



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>

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra
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This Sunday

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

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

Join the livestream for both Worship services at their scheduled time:
www.soudertonbic.org/stream
www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

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

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

This week we are going to talk about family. I once heard one of my favorite preachers, Tony Campolo, say that Christian parents need to spend a lot less time focusing on raising happy kids, and a lot more time on raising good kids. He got quite a bit of criticism for that, but in a society obsessed with comfort and ease, I tend to think he was hitting on something important. If I want, above all else, for my kids to be happy, I will remove as many challenges and obstacles from their path as possible. When they are upset, I will try to fix their issue. When they are sad, I will do everything in my power to take that sadness away as quickly as I can.

But what kind of person am I raising, when I do that? Unfortunately, I might be raising someone who doesn't learn resilience, who hasn't been encouraged to face their struggles and overcome them. I might raise someone who depends on other people to fix their problems instead of doing that themselves. My child could end up as an adult who can't sit with uncomfortable circumstances or feelings, and rushes to get out of them without taking time to process the issue at hand. Do I want a happy child? Well, of course I want my children to have joy. But I also want mature children - good children - who are wise and capable and resilient in the face of this life that is not always easy.

Jesus talks in strange ways about family... even using words like hate at times, and speaking as if he doesn't care about his blood relatives. But isn't family a biblical institution,



created by God? Shouldn't we honor it and dedicate our lives to it? The biblical answer is both yes and no. But I'll save much of this controversy for Sunday morning. 😊 In the meantime, my invitation to you all is to meditate on two of Sunday's key verses – Mark 3:34-35 – *Then Jesus looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's Will is my brother and sister and mother.* What is God saying to you - specifically to you - in these words? And what does that mean for your daily life?

Prayer Requests:

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

Momentum Youth Retreat

| *Made in His Image*



Date: November 14-16, 2025

Location: Kenbrook Bible Camp

All youth in grades 9-12 are invited for the Atlantic conference retreat Nov 14-16. Cost \$149 / youth covers food, lodging and all of the activities.

ESL Classes at SBIC

SBIC is hosting English classes in partnership with volunteers from Deep Run East Mennonite Church on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm.

Hayride at R&J Farms

What a fun time we had at R&J Farms on Wednesday! Over 40 kids of all ages enjoyed the bonfire, s'mores, hayride and corn maze!



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THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30

Sunday School Classes for ALL ages

Nursery available downstairs

Elementary School (K-Grade 5)

Middle School (Grades 6-9) taught by Mike Folkerts

Adult Classes:

1) A Study on the Prophets taught by Dan Z.

2) Hebrews study in the Youth Room

Announcements

Job Postings

SBIC Director of Youth & Multicultural Ministry!

Check out the requirements in the link below:

<https://bicus.org/career/part-time-director-of-youth-multicultural-ministries/>

Please forward to anyone you feel is qualified for this position.



Curious what the drums at the entrance are for?

Stay tuned for the “big reveal” *THIS Sunday!*

HARVEST FESTIVAL Oct 25th



Calendar:

- **Mon:** ESL Classes @ 7:00-8:30pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Ladies Precept @ 9:15am on the study of Hebrews.
Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Oct 25:** Harvest Festival @ Blooming Glen Mennonite Church
- **Nov 2:** Guest Speaker Dean Frey from World Missions
- **Nov 18:** Church Board @ 7pm
- **Nov 24:** No ESL Class
- **Dec 3:** Youth Group @ 7-8:30pm