



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday—March 25

Worship Services 8:15 & 10:15 a.m.
 Chancel Choir Cantata @ 10:15 a.m. Worship
 Presented by the Chancel Choir of
 Speedway Christian Church

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary



Friday, March 30—Good Friday

Speedway Baptist Church
 2986 Moeller Road, Speedway, IN
 Ecumenical Service
 12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

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



*A Day of Celebration at
 Speedway Christian Church
 Sunday, March 11, 2018*

- ~ One worship service @ 10:00 a.m.
- ~ Thursday, March 8—No worship service
- ~ Baptisms of Youth—Journey in Faith Class



Baptism Celebration

Nine young people from our Journey in Faith class recently made their confession of faith, and on Sunday, March 11, we will celebrate their baptism into new life. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. so the entire congregation can be part of this great moment in the lives of these young people. Those being baptized are: Audrey Burrell, Abby Cork, Toby Cork, Alex DeLisle, James Hornocker, Madeleine Mastin, Sarah Morris, Jack Walthall, and Ava Yochum. We are grateful for the guidance of their mentors, Caroline Cork, Marge Graham, Dean Heaviland, Melanie Heaviland, Lisa Mosier, Sabrina Straub, Denny Smith, Pauline Vermillion, and Jerry Walthall; for their teachers, Chuck and Kim Bennett; and for their families and this congregation who nurtured them on their faith journey over the years leading to this day.

The Abrahamic Faiths

A Lenten Faith Forum—March 11, 18, 25

Join us for a Lenten Faith Forum on *The Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings, March 11, 18, 25. On **March 11, 9 a.m.**, **Muzaffar Ahmad** will be our guest, here to share with us some of the history, beliefs, and practices of Islam. On **March 18, 9:15 a.m.**, **Rabbi Shelley Goldman** will be with us to likewise share with us about Judaism. On **March 25, 9:15 a.m.**, we will reflect together on our common history and practices, our differences, and the distinctive voice our Christian faith brings to the world with Randy Kuss facilitating the discussion.



Week of Compassion Gifts

Thank you for your generous gifts designated to Week of Compassion. To date \$4,000.00 has been given. It is not too late to contribute. Checks should be made payable to Speedway Christian Church with "Week of Compassion" noted in the memo section.



Please keep in Prayer

Dorothy Dotlich Diana Dickey
Barb Vance Jane Lowe-Fortuna
Charlene Hoyt Ted Pine
Bill Ferrell (Georgia Stackhouse's grandson)
Jane Hollis (Jim Hollis' mother)
Jody Johnson (Dottie Phillips' daughter)
Robert Willmann (Christy Morris' father)



Our Sympathy to the family of *Margaret Layne*, who passed away on February 7, 2018. A memorial service was held on Monday, February 12, 2018.



Congratulations to Adam Shoemaker and Elizabeth Van Heuvelen and family upon the birth of their son, August Flock Shoemaker, on Monday, February 13, 2018. Congratulations also to proud grandparents, Roy & Becky Shoemaker.



Thank you to all who brought food, called, sent e-mails and cards, and offered help during my recent health challenges. They helped me through a difficult time. Each kindness lifted my spirits and comforted me.

~ Dorothy Webb

Thank you -

We want to thank all of our church friends and family for your cards, calls and kind words during the loss of our father, Lawrence Nickles. It helped comfort us during this sad time.
~ Hank and Jane Nickles & Families

Happy 90th Birthday to Shirley Casady on March 15. Shirley winters in Florida. If you wish to send her a card—8802 Meadowbrook Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33908



April 2018 Home-Bound Birthdays

April 5 Cindy Knoy
April 15 Peggy Hoose
April 21 Richard Frederick



Thinking Out Loud...

By now you probably know that our church has a policy that full-time ministers are eligible for a three month sabbatical after five years of service. I have been the senior minister at SCC for five years. I will begin a sabbatical on April 16. Thank you for being a congregation that recognizes the benefit that a sabbatical can be for the minister and for the congregation.

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program is fully funding the sabbatical. The grant application says that the renewal program "...provides an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life-giving waters, for gaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry."

The theme of the sabbatical is: "Storytelling as an Art Form." The forms of storytelling that you and I will explore and experience are preaching, music theatre, and the visual arts of sculpture and painting. Through extensive travel, I will engage these forms of art. The most significant trip that I will be taking is to Europe. I am happy to say that Callie will be going with me.

While in the United States, I will be meeting with two preachers to discuss their ministries in general and their preaching in particular. I will also be meeting with one of my favorite poets to discuss how to incorporate into my preaching the images that are found in good poetry. In addition I will have the opportunity to worship in different churches.

I won't be on the go all the time, though. I will have times of intentional reflection and relaxation as I listen for the still, small voice of God.

