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Ελευθερία
eleutheria: [greek] 1)liberation from control 2)freedom

Discovering the radical freedom
 offered in *Jesus Christ*
 in the words of *Paul's letter to Galatia*

A new sermon series January 17 - February 7



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING PLUS FRIENDSHIP SOUP FEBRUARY 7

The Colts have headed to Miami for the Super Bowl game and we are getting ready for **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday** right here on **February 7**. Our youth join thousands of young people across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. **PLUS** you can also *purchase a packet of Friendship Soup* put together by our Chi Rho and CYF youth (\$7 each or 2-for-\$10). Add a couple of items to the packet you will have a tasty pot of soup for your Super Bowl party or for any other gathering. Proceeds add to our Souper Bowl of Caring offerings which will go to *Week of Compassion designated for Haiti relief* and to *Restoring Lives West* to help homeless young people on the west side of Indianapolis. Over \$10 million was raised across the country last year with Speedway Christian Church contributing over \$1000. **Feed hungry neighbors and feed a hungry world while you feed yourself!**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please plan to attend our special service of worship on Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. This holy day signifies the beginning of Lent. Christians in the early church observed this time of the church year as the season of penitence and reflective prayer. It signals the beginning of a special time of forgiveness in the church. Lent is also a time for the church to bring a message of pardon and renewal of their faith. I invite you to begin the season of Lent here – with your church family on Ash Wednesday.

Marge



WORDS OF THE PROPHETS LENTEN SMALL GROUPS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21

You are invited to be part of a small group experience during Lent, exploring together the lives and messages of the prophets. Groups will meet at various times each week beginning February 21 and running through Holy Week, the week stretching from Palm Sunday to Easter. Signups begin Sunday, February 14. More info on this small group opportunity in the next Weekly!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

LENTEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 14

Lent is only a few weeks away which means the Pancake Breakfast is near! You are invited to a Valentines Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our youth on Sunday, February 14, 8:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be taken. Bring your loved ones in for pancakes, sausage and more as you also support our youth groups.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Lenten Devotional Books will be available Thursday, February 11.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 7

Worship Service, 7:45, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Coffee Fellowship, 8:00 a.m., Bethany Room

Worship at Westside Garden Plaza, 3:00 p.m.

Financial Peace University, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Musical Rehearsal, 4:00 p.m.

Chi Rho and CYF, 5:45 p.m.

Monday, February 8

Opportunity Day, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 9

Mom's in Touch, 8:15 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 p.m.

Administrative Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room B1

Wednesday, February 10

Opportunity Day, 9:00 a.m.

C-SAWs meeting, 6:00 p.m., Bethany Room

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room B1

Thursday, February 11

Leisure Hour, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Room

Joyful Ringers, 6:15 p.m., Bell Room

Worship Service, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, February 12

Opportunity Day, 9:00 a.m.

STAFF ON CALL

February 5-7 Kris Workman

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please email kworkman@speedwaychristian.org.
Please include the email address to send the "Weekly"
and if you still want to receive a paper copy.*

Dear Speedway Christian Church,

Last week, Apple computers unveiled their new iPad. If you don't keep up with such things an iPad is like an iPod only bigger. While the iPad has a variety of uses, one of Apple's big hopes is that people will choose to read books and newspapers on the iPad's 10 inch screen instead of reading them on regular paper. I have to laugh a little. What was the problem with paper books again? Are news papers really that inconvenient? When did paper "go out of style"?

I joke, but the people at Apple are probably on to something. Even a few years ago we considered this "WEEKLY" newsletter to be our primary mode of communicating with the congregation. Today, I wonder if that is still the case. I get most of the information concerning the things I care about through email, websites, blogs and increasingly facebook. I don't need to sift through a bunch of stuff I don't care about, I know right where I need to go and I always find latest word when I get there. Even when I am preparing a sermon, I tend to use digital versions of the Bible more often than the ink and paper counterpart. I can search the digital version faster, I can check multiple versions and translations, and cut and paste easily. It is not that something is wrong with paper, it is that we just don't use paper as often as we used to.

