYF (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders) for their Lake Day at Lake Lemon on August 20 and to the Heaviland, Cork, and Chaplin families who hosted 20 Chi Rho (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders) for their Lake Day at Lake Freeman on August 26. Much thanks to all our drivers, too!!

### **Looking Ahead:**

- **Penrod Fundraiser, Saturday, September 9** – Our biggest fundraiser of the year! Lots of help needed. Contact Randy if you can work morning or afternoon shifts.
- **Sunday School Kickoff – Sunday, September 10** – Journey in Faith plus other youth classes begin.
- **Youth Groups Kickoff – September 17** – Sunday evening youth groups start up on September 17 with Snack Supper at 5:45 p.m. and youth groups following – Chi Rho for 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grades and CYF for 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Parents Nite – September 17** – Parents of 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to our first Sunday evening gathering to join us for a light meal together and get an important preview of the year ahead for your kids!



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



## *Stewardship/Finance*

**2017 Approved Budget: \$497,289**

2017 Required to Date (8/27/2017)..... \$ 328,398.40  
(to meet approved budget)  
2017 Received to Date (8/27/2017) ..... \$ 300,788.78  
2017 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 8/27/2017) \$ 27,609.62

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
August 20, 2017	\$ 5,765.50	196
August 27, 2017	\$ 4,399.50	212

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*and*

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CALLIEJSMITH@ICLOUD.COM or  
SCOTTKCOX@BELLSOUTH.NET or  
Scott cell: 502-316-3085

***Light a Candle for Children  
Season of Prayer***

We will begin observance of Light a Candle for Children on **Sunday, September 10**, keeping our own children in prayer and joining other congregations to pray for all of God's children. You can find daily Light a Candle prayer concerns on our September and October Prayer Calendars. Make time to be involved in the lives of children. Let the candle of their lives inspire you and light your pathway as you work and pray on their behalf. We will conclude this season of prayer with Children's Sabbath, October 15.



~ Randy Kuss

**Church - Emergency on Call Contact**

**Friday, September 8 — Sunday, September 10**  
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

**Friday, September 15 — Sunday, September 17**  
Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

**Friday, September 22 — Sunday, September 24**  
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

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