



SPEEDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH WELCOMES NEW SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Scott Cox arrives from Georgetown, Kentucky

SPEEDWAY, IND. – Feb. 4, 2013 -- Only the sixth senior minister to serve Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in its 87 year history, the Rev. Dr. Scott Cox will be welcomed February 10. Cox was previously senior minister at Georgetown, Kentucky, First Christian Church.

“I’m excited about coming to Speedway Christian Church. It’s a progressive church with great people and great ideas in a great but challenged community,” he said.

Speedway Christian Church has been a focal point in the history of the town of Speedway, said Michi Yochum, moderator of the church board. Its first church building was built in 1926 during a famed “build the church in a day.” “Our church is a wonderfully unwavering place of worship and faith that offers spirituality, worship, and intelligence. Our only commitment is that Jesus is the Christ. Scott will be a wonderful spiritual leader for our church and the community,” she said.

While in Georgetown, about 180 miles south of Speedway, Cox served on the Committee on Ministry for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky, which oversees candidates who are pursuing either ordained or licensed ministry. He also served as chair of the governmental affairs committee for the Georgetown-Scott County Chamber of Commerce.

Cox holds degrees from Georgetown College (B.A), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Lexington Theological Seminary (D.Min.).

“I hadn’t planned on leaving Georgetown,” he said. “It took two calls from Speedway and lots of prayer to convince me to head north. The church and the community are wonderful, exciting and provides great opportunities to continue the Mission of God and Christ.”

The church has not had a full time senior minister since December 2011 when previous Senior Minister, Rev. Doug Kriz, left to start a new church in Prosper, Texas. Speedway



Christian Church has had only five previous senior ministers most of whom stayed 20 years or more.

The church selection committee devoted more than a year identifying candidates and selecting Cox. "We looked for a senior minister who would provide the spiritual leadership for the Vision of the church created by a member committee," said Bob Oeth, chair of the selection committee.

"We were impressed with Scott because his sermons are intelligent and thought provoking, the way he conducts his worship services, his genuine love of people - he truly loves people and being a part of their lives, and his overall leadership style," he said.

Cox and his wife Donna, an elementary teacher, have four adult children.

Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is called by God to be a faith community brought together through worship, works and spirit to know, to live, to serve as disciples, inviting all people to grow in the love of God.

To live out this vision, Speedway Christian Church will:

- ✓ nourish its members, friends and visitors and equip them to seek greater spiritual depth,
- ✓ make deliberate efforts to be welcoming to all and a blessing to the neighborhood around us,
- ✓ joyfully spread the good news of Jesus through biblically based worship, study, outreach, pastoral care, and service near and far,
- ✓ serve the spiritual needs of young people, the long-term future of our church, as well as ministering to the needs of long-time members,
- ✓ become an even stronger church five years from now than it is today as it evolves into the church it is called to be in the 21st century.

A list of past Speedway Christian Church Senior Ministers follows:

- ✓ Rev. Howard E. Anderson – (tenure) 1927-1945
- ✓ Rev. Kenneth E. Thorne – 1945-1957
- ✓ Rev. Ray Montgomery – 1957-1979
- ✓ Rev. Andy Crowley – 1979-2006
- ✓ Rev. Doug Kriz – 2006-2011