



# 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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Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra  
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## This Sunday

*Sunday School @ 9:30am*

*Worship @ 10:30am with*

*Guest Speakers*

*Donald and Karen Vundhla*

*Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm*

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

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

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

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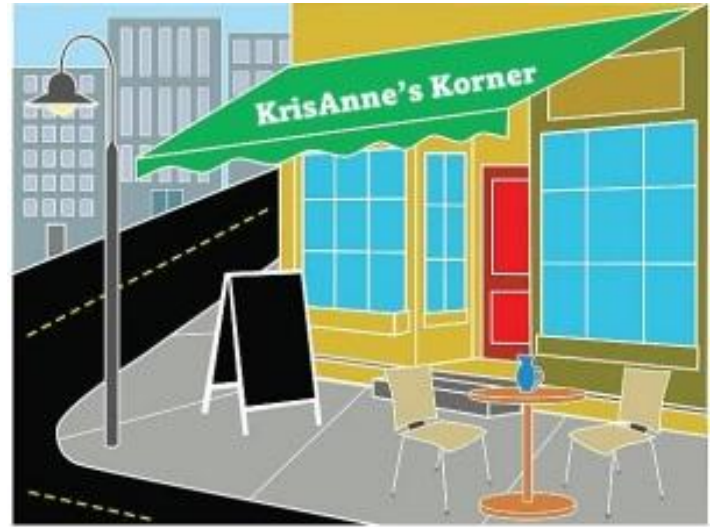
## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

A few months ago, before we even knew we were entering another season of change and transition, Bishop Bryan Hoke invited me and our church board to consider applying for a program out of the BIC US offices, called Thriving Congregations. We've been accepted into the program, and the more I learn about it, the more timely it seems!

**Thriving Congregations is a three-year program that walks congregations through three questions: *Who are we? Where are we? What is our impact?*** I, pastor Rony from Iglesia Cristiana, and a handful of people from SBIC congregation, will participate in seminars, meetings and "homework" over this three-year period. The goal is to come away with a deeper understanding of the unique gifts and needs of our congregations, the unique gifts and needs in our local community; and how those two realities meet to bring into focus our specific calling as a church. I find this opportunity particularly exciting, because with clarity comes energy and commitment. Once we know what God has made us for, we can unite as one body behind this purpose and vision for the future.

The very first step of Thriving Congregations is a congregational survey that folks from the BIC will bring to us in June and July. Watch for more details on that - I believe there will be an online version and a paper version of it. Also, if you want to help facilitate this program - join the small group that goes to the seminars and does some light "homework" - and if I haven't shoulder-tapped you yet, please email, call or text me and let me know of your interest!

Apart from Thriving Congregations, there is another upcoming discernment opportunity I want to share with you: Church Board is inviting all regular attenders and members to a **breakfast and conversation on Sunday, June 8, following 9:30am worship (in the fellowship hall)**. The conversation will center around two questions. First, ***How do we want to disciple the next generation (our children and youth)?***



This question can be about programming, but it's even more so about relationships. I encourage you to think more broadly than events and activities! The second question is: ***How do we want to approach discipleship of all ages, as a uniquely multicultural community (Caucasian, Zimbabwean, Hispanic, etc.)?*** Sunday mornings in America continue to be one of the most segregated times in the nation, but not here at SBIC. We are a special witness to our community about the wide welcome of the Kingdom of God. We are a small but precious picture of the beauty God has created in the diversity of humanity, and I long to see us embrace this more fully.

If you're unable to come to the meeting on June 8th, feel free to email me or Church Board Chair Rob Light ([robertlight@comcast.net](mailto:robertlight@comcast.net)) with your thoughts on these two questions. Thank you, church! You are loved!

## 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.

## Mother's Day Flowers

*All* ladies - Please pick up your flowers *prior* to Worship on Sunday

A Special *"Thank You"* to the Bucars for providing the flowers!



Church Workday – **THANKS**  
to all who helped on  
Saturday, May 3rd

## Calling all MEN



The **NEXT** men's group meeting with the men from Silverdale BIC will be:

- Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>
- 7am
- At Souderton BIC
- Light breakfast will be served

Please see Richard Alleger for more details.

## Zimbabwe Missions Trip

### Upcoming *Fundraisers!*

The Zimbabwe Mission & Learning team is looking to raise \$5,000 to reach their \$15,000 goal

Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Zimbabwe Worship Service. Special offering will be taken for the Mission Trip

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Carwash from 9am-12:30pm at Union National Bank in Franconia

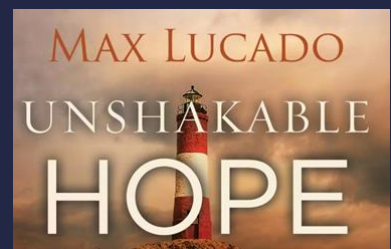
Thanks for supporting our *Fundraisers!*

## Sunday School Class

### Adult Class

Unshakable  
**HOPE**

*By Max Lucado*



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

## Announcements

### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

#### Anxiety & Depression Workshop

May 13 – 7-9pm @ Christ Lutheran Church,  
2211 Mainland Rd. Harleysville

#### Mental Health Mondays

May 5: 1pm @ BCCC Upper Bucks Campus

May 5: 6pm @ The Center at The Open Link  
East Greenville, PA

May 12: 6pm Indian Valley YMCA, Harleysville,  
PA

May 19: 6pm @ Free Fall Action Park, 670 S.  
Main St, Quakertown, PA

Questions?

Email: [PennFoundationQuest@sluhn.org](mailto:PennFoundationQuest@sluhn.org)



### Community Worship in the Park

**Join SBIC and local churches as  
we worship in community**

June 22 at 10:00am  
Souderton Borough Park  
Wile Ave. Souderton, PA

\*no Service at SBIC on June 22nd

## Calendar:

- **Sun:** Missionary Guest Speakers  
Donald and Karen Vundhla
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @  
6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @  
1pm

## Upcoming Events:

- **May 18:** Graduate Recognition for **High School Graduates:** Unathi Mthethwa, Thelma Moyo, Jacob Snyder, and **University Graduates:** Kiersten Moyer and Heidi Swartley.
- **May 25:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration Potluck breakfast @ 9am; Combined Sunday School @ 9:30am. Zimbabwean Worship Service @ 10:30 with a free will offering toward the Zimbabwe Team. *Last day of Sunday School!*
- **May 27:** Church Board Meeting @ 7pm
- **Jun 3:** Breakfast and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following Worship
- **Jun 22:** Sunday Worship Service in Souderton Park @ 10am with local churches (no Worship service at SBIC, and no picnic after)
- **Jul 27:** SBIC Worship & Picnic in the Park @ Souderton Boro Park