

*Embrace the Fruits of the Spirit
 Vacation Bible School
 June 10-14*

Our 2018 Vacation Bible School will be June 10-14, 6-8 p.m.!! Registration cards are available in the Hall of Light. *EMBRACE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT* will help our kids discover the fruits of the spirit and how to apply them in their daily lives while exploring the lives of children in the Caribbean. We welcome 3 year olds through 5th graders to grow in Christian faith through crafts, stories, games, and music.



Thank you to Opportunity Day Preschool

for their continued donations to Speedway Christian Church. Their generous donations have paid for the playground equipment, fencing, and all the landscaping work that has been done to date in the green space west of the church. This school year a total of \$10,000 was donated to the following areas: \$7,305.00 which covered the balance of the incurred green space expenses; \$695.00 to Christian Education for camperships; and \$2,000.00 to the Worship & Fine Arts Department, in honor of Marge Graham and Bobbi Jones. Honoring Marge for teaching and leading music classes, and programs to the Opportunity Day children throughout the school year, and Bobbi Jones, for making all the classroom chair covers, plus all the extra help and support she gives to Marge and Amy DeLisle throughout the year.

Indianapolis Museum of Art Tour

The grant from Lilly that supports Scott's sabbatical also provides for some "parallel" experiences for our congregation. As Scott has the opportunity to visit some of the great museums of the world and to examine how painters created storytelling experiences through their art, we have the opportunity to visit our own Indianapolis Museum of Art for a docent led examinations of selected paintings. We have requested the date of June 23, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Once we have confirmation from IMA, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Hall of Light. Any questions, please contact Dorothy Webb at 317-272-9322.



All Yard Sale

Saturday, June 16, 2018

Speedway Christian Church Parking Lot

We appreciate you collecting items for the yard sale. Boxed up items and furniture maybe dropped off in the parking lot from 12 Noon -8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15. The yard sale will be Saturday, June 16. 8:00—4:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall of Light for helpers that day. If you have a canopy or you can help set up tables, please let us know. We thank you for your help! Please contact Bobbi Jones @ 317-223-6505 anytime, or Teresa Gorrell@ 317-730-5965 after 5:00 p.m. Thank you!



She Will Be Missed... It is with great sadness that we announce *Jennifer Curran* will be leaving the church office, her last day will be June 5, 2018. Jennifer started as our office secretary in 2011, she has been a great asset to the church. Jennifer will be greatly missed and we wish her the best!

New Pictorial Directory

The Worship and Fine Arts Committee has contracted with Life Touch Studios to produce a new pictorial directory for the church. Photos will be taken July 26, 27,28 and August 8, 9, & 10. More details will become available in the coming weeks. Questions? Contact Bobbi Jones 317-223-6505.



Welcome!

We welcome *Holly Polites* to the church office. Holly and her family live in Speedway. She is an Opportunity Day Preschool teacher here at SCC, working three days a week. Holly will continue to teach in the OD preschool and will be working in the church office two days a week. Holly, welcome to our SCC family!

Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
6:30 p.m. - Meet in B1

Please keep in Prayer

Barb Vance Ted Pine Forrest Tafflinger
Vicki Watts (Mindy Lewis-Hitch's mother)
Jody Johnson (Dottie Phillips' daughter)
Dave Carter (Bil Carter's brother)
Haddie Noblet (Marjorie Miskoweic's great-granddaughter)
Nyla Gallman (Linda Walthall's sister)
Robert Baetsle (Brad & Andrea Baetsle's son)



Our Sympathy is extended to -

The family and friends of Burdellis Carter, who passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Services were held on May 7, 2018.

The family of Jane Lowe-DeFortuna, who passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Services were held on May 14, 2018.

Bob & Alice McColgin and family upon the death of Alice's mother, Gladys Nickell Pritchett, who passed away on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Services will be held on June 11, 2018, at Danville Christian Church, visitation 3:00-5:00 p.m., and a celebration of life at 5:00 p.m.



The family of Joan Lee, who passed away on May 30, 2018. Services were held on June 3, 2018.

Congratulations to Blair & Jessica Webb and family upon the birth of their son, Warren Leo Webb on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. Congratulations also to proud great-grandparents, Don & Mims Pirtle, and great-aunt Susan Pirtle.



