



## Weekly Connection Newsletter

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Office hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-1pm

### Prayer Gatherings

Each Wednesday in person at the church office and on zoom @ 1:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID: 461 338 2306

Password: 6b0j8y. The zoom link is -

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4613382306?pwd=NU5Ra25uWmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09>

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### This Sunday

*Sunday School @ 9:30am*

*Worship @ 10:30am*

*Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm*

Join the livestream:

[www.soudertonbic.org/stream](http://www.soudertonbic.org/stream)

[www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic](https://www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic)

Thank you for your faithful giving!  
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

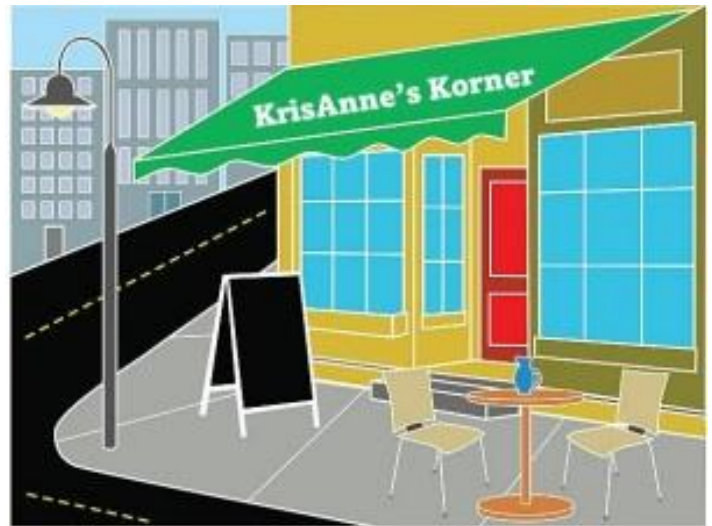
The time has finally come! We are beginning our Sermon on the Mount Series this week, with the Beatitudes. They seem straightforward enough, at first glance, don't they?

Be poor in spirit, meek, merciful and pure in heart. Mourn what needs mourning and long for righteousness. Make peace and don't lose heart when you're persecuted.

The list is clear, but to be honest, I find it hard to connect with quite a few of these qualities. I'm not sure meek would be the first word someone would use to describe me, and as much as I wish I were, I'm not always a peacemaker. I can actually be more of a crusader-warrior depending on the issue at hand. But here's the good news! This isn't a "to-do" list from Jesus. Sure, these are all Christ-like qualities that we can strive to include in our lives... and we should! But this poem - this list of blessedness - is actually a prophecy. It's a promise. Jesus is speaking to people who already find themselves poor, mourning, hungering, thirsting, meek and persecuted.

His message here is less a command and more about hope. Do you find yourself humbled by life and poor in spirit? Take heart. The Kingdom belongs to people like you. Are you mourning great loss? Know that you will, in the end, find great comfort. Are you feeling meek and invisible in this loud and flashy world? God sees you and you will receive a great inheritance from Him. Do you long to see the wrongs of this world made right? That hunger and thirst within you will be satisfied in the end. Have you suffered rejection and pain for your faith in Jesus? You are not alone and will receive a great reward.

Though we may be tempted to measure ourselves by the Beatitudes and to judge ourselves by the qualities they contain, this week, let's just receive the blessing of Jesus. Because I have a sense that



each one of us could probably find ourselves somewhere in this list, touched by mourning, hardship, pain... noticing that we are living by a set of values that opposes the world's. Receive His blessing and take heart. Know that in the end, all will be well with you. You are blessed, already and forever.

**Take a listen on YouTube at the link below!** Theme song for *The Narrow Path : The Jesus Way*, by Phil Wickham:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARSGgC9iQb0&p=ygUacGhpbCB3aWNraGFtIHRoZSBqZXN1cyB3YXk%3D>

## Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:  
Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or  
[KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org](mailto:KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org),  
or your deacon.

## Relief for California Wildfires

Multiple agencies are working to aid the thousands currently affected by wildfires in CA. There are links below to some of the agencies. More information will be forthcoming regarding MCC involvement.



Below are some links to use to donate:

**Red Cross:** Click [here](#) to donate.

**Salvation Army:** Click [here](#) to learn more

**World Central Kitchen:** Click [here](#) to learn more.

**California Fire Foundation Wildfire & Disaster Relief Fund:** Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Our *Next* Potluck Breakfast**  
*In TWO Weeks* – Jan 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am followed by a *combined* Sunday School at 9:30am

**January 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

**BIC week of Prayer and Fasting**

**Missional Characteristics:  
*Examples in Scripture***

Access two resources at:

[bicus.org/tag/fasting/](https://bicus.org/tag/fasting/) OR scan the QR code to the right:



*January* New Sunday  
School Class  
Winter Adult  
Class –



\*Practicing the Way Learning to follow after JESUS (Access the RightNow Media QR code below for free videos)

Scan the QR code to create your free account and start browsing.

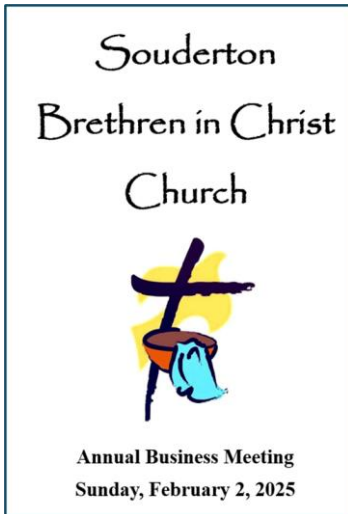


\*The Study of Romans led by Dan Zagorski *continues*

## Announcements

### Annual Business Mtg February 2nd

Lunch after Worship followed by the Business Meeting.



Packets will be available next Sunday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>!

Mark your calendars!

### Sign up for the Sermon on the Mount Memorization Contest\*

#### Children age 11 and under:

Memorize Matthew 5:1-16

Receive a prize! A snack pack including fruit gushers, chocolate bars and candy

#### Youth & adults ages 12 and up:

Memorize three passages –

Matthew 5:1-16, 6:19-34, 7:13-28

Receive one of the following prizes! 500-piece puzzle from The Chosen online store; a snack pack including beef jerky, pistachios and a king-sized candy bar; or a \$25 gift card to Wawa

\*Recite the passage to Pastor KrisAnne or Diana on or before March 2, 2025

### Small Groups are starting! Starting:

Souderton @ Snyder's on Sun Jan 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Hilltown @ Swartley's on Sat Jan 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Lansdale @ Moyo's on Tue. Jan 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

## Calendar:

- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm *\*note the additional day of Worship*
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
- **Wed 7:00 pm** – Worship Team practice, Youth Group
- **Thu:** Iglesia Cristiana Bible Study @ 7pm *\*note the change of day*
- **Sun. Jan 12:** BIC Prayer & Fasting week ends

## Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Jan 19:** Sunday Serve after Sunday School. Use the Signup Genius link below to donate items.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094FA8AE2BAAFE3-54186393-sunday>
- **Sun. Jan 26:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration Potluck breakfast @ 9am.
- **Sun. Feb 2:** Annual Business Mtg following Noon meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for the meal.