With this shift in mind, we are preparing to make better use of all the digital forms of communication at our disposal. Over the last few years we have made an effort to distribute the "Weekly" by email. We did this not only as a cost saving measure, but because email allows us to put this newsletter in your hands 4 or 5 days earlier than conventional mail. Email is much faster and much cheaper. We have also worked hard to make our website easily accessible and current with all the latest news.

This month our congregation was awarded a grant from the Indianapolis Center for Congregations, funded through the Lilly Endowment, to make some technology and communication upgrades. We are going to continue to redevelop our website to make it more attractive, dynamic and informative. We will begin using email to communicate with all of you about ongoing events and activities at church and perhaps even to do some recruiting for regular volunteer opportunities. The grant will also allow Randy to better communicate with the youth via text messaging.

I mention all of this to assure you that we are committed to excellent communication at Speedway Christian Church. We are better able to respond to God's call and engage one another when we can communicate clearly and quickly. If you have not shared your email address with the church office, please make a point of doing so. To make sure that we have up to date email addresses for as many people as possible, someone from the church may be contacting you. Help us involve you more deeply, by sharing your email address.

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“Singing in the Chancel Choir at church might be fun....maybe I could commit to trying it just for a little while.....”

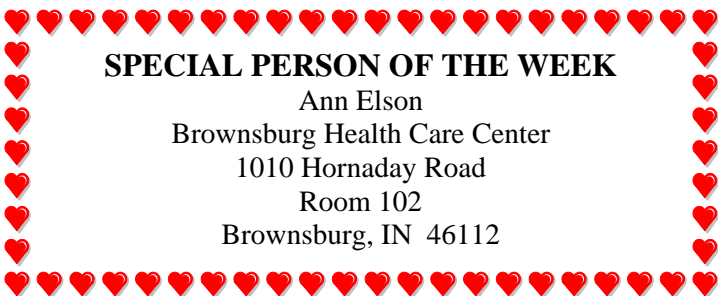
Because of the school district’s spring break schedule, our Chancel Choir is losing some people for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. These are important services for our church. If you would like to come and rehearse and sing for those services, we would welcome you! Think about it. Pray about it. What a wonderful addition to make to your schedule for Lent this year. Call Marge with questions.

“THE LENTEN SKETCHES”

On Maundy Thursday, April 1, the Chancel Choir, along with Westview Christian Church Choir will be offering a special cantata entitled “The Lenten Sketches” . This is an original cantata of music written by Joseph Martin that combines anthems, readings and religious art. It will be a spirit filled time of remembrance as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper and tell the story of Christ’s death. Please plan to attend and share this time with your church family. The service will be at 7:00 p.m.



A young survivor of Haiti's earthquake cradles a blanket and hygiene kit he received from Church World Service. He is part of a group of disabled Haitians who are receiving special attention from CWS and its partners. Photo: Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance



SPECIAL PERSON OF THE WEEK

 Ann Elson

 Brownsburg Health Care Center

 1010 Hornaday Road

 Room 102

 Brownsburg, IN 46112



SPECIAL CELEBRATION

We celebrate many things at Speedway Christian Church, but every once in a while something comes along that makes a celebration very special. This is such an occasion. ON Sunday, February 14, 2010 from 2:30—4:30 p.m. in the Bethany Room, there will be a birthday party for Mary Hawkins, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday. Mary’s children invite all her friends and church members to be present to help her celebrate her long life; one that has been a special gift to her and her family. No gifts please.

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Our primary motivation when it comes to email is not to do it cheaper. It is to communicate more clearly with everyone. As a result, we do not have any plans to discontinue a paper copy of the “Weekly” to those who desire it. We recognize that email is not for everyone and we don’t expect everyone to take advantage of it. These new forms of communication are not meant to replace what we are doing now. Instead we are looking for ways to reach out and include as many people as possible.

