



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

*Sunday School for Kids &
Child Protection Policy Review for
Volunteers & Parents @ 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am*

Iglesia Cristiana Worship 1:00pm

Join the livestream for either Worship
service at their scheduled time:

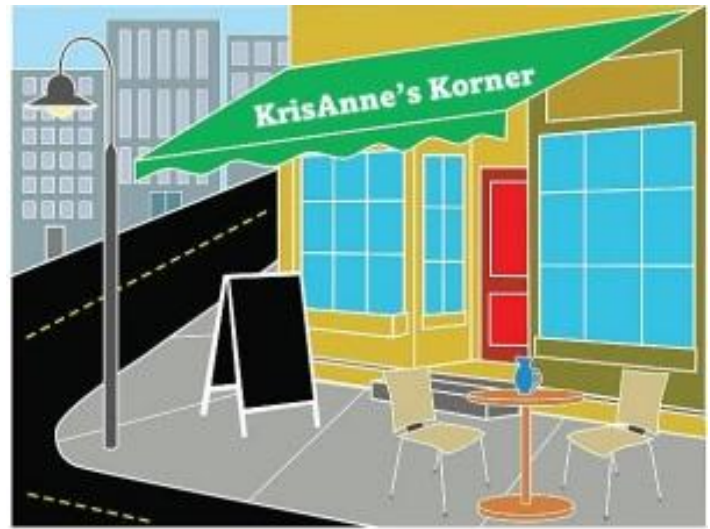
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Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

So far in this series, we have explored several roles of the Holy Spirit, including life-giver, adoptive mark or seal, helper. This week, I want to focus on the Spirit's role in prayer, specifically as our Intercessor. Romans 8:26-27 says, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

Definitions are always a good way to start when you want to understand something clearly, so here is what Merriam-Webster has to say about what it means to intercede for someone: *The word comes from Latin roots. Inter means "between" and cedere means "to go." Therefore, "go between" is the most literal meaning of the word.* Google's helpful AI overview goes on to explain several contexts for the use of "intercede." Sometimes we use it to mean pleading for mercy, pleading someone's case before a more powerful person in an act of advocacy. Sometimes we intercede between two people who are arguing or fighting, to try to bring peace and avoid more conflict. In ancient Rome, sometimes magistrates would intercede in a situation with veto power to make a situation resolve in the way they wanted it to. That kind of intercession comes from a very powerful position, with top-down authority. I don't normally think of intercession in that way. I picture it more as coming alongside someone (or multiple someones) and advocating for them.

With these definitions in hand, let's turn to the verses I began this article with, that talk about the Spirit interceding for us. The larger scripture passage describes the sufferings of the early church and the groaning of Creation, as we all await full redemption. Paul says that in the midst of this, we are weak and we don't even know how to pray, and so the Spirit intercedes for us and doesn't even need words because God knows it aligns with His Will. I can think of a few times in my life that I have felt so weak that I didn't know how to pray - what words to use, what to ask for, what was God's will in the situation. It all felt too big, my faith too weak, my words too small.



In moments like that, these verses can be a huge comfort. They can free us to simply sit in the silence and confusion and trust that the Spirit is praying for us, for exactly what we need and for God's good will to be done. I don't think Paul wants us to stop praying with words, but I do believe he wants us to know something else.... and here are those four magic words that I want you to take to heart during this whole sermon series... Paul wants us to know **WE ARE NOT ALONE** because the Spirit is with us. He sees our struggle and knows what we need. He is praying for us, advocating for us with the Father, interceding on our behalf for mercy, for peace, for victory in the battle, and maybe - like an ancient Roman magistrate - He'll use veto power to rescue us from danger. We don't know all the details. But praise God we have an advocate and intercessor so powerful and so near to us and the Father! Anchor yourself to that truth when you pray this week.

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 ALL ages**

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 Folkerts
- Children’s class continues

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 at SBIC

7-8pm Sep 16th -Nov 18th

Sign up at the back table in the Sanctuary!

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
this Sunday @ 9:30am
(Kid’s classes will be held)

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

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

Announcements

MOMENTUM

High School Youth

Kenbrook Retreat

November 13-15

**All High School Youth are invited
to the Annual Youth Retreat.**

Scholarships are available

Contact Nathaniel Nissley at

nnissley@kenbrook.org with questions.

September

RamPacks Fundraiser

Enjoy dinner, support RamPacks

**This September
The Washington House
is supporting RamPacks!**



Washington House



Donate \$5 today when dining at the restaurant & the Washington House will **reward your kindness** with a \$10 gift certificate!

The Washington House is also matching customer donations.

Thank you Washington House!  **RamPacks**

Calendar:

- **Sun:** Child Protection Policy during Sunday School hour (9:30am); children's classes will meet at 9:30am
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Ladies Precept Bible Study resumes @ 9:15-11:30am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **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. Capital Campaign meeting and meal in the Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Please bring a dessert to share.
- **Sep 14:** ESL Volunteer mtg @6:30pm
- **Sep 15:** Church Board mtg @ 7pm
- **Sep 21:** ESL Fall Class Registration at 7pm