

Weekly Connection Newsletter

Souderton Brethren in Christ Church

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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=NU5Ra25u WmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra Contact: <u>iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com</u> **Office hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-1pm**

This Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am Worship @ 10:30am

Join the livestream: www.soudertonbic.org/stream www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

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

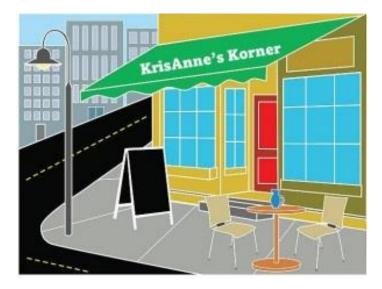
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Hello from Virginia! Though I'm enjoying some vacation time with my father, I hope you know you all are never far from my thoughts and prayers. As we begin a new year and do a deep dive into the Sermon on the Mount in may different ways - a movie night, a sermon series, Sunday School classes, small groups, even a memorization contest - my prayer is that we begin this year centered on Christ.

We just celebrated His coming, but that's only the beginning. Let's also take time to consider how he lived among us - what he did, where he went, what he taught, how he related to people. By doing this, we will know Him better; and through knowing Him, we will be changed by Him... for the better, of course!

When I say "we," I'm thinking about that word from a number of angles: individuals, families, and church family. We can't help but be changed as individual people, our actions and attitudes corrected and shaped by the powerful Word of God, the very words of Jesus. Then as these changed and changing people, we relate as families. Our family relationships can't help but also be changed because we are changing, being transformed into the likeness of Jesus. Not that the changes will be immediate and perfect - this is a journey we will all stumble our way through, I'm sure. But I am confident we will see the positive difference an intentional focus on Jesus makes.

As a church we will notice the difference, too. Our relationships here will also deepen, grow and become more reflective of Jesus' values and character. We will more freely receive and give forgiveness. We will more readily offer grace for one another's foibles. We will become more comfortable talking about our spiritual growth and transformation with each other. We will pray for one another in new and different ways. We will be



more humble, more grounded in God's wisdom and more able to persevere through difficulties. Now that's a strong and beautiful church, that experiences that kind of growth!

I'm looking forward to the journey, brothers and sisters! See you soon!

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

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARSGgC9iQb0&p</u> p=ygUacGhpbCB3aWNraGFtIHRoZSBqZXN1cyB3 YXk%3D

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to: Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or <u>KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org</u>, or your deacon.

Combined Lunch & Worship with ICS – Dec. 29





Pastors KrisAnne and Rony



SBIC & ICS Worship Team

Our Next Potluck Breakfast Will be Sunday, Jan 26th starting at 9:00am followed by a *combined* Sunday School at 9:30am

<u>Starting January 5th</u> BIC week of Prayer and Fasting Missional Characteristics: *Examples in Scripture*

Access two resources at: bicus.org/tag/fasting/ OR scan the QR code to the right:



January New Sunday School Class

<u>Winter</u> Adult Class –

Practicing the Way

*<u>Practicing the Way</u> Learning to follow after Jesus (Access the RightNow Media QR code below for free videos)



<u>Announcements</u>

Don't forget MOVIE night! THIS Saturday, January 4th at 7pm



Join us for the Sermon on the Mount episode from "The Chosen" series.

<u>Sign up</u> for the Sermon on the Mount <u>Memorization Contest*</u>

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

Sign up for a Small Group! Starting:

Souderton @ Snyder's on Sun Jan 12th @ 6:30pm Hilltown @ Swartley's on Sat Jan 18th @ 6:30pm Lansdale @ Moyo's on Tue. Jan 14th @ 6pm

Calendar:

- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6pm *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

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 4, 2025: Kick-off for Sermon on the Mount series with a MOVIE Night @ 7pm
- Sun. Jan 5: Start of BIC Prayer & Fasting week
- Sun. Jan 19: Sunday Serve after Sunday School
- Sun. Jan 26: 4th Sunday Celebration Potluck breakfast @ 9am