

# Speedway Church of Christ

Bulletin August 27, 2018

## Visitor

It was wonderful to have **Leslie's boyfriend, Herbert**, with us Sunday. What a nice fellow. I hope you will get to know him soon.

## Vacations

**Aaron and Beth and Cindy** returned from a nice vacation to what Aaron considers his childhood home, Michigan City. They enjoyed the beach and seeing old friends. **Stephen McCauley** will be gone for the next three weeks on a motorcycle ride to northern California and thereabouts. **John Hull and Nadia Fulk** are taking their vacations now, before further time-demands hit them. They are attempting to purchase a house, and deal with the preparations leading up to their wedding on December 15. They are going to be in and out of town for the next couple weeks.

## Employment

**Aly Isenhower** is starting a new position at the same insurance company where she has been working. She has been trying to get this particular job for a while, and we are excited about it. **Amy Ellett** started a new position in the gift shop at I. U. West Hospital. **Robert Moore** is wrestling with a number of health and mobility concerns which caused him to have to resign his position a few months back. His renewed job search will include coordination with some advocacy groups that will assist him.

## Youth and Education

**Coy Evans**, an occasional visitor here, had knee surgery this past week. Pray for his recovery and his health in the upcoming school year. **Quentin** has been working at a landscaping firm. He teaches at a local parochial school and works at Kindercare, occasionally. He is enrolling in what he hopes will be his last semester at IUPUI. **Christina** reports that she is enjoying the Oaks Church (an Independent Christian Church) in Muncie. Her address is Christina Ellett, DeHority Complex, 1504 West Riverside Avenue, Muncie, IN 47306. **Kyla** has also started classes at Marion University. **Ethan and Madison** are back at I.U. Ethan is excited about a couple internship possibilities this coming year. Madison did not get to climb in Yosemite, but her last report on her mission trip to South Africa can be found here: <https://mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.src=ym&reason=myc> **Chloe** is playing saxophone and playing volleyball at the junior high. She served out a close game last week! Aaron and Beth are going through ***Faith Chronicles with the girls***, and I am showing these stories to Jonathon and Aly so they can use them with **Finn**, too, if they want. If you would like to have a dinner to visit and have fun with the young ones and their parents as they study their bible stories, we can set that up. It means a lot for children to have older members of the congregation value their efforts. Studies show that this means more than having a peer group at church. We will also recognize these kids' efforts at the **annual Christmas party, December 23.** **Chloe and Julie** are engaged in a good study about baptism, ***From Glory to Glory*** on Wednesday nights. Please pray for this study and all our students.

**Rosa** reports that she has her first student. It is a temporary situation, but Rosa says, “It’s a start!” Pray for the beginnings of *Enriched*. **Progress continues at 1047 n. Alton**. I want to give a special thanks to Stephen McCauley, Robert Moore, Ron Hallett, and Quentin Ellett for the help they have given me on the house recently. The living room is complete! This week we should be able to complete most of the painting and trim work downstairs so that the plumbing fixtures can be connected. We need the church to fervently pray for the right candidates to go into that house.

## Common Fund

Balance: 1000 dollars. 14 participants. Third Quarter contributions will be collected Sunday, October 14.

