



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

Guest Speaker: John Hawbaker

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

Join the livestream for either Worship
service at their scheduled time:
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

This Sunday we will have the privilege of hearing from John Hawbaker, a missions advocate for BIC World Missions. He's the first of two speakers that we will hear from prior to our Zimbabwe team flying to Africa.

Many of you may not even know how this Zimbabwe Missions and Learning Trip came to be - and here we are with 17 people preparing to go in July! Well, let me tell you the story:

Not long after I started here at SBIC as your pastor, I sat down with Miselani Ndlovu, who was serving on church board at the time. I asked her how I could best support and minister to our Zimbabwean families. One of the things I love about our congregation is that we are made up of people from various cultures and ethnicities. To me, this beautifully reflects the diversity in the global Kingdom of God... And we have so much to learn from each other about who God is because of our differing backgrounds, experiences and perspectives on Christian faith and discipleship.

In our conversation, Miselani shared with me that if I really wanted to know, understand and be able to minister well to my Zimbabwean brothers and sisters, I should visit Zimbabwe. My heart immediately wanted to say yes! I love to travel and visit different places, and I knew that she was right - nothing can compare to visiting someone's home! But of course, I wasn't sure when I would go or how all the details would work out. I spoke to Rob Light, our church board chair, and he encouraged me to think a bit bigger about the interesting invitation to go halfway around the world. This led to much prayer and several conversations with the full board, and finally a decision to plan on the summer of 2025 and to open the opportunity up to the larger congregation.

The Ndlovu's and Moyo's have been wonderful connections to the BIC mission stations and congregations in the city of Bulawayo and surrounding areas. Our team of 17 is looking forward to worshipping with several churches and visiting three mission stations while we are in country. There is much for us to learn about Zimbabwe and the tribes that make up this beautiful country. There are also plenty of projects we



will be helping with at the missions - painting, building, perhaps putting up a new water tank.

I am most looking forward to how God will expand our hearts and minds while we are there. It's normal and very human to think that the way we worship and "do church" is the normal way. We might even say "the right way." But to visit our brothers and sisters in the faith in their context, to see how God has led them to worship and minister and grow as disciples -- I am confident we will learn that our way, here in suburban America, is only one of many ways to express faith and to do discipleship. Faithfulness to Jesus looks different in different contexts, and I hope our team comes back with a new awareness of that reality and a bigger imagination for how we can be faithful to Jesus here in Bux-Mont Pennsylvania.

Whether or not you are participating in this trip by actually boarding the airplane and flying across the ocean, this trip belongs to all of us at Souderton BIC. Thank you for your support, your prayers and the many ways you all are stepping up to make this mission and learning trip happen. May God renew and refresh us all through this experience. Amen.

Prayer Requests:

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

MDS Relief for CA Wildfires

MDS is monitoring the disaster in CA and will offer support where needed. If you would like to donate to MDS the link is provided below:

[Donate Here](#)

Read more about MDS involvement at:
<https://mds.org/story/california-wildfires-mds-focuses-on-long-term-hope/>



Additional links are below 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

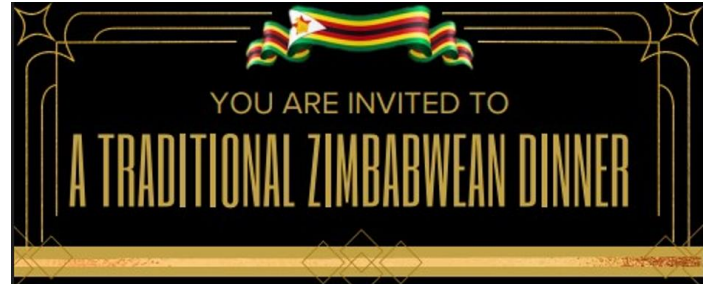
Relief Fund: Click [here](#) to learn more.

My Coins Count

We're collecting during Worship on Mar 16 & 23rd. The My Coins Count Project typically raises more than \$130,000 from across the state of PA. Last year \$130,918 was raised from the My Coins Count collections for MCC education projects.



Zimbabwe Missions Trip Fundraiser March 22nd!



When: Saturday, March 22, 2025, 6pm – 8pm

Where: Souderton BIC Church

Cost: \$20 per person 13 and over;

\$10 per person 12 and under

A free will offering will be taken at the end of dinner

Contact the church office to reserve your seat!

Please specify # of adults & children under 13.

Payment is requested prior to March 22.

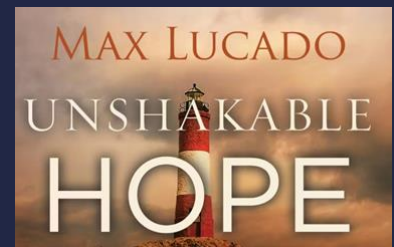
Sunday School Class

New Adult Class

Starts March 16th

Unshakable
HOPE

By Max Lucado



Check out the RightNow Media QR code below for free videos

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

Announcements

Small Groups!

Contact a leader if you are interested in joining the following:

Sundays in Souderton @ 6:30pm – Barb Snyder

Saturdays in Hilltown @ 6:30pm – Swartley's

Mondays in Lansdale @ 6pm – Moyo's

Kenbrook Pantry Collections

Are you up for a “challenge”?

Help us support Kenbrook's pantry with the following:

- 36 gallons of Bleach (sterilizing is important!)
AND
- As many containers of drink mix as possible – lemonade, pink lemonade, tea or orange drink – **no** fruit punch.

Kenbrook made **1220** gallons of drink last year!



Bridge of Hope / BuxMont *GALA*

Help end homelessness for single mothers and their children – see link below for more info:

[Raising Hope Gala 2025 | Bridge of Hope - BuxMont](#)



Raising Hope Gala

Celebrating 25 Years of God's Faithfulness!

Join us for an amazing evening including a centerpiece raffle, dinner, live auction and stories of lives transformed.

Thursday, April 10 | 6:00 PM
William Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA

All proceeds benefiting single mothers and children facing homelessness in Bucks & Montgomery Counties

New movie in theaters - No Address

An inspiring and eye-opening story about homelessness—it's also a way to make a real difference. 50% of proceeds from **No Address** will directly support 1,400 local organizations working to serve those experiencing homelessness.

Calendar:

- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
- **Wed:** 7:00 pm – Youth Group
- **Thu:** 7pm – Worship Team practice, Iglesia Cristiana Bible Study

Upcoming Events:

- **March 5:** D-Group
- **March 9:** Guest Speaker John Hawbaker
- **March 16 & 23:** My Coins Count collection during Worship
- **March 22:** Zimbabwean Fundraiser Dinner – contact church office to reserve your seat! *Please specify number of adults or children under 13. Payment is requested prior to March 22.*
- **March 29:** Atlantic Conference @ Parker Ford Church, Pottstown, PA
- **April 10:** Bridge of Hope Gala
- **April 13:** Palm Sunday & Baptism
- **April 20:** Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service @ 7am at Silverdale followed by breakfast. Worship @ 9:30 at Souderton BIC