Peace in Christ,
Doug

FIVE LESSONS

ABOUT THE WAY WE TREAT PEOPLE

(Continued for the next five weeks)

First Important Lesson - Cleaning Lady.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely, " said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant... They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE DEPT.	
2010 Budget	\$ 519,699.00
Needed each week.....	\$ 9,993.63
Offering January 31.....	\$ 7,913.99
Required to date January 31	\$ 49,968.15
Received to date January 31	\$ 42,805.53
Year to date shortfall.....	\$ 7,162.62
Attendance January 31325

YOUTH NEWS

The Colts are getting ready for the Super Bowl and our youth are getting ready for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Last Sunday we put together **Friendship Soup** packets and got ready for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This **Sunday morning, February 7**, we will be selling soup packets and collecting donations for the Souper Bowl. No youth groups Sunday evening (but have fun at all the Super Bowl parties you are having!)

Looking Ahead: Pancake Breakfast – February 14 – two work shifts, 7-9:30, 9-11:30. And **Chi Rho Jam** is coming up **March 6-7**. Registration forms due February 14.

GRIEF AND LOSS SMALL GROUP FORMING DURING LENT

Loss is a natural part of living. Changes in life, whether they are a job change, an illness, or the death of a loved one can be painful and traumatic. During Lent, Doug and Meredith Kriz will be leading a small group to explore the way grief affects our lives and gather strength from God and one another as we embrace the new life God is always offering us. If you are interested or if you would like to know more, call Doug at the church office.



LEISURE HOUR MEETING FEBRUARY 11

Leisure Hour will meet again on Thursday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bethany Room. Come and enjoy the fellowship and play some Euchre with us. Jean Bush will lead us in prayer and LaVida Feucht will give devotions. Bring your sack lunch, coffee will be provided. I hope to see you there!

Dottie

WESTSIDE GARDNE PLAZA SERVICE FEBRUARY 7, 3:00 P.M.

Join us for a brief service of worship and visit with the residents of Westside Garden Plaza at the Bridge on Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 p.m. This brief service is intended to serve the residents and many of our own members. It is great way to bring a little light and joy to some wonderful people.

SERVANTS OF THE TABLE

February 7, 2010

All Servers and Greeters should be in the Narthex 20 minutes before the service begins.

Service Leaders for the 7:45 a.m. service

Denny Smith, Jane Smith

Elder for the 7:45 a.m. service

Howard Bowers

Service Leaders for the 8:30 a.m. service

Denny Smith, Jane Smith

Deacons for the 8:30 a.m. service

Matt Hamilton, Brianne Mason

Greeters for the 8:30 a.m. service

Lera Schrock, Richard Schrock, Terry Swisher, Judy Swisher, Tamara Mason, Brianne Mason, Kara Mason

Communion Preparation for the 8:30 a.m. service

Eunice Circle

Elders for the 8:30 a.m. service

Barbara Tafflinger (Bread), Tom Smith (Cup)

Serving Communion at the 8:30 a.m. service

Matt Hamilton, Brianne Mason, Tamara Mason, Kara Mason, Rick Haug, Brad Baetsle, Andrea Baetsle, Sue Calvin

Communion Clean Up/Preparation for the 10:30 am service

Eunice Circle

Service Leaders for the 10:30 a.m. service

Nick Calvin, Ruth Colclesser

Deacons for the 10:30 a.m. service

Courtney Shelton, Ken Weiss

Greeters for the 10:30 a.m. service

June Hutchison, Ken Barnes, Gerry Barnes, LaVida Feucht

Elders for the 10:30 a.m. service

Ted Pine (Bread), Tammi Gregory (Cup)

Serving Communion at the 10:30 a.m. service

Courtney Shelton, Ken Weiss, Robert Wilson, Ken Barnes, Gerry Barnes, Bob Devlin, Chiko Lahr

Communion Clean Up after the 10:30 a.m. service

Eunice Circle

Elder for Home Communion

Tom Smith

Elder, Thursday, February 11

Jim Tharp

Readings February 2, 2010

Galatians 5:1-12

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