## Health and Wellness

Numerous members named friends who have received difficult news and who are struggling with health issues. Add your voice to our congregation’s wider ring of friends whom we do not necessarily know as individuals. **Silvia Elmore’s brother, Kenneth Crouse**, has all the indications of having pancreatic cancer. Silvia asks for our prayers. In addition to her eye trouble and her blood clot in her which hampers her mobility, **Aquilla Gilmore** has had an asthma flair up. Please pray for our dear sister. **Sandra Redmond** does not have a broken fibula, but her fall has bruised her up something fierce. She has ongoing acute respiratory issues. **Bob Smith** is able to move better. We continue to pray for his friend Gordon Dempsey who was driving Bob’s truck taking tables back to the community center when the brakes failed and Gordon struck a motorcycle rider, Earl Maywood. Earl remains in the Methodist hospital with numerous injuries. **Dave Cooney** continues about the same. He is still going through some therapy to try to regain some of his strength. **Bill Thomas** has a sinus infection and a series of financial and automotive issues. **Georgia** has bronchitis. **Rick and Nancy Hiser** are also sick. Rick’s van is sick too, so he’s out of work. **Betty Hunt** is having surgery for a rare hernia in mid-September. The discovery of this problem explains some long-standing symptoms. Pray for her protection and provision through this time. **Betty Thomas** has been having more difficulty with her mobility. She hurt her hips pulling weeds last week. **Ron Hallett** continues with a difficult back. He’s supposed to meet with his sister-in-law, his brother’s recent widow, as she returns to her home in New York for the first time since Leon’s (Ron’s brother’s) passing. Remember also George, Ron’s nephew’s family, after the tragic and sudden loss of George last month.

	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Preside</b>	<b>Pray</b>	<b>Read</b>	<b>Serve</b>
<b>Sep 2</b>	Aaron	Ron	Bobby	Jonathon	Rick/Robert
<b>Sep 9</b>	Sean	Aaron	Robert	Kent	Bobby/Bill
<b>Sep 16</b>	Ron	Sean	Rick	Aaron	Bill/Jorl
<b>Sep 23</b>	Aaron	Stephen	Sean	John	Joathon/Rick
<b>Sep 30</b>	Sean	Ron	Stephen	Jonathon	Robert/Bobby
<b>Oct 7</b>	Ron	Aaron	Bobby	Stephen	Rick/ Jorl
<b>Oct 14</b>	Aaron	Sean	Robert	John	Jonathon/Jon
<b>Oct 21</b>	Sean	Stephen	Rick	Ron	Bill/ Jorl
<b>Oct 28</b>	Ron	Kent	Stephen	Sean	John/Rick

## Reading Sunday, September 2: Psalm 34.

Memory Verse: [www.speedwaychurch.org/Church%20docs/The%20Psalms%20Years1-3.docx](http://www.speedwaychurch.org/Church%20docs/The%20Psalms%20Years1-3.docx)

For schedule of readings see [www.speedwaychurch.org/Church%20docs/Sent7.pdf](http://www.speedwaychurch.org/Church%20docs/Sent7.pdf)

### *Ministry Mind and Heart*

#### ***Where Rage Leads***

It's almost never a good idea to try to lead people away from their rage. This is a hard lesson, because as children we learned that unholy bitterness can be destructive. So, it's natural for us to get stressed out in the presence of another's suffering. We tend to want to cheer such people up.

We might even try to explain away their pain. I've heard people tell grieving parents to find God's "silver lining" in the loss of their children. This is not just terrible poetry; it's bad theology. Nobody truly standing in the darkness that descends over the cross will have the audacity to tell Jesus, "cheer up and live in the sunshine." The only songs the suffering Jesus can manage are laments--"My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Christian faith teaches us to explore our disappointments. The path to healing and releasing our bitterness is through anger—not around it. In light of the clergy scandals in the last couple weeks, it's perhaps timely for me to acknowledge that the victims of sexual violence, whom I know, are relieved that I think they have every right to be enraged. They're surprised, I think, because religious types have too often silenced and buried their protest, cut lament out of the Bible, and made worship a perpetually cheery concert led by "praise teams."

Yet, if the church maintains a place for God's anger, then it will be more acceptable for us to explore our own. We can discover that our anger is righteous because a standard of right has really been violated. Following our anger to its source, we will find that this Standard of Right must be at least as angry as we are. This is why it's actually "right" to be mad at injustice. For, if the world were purposeless, then our expectations would be meaningless, too. In such a world we could not expect anything but meaninglessness. So, if we're allowed to really mull over our disappointment, we'll realize it takes a God to validate our anger.