



## Weekly Connection Newsletter

**Souderton Brethren in Christ Church**

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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  
Contact: [iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com)

### This Sunday

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

*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)

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

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

This past Sunday I spoke about Jesus' call to discipleship in Mark 8: "deny yourself (or die to yourself) take up your cross and follow me." The way of the cross is not just for Jesus; it is the way of life for each and every believer. Every Christian is called to sacrifice and surrender. Every church is collectively also called to live in this way also - to deny itself, take up its cross and follow Jesus. Hopefully you have had a chance to listen to the sermon

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lni01-h7b5g> .

If you haven't yet, I hope you will!

Near the end of the sermon, I shared these thoughts from a pastor's website that struck me as poignant for us as we prepare for our Annual Business Meeting on February 1:

*A church that is willing to die to itself and take up its cross in one that believes its own growth and health is not as important as its willingness to follow Jesus whatever the cost. This church is willing to turn its back on numbers, programs, buildings, even staff if that's what it means to follow Jesus.*

*There are three types of dying churches, the author goes on to say. One is the church that is literally, actually dying. Its membership is declining in numbers and in passion and devotion to Jesus' way of living. Sadly, this church will probably not survive much longer. The second type of dying church is really glitzy and successful on the surface. It's got a big building, large attendance, and lots of programs multiple nights a week. It looks alive, but in reality, it has never died to self. It is hanging onto success, to branding, and to its own reputation. It doesn't look like it's dying, but in trying to save its own life, it will lose it.*

*The third type of dying church is the one that says, we will follow Jesus no matter where He leads, not matter what it costs. We are willing to lay down our institution, our attendance numbers, our programs, our reputation, our building and staff, whatever it takes in order to follow Jesus. This church may be small and overlooked or big*



*and well-known. It doesn't care. It only cares to be faithful to where Jesus leads. Every church is a dying church. Only the last type of church will experience resurrection.*

This sounds very strange to say, but I genuinely hope we are a dying church, filled with disciples who are willing to die to themselves in order to follow Jesus. I pray we pursue Jesus' call to the way of the cross.

## Communion during Worship followed by lunch and Annual Business Meeting Feb 1, 2026

### 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.



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Sharing Christ's Love With Those in Need

## My Coins Count

**Start saving your change!**

We'll be collecting coins for MRC starting in March



## Marriage Date Night

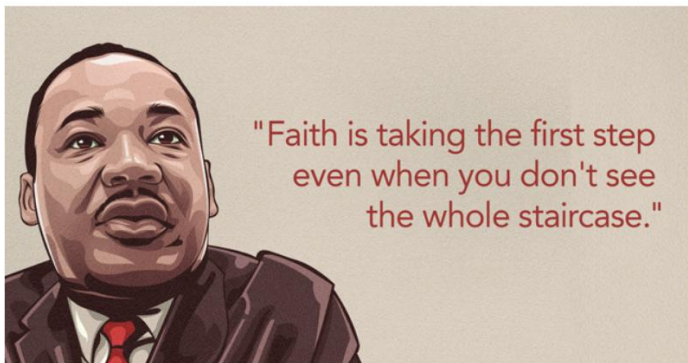
Friday, Feb 20, 2026

@ Calvary Souderton

A night of laughter & Music  
Information & advance

tickets available at

MarriageDateNight.com or by calling  
480-812-1100



"Faith is taking the first step  
even when you don't see  
the whole staircase."

## Sunday Serve

During Worship time

January 25, 2026

We invite you to join us Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> as we worship by rolling up our sleeves and packing bags for two worthwhile missions.

- 1) Helping Hands Missions in Phila
  - 2) ESL students/families in our local area
- Sunday School will be held at normal 9:30am time.

***However, due to weather events,*** this Sunday's activities may be rescheduled to Feb 8th. Check the SBIC Facebook page, our church website, and your email for updates!

[SIGN UP for Sunday Serve donations](#)

## THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Sunday Serve @ 10:30am

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:

! A Study on the Prophets taught by Dan Z.

! Healthy Relationships study in the Youth Room

## Announcements

### Silverdale BIC Blood Drive Jan 28th



### **Volunteers are needed in the Nursery!**

Please contact Jen Eyth or the church office if you can serve.



**ESL needs** Safety Volunteers to serve in the parking lot before & after class.

### **Can't help Monday nights??**

Volunteers are needed to organize donations of clothing, toys and food items anytime during the week. Contact Mike Folkerts or Laurel Alleger if you have flexible time and can help.

## Calendar:



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- Sun: Youth Group @ 5pm
- Mon: ESL class 7-8:30pm
- Tue: Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- Wed: Precepts Bible Study @ 9:15am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm
- Thur: Worship Team practice

## Upcoming Events:

- Feb 1: Annual Business Meeting. Lunch after Worship. Please sign up! Main dish (BBQ) will be provided; please bring a side or dessert to share.