Thank you goes out to Marge for her visit with me while I was in rehab. We had a good visit. Also, thanking her for bringing me a prayer shawl that the women in the church group had made. Very nice! Thank you for your prayers.
~ Jack Stapp

Thank you for all of the get well cards during my latest surgery. Each card meant so much to me. I am blessed to have SCC as my family.
~ Judy Swisher

Have you noticed the bulletin board located inside the triple wooden doors? The colorful display changes with the seasons, it is always interesting to see what the next display will be. *Thank you* to *Jerry & Ann Oliver* for sharing their artistic talents with us.

Randy Kuss Retirement Update

Many in the congregation know but in case some missed the news, at the April meeting of the church board I announced my plans to retire from my position as Minister of Christian Education and Youth Ministries with Speedway Christian Church, effective September 30, 2018. Though there may be some slight tweaks to the timeline, plans now are for September 2nd to be my final Sunday here.

I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to work with many fine leaders and teachers and youth sponsors in my 13 years with SCC and for support of the congregation in matters both professional and personal.

In these remaining months I will be at work on a number of things – with staff and other leaders to see all happens well while Scott is away on sabbatical and also with leaders in Christian Education and Youth Ministries on Vacation Bible School, summer camps, and plans for the Fall. (Let me know if you can serve on one of the teams helping with some aspect of Christian Education or Youth Ministry.) And, of course, I will work with Personnel and others on plans for a closing celebration of ministry.

I invite us to hold each other in prayer through the transition.
~ Randy Kuss

Campership Thank You

We began our Camperships fundraiser April 22. Since then we have received donations of nearly \$3,000 from 18 individuals and families, from the Eunice and Rebekah Circles, and from Opportunity Day.

Thanks to all these generous donors we are able to help all our campers to have a great time at camps this summer!!



Opportunity Day Preschool News

Another great and very successful year for Opportunity Day! The numbers for each class were at their limit, the playground was enjoyed by all as the weather permitted, and there were always many smiling and happy faces seen each school day. Summer break began on Monday, May 21 and classes will resume on Monday, August 20, 2018.



The church parking lot was packed with race fans on Sunday, May 27! 55 vehicles of race fans were parked, raising \$1,100 for the church! *Thank you to*

Susan Pirtle for overseeing the parking year after year! Susan's love for the church and people is a great example for all of us. Thank you Susan!



Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn will continue to meet during Scott's sabbatical. Please join us each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room. Bring a sack lunch and an open mind and heart as together we will seek to know what God has to say to us through scripture.



The E.D.G.E.

I like to look at the “then and now” and think how different things back then were compared to today. It doesn't matter when “then” was; it was then then. It's also fun to think how alike “then” is to now.

Mathew 18:20 came to mind. One translation* says: “When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it my Father in heaven goes into action.” That's strong stuff. Back ‘then’ when Mathew wrote it he was probably thinking of gathering together in a church, a synagogue, a house of worship or just a house.

But now in a 21st Century digital age ‘together’ can have an entirely meaning. We can gather together in our sanctuary or home or over dinner at MCL. Or we can gather together around the world digitally. The day of Speedway Christian Church being only at 14th and Winton is the ‘then.’

The ‘now’ is we can take our Church anyplace with faith, courage, love and Spirit-driven technology. It's simple. By using ‘now’ technology such as Facebook video we can reach the ends of the earth AND across the street. We're doing it now with baby steps but the results are amazing. Marilyn and I occasionally take simple iPhone videos of special parts of our worship services put them on Facebook and people view them. For example, a short video of the Hallelujah Chorus that closed the Easter service had 191 views. Our youth choir singing the Bill Withers song had 138 views.

A good friend who preaches at a small church out of the metro area uses simple Facebook technology and video casts his sermon weekly. He often gets 300 viewers.

Think of the connections Speedway Christian Church would make as we “gather together” in the ‘now’: Our folks who find themselves in a nursing home or hospital could enjoy our worship service even more than they do now with the CD ministry, which was ‘now’ technology when we started it years ago. Our students at colleges and universities around the world can stay connected. Just because you're on vacation doesn't mean you can't be a part of worship. For those who take off from the cold of Indianapolis in the winter you, too, could worship together.

Whether you're in Albuquerque, Punta Gorda or Madrid, Spain we can create our ‘now’ by learning from the ‘then’ by gathering together in the love of God in Christ in the ‘now.’

