



# 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

*No Sunday School  
Worship @ 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

It has been a heavy week for me. I received word on Monday that a leader who meant a lot to me when I was growing up had been arrested for attempting to lure a child online. It's hard for me to put into words how disorienting this has been. I admired this person. He and his family had been to our home numerous times. We worshipped side by side at church. He taught me the Bible and actually made me excited to dive deeper into God's Word. I trusted him. Now all of that feels wrong and upside down.

As I tried to digest the news, I kept returning to our text in 1 Samuel and thinking about Saul. He seems pretty reluctant to take up the mantle Samuel is trying to place on his shoulders. Saul doesn't want to lead. His first response to Samuel is essentially, "Who, me? Are you kidding?" He has one moment of abandon, as the Spirit of the Lord comes upon him and he joins a procession of prophets, prophesying alongside them. People notice him and begin talking about him. Saul hides, perhaps embarrassed by the attention he brought upon himself. All the tribes gather and Samuel is going to have them draw lots to choose their king. The lot falls on Saul but he's nowhere to be found; turns out he's hiding among the supplies. Apparently, there's no escaping his calling, though, because they bring him up to the front of the crowd and the people shout, "Long live the king!"

There is a sense in which leadership is an "all eyes on you" affair. Sometimes that's good. As Paul says, "follow me as I follow Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). When leaders have their own eyes, hearts, minds and souls fixed on Jesus; it's a very good thing that they are seen and known. They are in-the-flesh examples to all of us, and we need that. But all that attention can be uncomfortable, too. Saul seemed to sense that from the start; he wasn't sure he wanted it. Maybe because he knew that when a leader's cracks show - when trust is broken - it can be devastating for everyone.



Neither Saul nor Paul were perfect. The leaders who have helped to form and shape me are not perfect. I am not perfect. But I still believe in leadership. I still believe we need flesh and blood examples of what it looks like to follow Jesus. There's nothing more powerful than one disciple literally showing another one the way of faithfulness. May we all become more and more faithful examples to others on the journey. Amen.

## 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.

**Youth Group - Summer  
Activity #1 - June 28<sup>th</sup> @  
Peace Valley Park @ Noon**



End of year celebration  
@ Top Golf

**New & Returning  
College Students**



**Apply Now!**

If you are a new or returning college student, be sure to pick up a Scholarship Application (due June 21<sup>st</sup>) at the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Return applications to church office.

**Zimbabwean Worship  
Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Thank you to everyone who made the My Journey of Faith Worship Service a success! Panelists, moderator, Worship team and caterer with the wonderful meal after!



**NO Sunday School during  
the Summer!**

**THIS Sunday  
Worship @ 10:30am**

**Nursery available downstairs,**

## Announcements

### *June 28<sup>th</sup>*

The **Second Annual  
Community Worship  
Service in the Park**

is scheduled for  
June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.



No Worship Service here at SBIC. We'll "see you at the Park". **BYO lawn\_chair!**  
**Monetary offering will be collected for  
Keystone Opportunity Center and Bridge of  
Hope.**

Mark your calendars!

## *First ESL Summer Connects- Monday*



Have extra  
vegetables this  
Summer?  
Please donate  
them to our ESL  
Summer Connects

nights. No classes, Just fun!

We will be meeting at SBIC from 7-8pm  
for games, and fellowship on the following  
Mondays in June:

June 8<sup>th</sup>

June 15<sup>th</sup>

June 29<sup>th</sup>

## Calendar:

- **Sun:** Worship @ 10:30am, **NO** Sunday School, or Kids Time during Worship – children will stay in the Sanctuary with their parents during Worship
- **Mon:** ESL Summer Connects 7-8pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.

## Upcoming Events:

- **June 15, 29:** ESL Summer Connects 7-8pm
- **June 28:** Souderton Area Churches Worship in the Park @ 10am. No Service @ SBIC Church. Youth Group Summer Activity #1 at Peace Valley Park – at Noon
- **July 12:** Guest Speaker Franco Salvatori
- **July 24-27:** General Assembly, Miami,
- **Aug 16:** Silverdale & Souderton BIC Combined Worship and Picnic in the Park @ Al Reese Park, Silverdale. Worship @ 10am with picnic to follow.