

i2U vision

Simply stated: i2U is what we're all about.

At our core is an unshakeable belief that God is calling this church to GO OUT and make a difference, not COME IN for a "holy huddle." We seek to fulfill this calling by relentlessly getting out of our boxes, living with passionate faith and serving the needs of others before serving our own selfish ambitions.

The church must earn the right to be heard. We must be the means to the end, which is everlasting life with Jesus Christ.

At Sherwood Oaks, we dream of a **hopeful** community that lives beyond itself. Our desire is that all people, from the spiritually unsure to the spiritually mature, find purpose as they live like Jesus: loving the unloved, serving the underserved and living out God's plan in relevant and practical ways. This is our mission, our vision, our **hope**.

To us, providing **hope** is about God's power to transform lives...

from seeking to finding,

from getting to giving,

from Sundays to always,

from inward to outward,

from "I-centered" to "YOU-centered,"

...from i2U.

have questions?

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Visit www.socc.org or www.socci2U.blogspot.com for the most up-to-date information on events, programs and other news.

one day counts

CareFest

This one day, church-wide annual event is building bridges in our community with local schools, social service agencies, and city government as hundreds of volunteers from SOCC and other churches serve at their facilities with "no strings attached".

This is a great opportunity for families to serve together and teach children the value of serving others. Many times volunteers develop a passion for the organization they serve at during CareFest and become a regular volunteer there.

CareFest09 is scheduled for **Saturday, October 24**. Mark your calendars and plan to SERVE. Sign-ups begin Sunday, October 4.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Backstreet Mission provides groceries for a Thanksgiving meal to over 600 families in need. Volunteers help to collect, sort, assemble and distribute these baskets the week before Thanksgiving. www.backstreet.org
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Christmas Service Day

The second Wednesday of December SOCC volunteers perform a variety of tasks throughout Bloomington. Projects include ringing bells for Salvation Army, wrapping gifts for shoppers at College Mall, and serving meals at Shalom Center and Community Kitchen. This is another valuable serving experience for families. Watch the bulletin in November for details.

meet a need

Community Response

Calls come into the office almost weekly from elderly, disabled, and under resourced in our community requesting assistance with things like moving, minor home maintenance/repairs, building wheelchair ramps, raking leaves, cleaning, etc. Skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to meet these needs. Watch the bulletin for details or sign-up for the email list at www.socci2U.blogspot.com.

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Monthly Collections

Each month we collect items for local agencies or global missions. Items can be placed in the collection bins inside doors #3, 5, & 20. Volunteers are needed to deliver collected items.

2009 Collection Schedule

Jan - non-perishable food (local pantries)

February - diapers & formula (CPC & Templeton)

March - children's clothing (local children)

April - non-perishable food (local pantries)

May - supplies (Hilltop Christian Camp)

June - toiletries (local agencies & global missions)

July - back-to-school supplies (local children)

Aug - sleeping Bags, socks, coats (homeless)

Sept - Shoebox gifts (Operation Christmas Child)

Oct - yams & crans (Backstreet Missions)

Nov - winter coats, gloves, hats (local schools)

Dec - non perishable food (local pantries)

Serve Groups

During the fall semester 2009 volunteer teams will serve at Hoosier Hills Food Bank on Wednesday's and Backstreet Missions on Thursday's. Check out the Growth Group Catalog for details.

make a difference

Second Saturday Servolution

Serving is part of the Christian DNA. Through serving we can live out our faith. This team led by Kevin King will meet the second Saturday's of September (12), October (10), and November (14) serving in the community for local agencies and/or families and individuals. Projects may include moving furniture, cleaning, minor maintenance, painting, raking and yard work. Sign up on the bulletin tear off.

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Backstreet Mission

This Christian ministry provides men's and women's shelters, groceries, and a healthy meal six days/wk. Join an SOCC team to serve meals one day/mo at Geno's Cafeteria.

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Pro-Life Ministry

The Pro-Life Ministry endeavors to create awareness within SOCC on issues related to the sanctity of life. Through volunteer and fundraising efforts this ministry supports organizations that focus on the value of life and encouraging mothers, such as the local Crisis Pregnancy Center and Hannah House Maternity Home. Learn more about this team on the first Wednesday or each month in the SOCC library from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

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