Thank you for all you do in the love and spirit of Christ!
~ David Shank, Elder

July Sunday School Sabbatical

Our adult classes generally take a break over the summer and youth classes likewise break for much of the summer. Setting aside time for leaders to get some rest, renewal and recharging is good for everyone, so we will take a “Sunday School Sabbatical” for the full month of July and give all our teachers some renewal time! No Sunday School classes will meet in July. *There will still be childcare for 10:15 worship each Sunday and Worship and Wonder will be offered during the 10:15 service.*

Congratulations to Our Graduates

We celebrated with three of our high school graduates – Mackenzie Smith, Peyton Hartman and Kevin Simonson – on Sunday, May 20, with a reception at 9:15 in the Hall of Light and Bethany Room and special recognition in the 10:15 worship service. Also graduating but not able to be with us that day are Chris Valentine and Sam Piper.



Camper Prayers—Round #1

You are invited to be in prayer each week for our Speedway Christian Church campers. Here are the names for our first round of camper prayers for 13 kids and adults attending our regional church camps in June. Attending **Explorer Camp at Geneva Center, June 11–16: Kalissa Jackson-Dietzer and Stella Trullinger.** Attending **You & Me Camp #1 at Geneva, June 18–20: Sandy Hostrawser and Josie Hopkins.** Attending **M.A.D. Camp (Music, Art, & Drama) at Geneva, June 18–23: Sarah Morris.** Attending **You & Me Camp #2 at Geneva, June 25–27: Karen Edmiston, Kiriana Dietzer, Jan, Megan, and Rylee Hoerger.** Attending **New Beginnings Camp at Geneva, June 25–27: Nathan Morris.** Attending **New Beginnings Camp at Bedford, June 25–27: Hailey and Lacie Mynatt.**

Stewardship/Finance 2018 Approved Budget: \$497,289

2018 Required to Date (6/3/2018).....	\$ 210,391.50	
<i>(to meet approved budget)</i>		
2018 Received to Date (6/3/2018)	\$ 190,114.93	
2018 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 6/3/2018)	\$ 20,276.57	
	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
May 6, 2018	\$ 14,882.22	234
May 13, 2018	\$ 6,868.00	270
May 20, 2018	\$ 11,335.00	220
May 24, 2018 & June 3, 2018	\$ 16,673.34	193

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Upcoming Guest Preaching Schedule

Thursday, June 7	Rev. Randy Kuss
Sunday, June 10	Rev. Nona Hodder
Thursday, June 14	Rev. Mike Gilbert
Sunday, June 17	Rev. Mike Gilbert
Thursday, June 21	Taylor Condre
Sunday, June 24	Rev. Rick Harting
Thursday, June 28	Daren Huber
Sunday, July 1	Rev. Randy Kuss
Thursday, July 5	Rev. Randy Kuss
Sunday, July 8	Rev. Jason-Paul Channels
Thursday, July 12	Marge Graham
Sunday, July 15	Marge Graham

Lawn Mowing Volunteers Needed...

Please help us keep our church grounds looking beautiful and welcoming. A weekly commitment is not required.



Whatever time you can give would be greatly appreciated! **Lawnmower & gas provided by the church.** A volunteer signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board outside the church

office, or contact the church office. **Thank you to those that have already volunteered, very much appreciated!** Any questions, please contact the church office.

Spirit Newsletter Publication Schedule

Publication Dates: July 3, 2018
August 7, 2018
September 4, 2018

All articles are to be submitted by Thursday (prior to publication date). Informational updates and announcements will be sent out as needed between publications.

A Much Needed Gift!

The church is most grateful for the new CD player that was purchased for church use by the Opportunity Day Preschool. The CD player will be stored in Marge's office and is certainly available for any "sound" reason of church need. Thanks Opportunity Day!



The snow and ice are finally gone. We had many snowy and icy days this past season. Hartman Property Services took great care of the church parking lot during those long cold snowy, icy days. Jeff Hartman is the owner of Hartman Property Services, and at times the plowing and the spreading of ice melt were done without full cost to the church. Jeff and crew, thank you for taking care of our church in many ways and keeping our paths safer! Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

thank you!

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



Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, June 8—June 10
Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

Friday, June 15— Sunday, June 17
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, June 22—Sunday, June 25
Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

Friday, June 29 — Sunday, July 1
Marge Graham 317-313-5337