Some of the things that the congregation will experience are:

- 1) The preaching of former interns of SCC who now serve in other locations;
- 2) Members of the congregation who have gone into ministry will also be preaching;
- 3) A video of interviews of some of the adults of the congregation put together by our youth. In the interviews, the adults will reflect on their time at SCC and on their journeys of faith;
- 4) Those who would like to take a trip to the Indianapolis Museum of Art as a group will be welcome to do so. The grant will pay for this;
- 5) All will be encouraged to keep a journal while I am away in which you will reflect on your experience of the sabbatical.

Marge Graham and Randy Kuss will also preach several times, and they will be covering day-to-day responsibilities. I will elaborate on this in next month's newsletter in order to reassure you that the ministry of the church will be in good hands.

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Thinking Out Loud... Continued

Again, thank you for this opportunity. I appreciate the support of all of you. Thanks to the Church Board. They unanimously approved the sabbatical. Also, a big thank you goes to the Personnel Committee. They were encouraging from the outset of the process of applying for the grant. Members of the Personnel Committee are: Leslie Condre, Sandy Hostrawser, Rita Kasier, Don Pirtle, and Ray Tice. I can't thank the Sabbatical Committee enough for their assistance. Without them, the grant would never have been awarded. They played a vital role in the crafting of the proposal, as we collaborated in writing the grant. They helped fine tune the words, and they are in large measure the reason that the grant was awarded. They volunteered many hours, and they were just as happy as I was when I informed them that the grant had been approved. Members of the committee are: Bill Harting (the younger), Sandy Hostrawser, Don Pirtle, Jared Trullinger, Art Vermillion, and Dorothy Webb.

I look forward to this time of renewal, but I also look forward to returning to you with new perspectives, energy, and enthusiasm for our ministry together!

With thanksgiving for you,
Scott

The E.D.G.E.

Paul and Ben are wrapping up their first seasons of little league basketball this month. It's been a great time, and I hope that they have enjoyed playing even half as much as I've enjoyed watching them.

Sure, watching kids aged 4 to 9 years old may not showcase the same talent and competitiveness as other levels of the game, but what you do gain from it is a reminder of many important life lessons. When this world seems so out of order at times or the negativity wears you down, we can all pause and learn some things from our children:

-It doesn't matter if they are on the other team. Sometimes those around you just need a hug.

- The ball doesn't always go in on the first try. You don't give up. You do it over and over again until it sinks in and you don't lose that smile through each attempt.

-Clap for everyone's accomplishments. If they lose the ball, hand it back to them so they can try again.

-Go to the concession stand and get yourself some candy when you know you have tried your best.

The league has a tradition where after every game some astronomical score is put up on the scoreboard. Thing is, the final score is always a tie. I like to think that it's not only showing that both teams are winners but so is everyone who saw it as well.

~ Ray Tice, Elder

Journey in Faith baptisms this Sunday, March 11. (See article elsewhere in newsletter for details.) That evening we will have our 2nd Faith Journeys Nite with several guests joining us to share their life and faith journey. Big thanks to the Grimes, Morris, Hitch, Hornocker, Oeth and Rose families for Snack Suppers the past few weeks.

Looking Ahead:

Mar 11 – Chi Rho & CYF @5:45 – *Faith Journeys Nite*

Mar 18 – Chi Rho & CYF @5:45 – *Life of Jesus*

Mar 25 – Palm Sunday

Spring Break – No evening youth groups



If you are looking for a way to become more involved at church, please consider joining the Hospitality, Evangelism and Membership Committee (HEM). The purpose of this group is to provide opportunities for fellowship within the church as well as reach into the community. If you'd like to have some fun we'd love for you to join us. If you don't want



to commit full-time, but would be willing to help out occasionally at events call Hannah McDonald @ 317-418-0084 or e-mail us at membership@speedwaychristian.org

Special Easter Sunday Hour

On Easter Sunday, April 1 during the Sunday school hour (9:15am), please join us in Fellowship Hall for a special treat to eat, teaching about Jesus, and activities; all ages invited to this Easter Fellowship opportunity.

Things to Look Forward To:

- ◆ Speedway Christian tee-shirt orders
- ◆ A Night at Victory Field in May

Stewardship/Finance

2018 Approved Budget: \$497,289

2018 Required to Date (3/4/2018).....	\$ 86,069.25
<i>(to meet approved budget)</i>	
2018 Received to Date (3/4/2018).....	\$ 79,594.80
2018 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 3/4/2018)	\$ 6,474.45

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
February 11, 2018	\$ 7,427.00	129
February 18, 2018	\$ 14,762.00	211
February 25, 2018	\$ 6,034.00	210
March 4, 2018	\$ 12,106.20	241

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Easter Tulip Order Form

If you would like to order a tulip, please complete the below order form, return the completed form along with total due (check payable to Speedway Christian Church) to the church office *by Wednesday, March 14 – Noon.*

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ *# of tulips*

@ \$8.00 each = \$ _____ *Total*

In Honor

of: _____

Or

In Memory

of: _____

Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Meeting will be held in room B1—lower level of the education wing.

Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, March 9—March 11

Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

Friday, March 16 — Sunday, March 18

Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, March 23—Sunday, March 25

Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Friday, March 30 — Sunday, April 1

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