



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
Contact: iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com

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
www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

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

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

There's a hymn from my old Mennonite hymnal that I have been drawn to since I was a little girl. The lyrics say this:

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, wean it from sin,
through all its pulses move.*

*Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love
you as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the
veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my
soul away.*

*Did you not bid us love you, God and King, love you with all
our heart and strength and mind?*

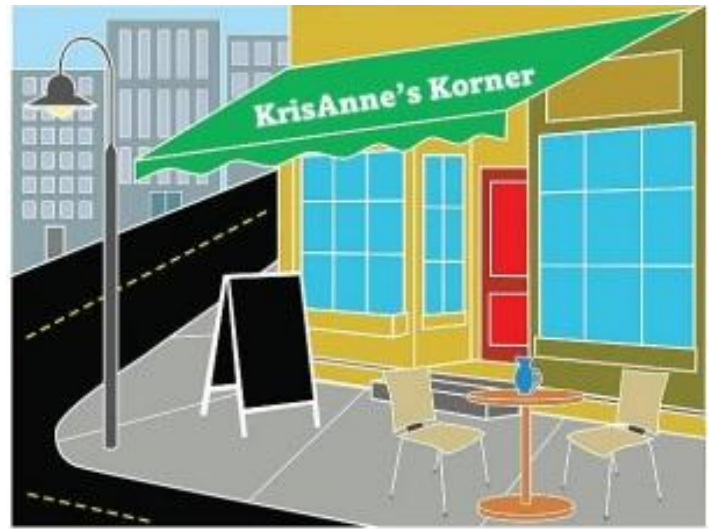
*I see the cross— there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek you
and O let me find!*

*Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the
struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of
unceasing prayer.*

The hymn's melody is slow and a little haunting, which I love. Through the music and poetry, you can feel the longing of the one praying the words... wean my soul from sin, make me love you, take the darkness away, help me find you and feel you near me, teach me perseverance and patience, deliver me from doubt and my rebel ways.

In the struggle to live according to the Spirit - which is what we'll be talking about this Sunday - I find that music helps me express my own struggle to do that. To live faithfully, righteously, to speak and act like Jesus. How I need the Spirit to descend upon my heart, to stoop to my weakness and transform me! I use this hymn to pray quite often.

Brothers and sisters, this is part of the gift of the in-between time. Hear me out! Certainly, this time between Jesus' resurrection and His return can be filled with pain, struggle, heartache, all of those difficult things. But the gift of living in this in-between when we are longing and waiting for Jesus' return and for Him to set all things right



is this: we are learning to depend on God, to keep turning and returning to Him when life gets hard, when we fail and need to repent, when we look around and see so much injustice and suffering and all we can do is cry out to Him. This part of the journey is teaching us to come back to the One who is God, the only One who is powerful, true, holy and able. And that is a good thing, because the more I learn to turn to God and put all things back into His hands, instead of trying to fix it myself... the less likely I'll be to try to sit on His throne myself or put anyone else on that throne in place of Him. So I'll keep praying: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart. Wean it from sin, through all its pulses move. Amen.

Prayer Requests:

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

Fall Happenings:

Sunday School Classes Resume September 13th for Youth, Adults

Two Adult classes to choose from –

- “*The 5 Postures of a Global Christian*” in the Youth Room
- A study of the Prophets in Room 1 with Dan Z.
- Youth class for Jr & Sr High students will be led by Mike Follkerts

Small Groups Startup

A choice of Small Group topics
AND evenings for you:

Monthly:

- 1) 1st Saturday of the month Oct-May
led by Pastor KrisAnne & Jon Swartley @ their home. Book study: *What Grows in Weary Lands* by T. Warren
- 2) Sunday evenings: A study on *Romans* led by Richard and Laurel Alleger, Sep-May in their home

Weekly:

- 3) Wed evenings: “I didn’t say that, Love, God” led by Kristin & Lewis Munoz in the SBIC Sanctuary.
7-8pm Sep 16th -Nov 18th

Sign up at the back table!

The ESL Pantry needs shelf stable items:

**Rice, beans, soups, cereal,
baby formula**



**Registration for Fall Classes is
Sept 21 from 6:30-8:00pm**

Classes begin Oct 5!

Child Protection Policy review
on Sept 6th @ 9:30am
(Kid’s classes will be held)

Adult Sunday School classes
resume Sep 13th @ 9:30am

THIS Sunday
Worship @ 10:30am

Announcements

THIS Sunday, August 30

Plan on staying after Worship for a meal in the Fellowship Hall and discussion on Volunteering and Leadership as part of Thriving Congregations.

Pasta & salad provided.

Please bring a dessert to share.



Ladies

Precept Bible Study Resumes September 9th

*Discover truth for yourself,
not by yourself.*

What does a living faith look like?

The book of James speaks to the realities of such a faith.

Join us at SBIC Wed mornings from 9:15-11:30am.

Contact Cindy at preceptaholic@yahoo.com

Calendar:

- **Sunday, Aug 30:** Fellowship meal & discussion about Leadership after Worship
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sep 6:** Child Protection Policy during Sunday School hour (9:30am); children's classes will meet at 9:30am
- **Sep 12:** Youth Group Fire & Fun night @ Swartley's 6:30-8:30pm
- **Sep 13:** All Sunday School classes resume @ 9:30am.
Guest Speaker Kris G.
- **Sep 14:** ESL Volunteer Mtg @6:30pm
- **Sep 15:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Sep 21:** ESL Fall Class Registration at 7pm