



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
Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

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! at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

This Sunday we are going to start a new sermon series. We spent September through Easter Sunday in the book of Mark, not hitting every single verse, but taking in the broad themes of the Gospel and Jesus' ministry. Now, let's jump back into the Old Testament, many generations before Jesus walked the earth, and notice how God works with His chosen people as they are settling in the Promised Land.

From now until the end of July, I'll preach through 1 Samuel. The reason this particular book stands out to me in this moment is because one of its themes is leadership... God's leadership, the priests and the first kings. As I look around our country, I see a crisis of leadership - Christian and otherwise. Story after story is coming out about very popular evangelical organizations like Hillsong and CCM music, a number of Christian Universities, the Southern Baptist Convention and Bethel Church in California: abuses of power and finances, sexual abuse, supporters covering up lies for preachers and "prophets," protecting them when they fail to demonstrate Christian character instead of holding them accountable. If you wonder what stories I'm referencing, quite a number have been compiled by a journalist at roysreport.com. And then there's story after story of our politicians - some publicly claiming Christian faith - who are involved in sexual abuse scandals, profiting from illegal financial schemes, blatantly and repeatedly lying, delighting in violence and the dehumanization of their opponents.

Still, many Christians in our country continue to support these preachers, music stars, organizations and politicians without question. Let me say this clearly - our witness suffers when we remain silent about unChrist-like leadership. People outside of the church wonder how they can trust us when we throw our support behind corrupt leaders and organizations that repeatedly harm people. This is why I believe we need to examine biblical leadership right now. Let's discover God's perspective on it and how He desires His people to exercise it.



What does it mean to have strong character? What does integrity look like? How is leadership exercised appropriately? Must leaders be perfect for us to support them? What happens when they aren't? 1 Samuel won't have every answer we may be looking for, but it is a fascinating story of leadership and God's posture toward human leaders. I pray these next few months will be both informative and formative. See you Sunday!

Prayer Requests:

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

Coming in May! ESL End of Year Celebration! May 11th

Lots of
games
& food



Come celebrate with the volunteers & families as we close out the year. 7-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall & Lower parking lot

Barnabas Aid –
Christians helping Christians –
across the globe.



Watch our documentary at
barnabasaid.org/FaithintheFire

Coming in June

The Second Annual
Community Worship
Service in the Park
is scheduled for
June 28th

Mark your calendars!



Prayer Usher Ministry

Available before, during, and after
Worship.

Trained teams of one man and one woman will be available to pray with anyone who desires prayer. This is a confidential and nonjudgemental time to release our burdens into the Presence of God. Anointing for healing is available.



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<https://mds.org/employment/>

THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am with

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.

Personal Evangelism study in the Youth Room

Announcements

Continuing THIS Sunday: April 19th

Special training on Personal Evangelism

A “Pilot” six week Sunday School series on Personal Evangelism continues at 9:30am in the Youth Room

All are welcome! Come and build your confidence in sharing your faith!

Silverdale BIC



“I prayed . . . and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him” 1 Samuel 1:27

Calendar:

- **Sun:** RamPacks **Food FEST @** Pennridge HS noon – 5pm
No Youth Group
- **Mon:** ESL classes @7-8:30pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm, Church Board @ 7pm
- **Wed:** Precepts Bible Study @ 9:15am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.
- **Sat:** Spring Workday @ 8am, Silverdale Car Cruise, Craft Fair & Flea Market 9am-3pm

Upcoming Events:

- **May 3:** Guest Speaker Bruce Bundy
- **May 11:** Last ESL class before summer break. Celebrate with us from 7-8:30pm with a Carnival – games, food, face painting
- **May 17:** Communion
- **May 19:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **May 31:** Zimbabwean Worship Service, Youth Group @ 4-6pm (end of year party)
- **June 7:** Worship @ 10:30am, No Sunday School