



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

*No Sunday School
Worship at 10:30am
Communion*

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

Fire, wind, breath. The Holy Spirit is described in many different ways throughout scripture. At the same time, the Spirit is probably the member of the Trinity with whom we are least familiar. The Holy Spirit is mysterious, powerful, and sometimes does strange things - like transporting people from one place to another, giving them visions and making them speak in unfamiliar languages.

When I was a young girl, I remember being kind of scared of the Holy Spirit. I wasn't sure I wanted to act in strange ways or be "taken over" by some outside force. Apparently, I've always been something of a control freak - I didn't like the thought of my body being out of my own control! But here is what I needed to grow to understand about the Holy Spirit and its work: The Spirit is not some impersonal force I do not know and who doesn't know me. The Spirit is an intimate, personal part of the Trinity. I have always known Jesus as my friend, my loving Lord and Savior. I've always known God as my strong and tender Father. Why would I think the Spirit is not also loving and merciful, trustworthy and knowable?

Thankfully, I have grown to know the Holy Spirit better over the years. I have come to trust God's Spirit speaking to my spirit, through scripture and prayer and brothers and sisters who walk alongside me. There have been many times when I have come to the end of my own understanding and I have surrendered to the wisdom and work of the Spirit. In gratitude, I have seen the Holy Spirit do things beyond what I could have wished or imagined on my own. Is the Spirit still mysterious and sometimes strange to me? Yes! And rightfully so, because God is beyond my human comprehension! But I have come to understand how deeply I can trust the Holy Spirit... and how much I need Him.

My favorite analogy for the Spirit is "the breath of God." Breath gives us life. The oxygen it provides enables our brains to function. It makes our muscles move and work. Without breath in our lungs, we die. It is the same with the Holy Spirit. Without it, we the church, cannot function. The Spirit makes it possible for us to live in step with Jesus; we could not do it on our own. He provides us with



the new life we so desperately need. We have no wisdom, no power, no strength without the Spirit. We would simply cease to be without Him.

Join me for the next few months as we explore many of the passages in the New Testament that talk about the Holy Spirit and the church's relationship to it. I pray we all become more open to the Spirit as we take this journey together. I pray we come to know Him better and trust Him more and more. Amen.

Communion this Sunday

Prayer Requests:

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

RamPacks

Need anything from Pampered Chef? Donna Huff (founder of RamPacks) is hosting a virtual party and would love for you to join her. Pampered Chef is offering **DOUBLE DONATIONS** to nonprofits during the month of August.

Click the link below to watch a few videos and shop:

[RamPacks Pampered Chef](#)

Keystone Opportunity Center **Needs Pantry Items**



FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS

AMAZON WISHLIST:



DONATE IN BACK OF BUILDING
MONDAYS - 9AM TO 4PM
TUES - THURS 2PM TO 4PM
FRIDAYS - CLOSED
104 N. MAIN STREET, SOUDERTON

- Long pasta
- Tomato sauce
- Canned beef soup
- Grape jelly
- Apple sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Brownie/cake mix
- Paper products
- Feminine care
- Canned pineapple



Delegates: Pastors KrisAnne & Rony, Tham & Miselani Nklovu, Georgia Myers



**General Assembly
Miami, FL
July 24-27, 2026**

**Child Protection Policy review
on Sept 6th @ 9:30am
Sunday School classes resume
Sep 13th @ 9:30am**

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

Announcements

ESL Summer Connects

August dates

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

Backpacks will be distributed
on August 10th & 17th
at Summer Connects 7-8pm
No classes, just fun!



Sunday, August 30

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



Calendar:

- **Sun:** Communion
- **Mon:** ESL Summer Connects and Backpack distribution 7-8pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **Aug 17:** ESL Summer Connects and backpack distribution
- **Aug 16:** Silverdale & Souderton BIC Combined Worship and Picnic in the Park @ Al Reese Park, Silverdale. Worship @ 10am with picnic to follow.
- **Aug 30:** Fellowship meal & discussion about Leadership after Worship
- **Sep 6:** Child Protection Policy during Sunday School hour
- **Sep 13:** Guest Speaker Kris G.
- **Sep 21:** ESL Fall Class Registration @ 7pm