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Free Breakfast

Sun. mornings at 8:15a, FCML

Worship & Sunday School

Sun. mornings at 9:15a, WCML

Faithful Fitness

Wednesdays at 6:30p, FCML

Elders Meeting (1 wk. later)

Sun. 12th at 5:30p

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Sundays at 5:00p, FCLL

Kidz Klub (starts 8th)

Wednesday at 6:30p, WCML

Board Meeting

Thurs. 9th at 7:00p, FCML

Mission Lunch

Wed. 15th at 11:30am, Comm. Bldg.

Congregational Dinner & Meeting

Sun. the 19th at 5:30p, FCML

Connection

Sun. the 19th at 6:45p, FCML

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All youth groups are now on break. Jr. & Sr. High will start back Jan. 5 and Kidz Klub on Jan. 8.

If you are on the greeter rotation, please pick up a copy of the 2020 Greeter Schedule from the desk in the WCML foyer on/after Jan. 5.

Please check the table in the back of the sanctuary to see if there are any Christmas cards addressed to you or relatives to whom you could deliver.

Sign up in the foyer if you would like to be part of a weekly small group.

On Sun., Jan. 19, we are having our annual Congregational Dinner & Meeting in the Fellowship Center at 5:30p. All members, attendees, and guests of SFCC are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and hear a summary report of the 2019 year. This will be a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish or two. We will have a brief Connection service immediately following the meeting.

Our next trip to Love Packages will be Feb. 16-17. We will meet at the church at 3:00pm on that Sun. and travel to Litchfield, IL for dinner. Afterwards, we will settle in for the night at the dormitory in Butler. We will work all day Mon. and return that evening. You will need money for 2 dinners out. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sign up in the foyer. For more information, contact John or Lisa Gregg.

WC—Worship Center, FC—Fellowship Center,
 ML—Main Level, LL—Lower Level

I'm excited about a new year for SFCC! We have seen some really great things happen in 2019, especially with the launch of our Connection Groups (holistic home-based small groups). We started the year with only about 4 small groups (counting Sunday School classes), and we now have 9-10 that are meeting regularly. That is phenomenal! I am so proud of you folks who are discovering your gifts, serving whole-heartedly, and growing through Godly fellowship and study with other believers. We knew God would do great things as we (the church) allow ourselves to be stretched by the Natural Church Development process.

I am excited to see what this new year will hold for us, as we know that the increase of quality always results in the increase of quantity. We anticipate re-taking the NCD survey at some point in the first half of 2020, and the outcome of that second survey should give us a good picture of our health as a congregation, as compared to our first survey a year ago, which gave us a baseline from which to measure ourselves. Again, these are just tools to gauge our spiritual growth, and they come with tried and tested suggestions on how to address areas of lowest quality in order to keep our church healthy and growing. With each assessment, we will evaluate what steps we can take to get in and remain in good shape as a body of believers.

If you're still skeptical or cynical about the approach we are taking here, think of it like your own body. If there are physical signs that you're not doing so well, and you just sense something is up, the first thing you want to do is go to a doctor to find a diagnosis. The doctor will most likely run some blood tests to check your levels. These assessments can reveal a lot about where the problem may lie, giving the doctor insight into how to begin treating the underlying reason for your symptoms.

That's what we're doing here. We really want to be a dynamic, fruitful, and loving church that embodies and shares Christ with the unchurch people in our area. "Dynamic and fruitful" hardly described the declining worship attendance we have seen over the previous years. By the grace of God, we have seen that trend reverse slightly this year, and we hope to continue to see more growth in 2020 through people coming to Christ and as more disciples grow in consistent worship attendance.

I firmly believe that as we abide more and more in Christ—as we connect more to Him, getting to know Him and having a daily relationship with Him—we will see remarkable things happen in our own lives and in our church. That's why I'm starting the year off with a longer-than-usual sermon study in the Gospel of Mark. Mark is the shortest of the 4 Gospels, and it's an action-packed book of Jesus' life. Mark is fast-paced and always moving, proclaiming the good news of 1) who Jesus is, and 2) why Jesus came. These are the two major themes we see in Mark's Gospel, which is divided into those 2 halves.

Through the stories that Mark includes about Jesus, his goal becomes clear: He wants us to repent and believe. Over and over, this book pushes the reader to action, as it forces us to examine the remarkable life of Jesus and His purpose here on earth, moving us to evaluate our own relationship with Him and our purpose here on earth.

So, I would encourage you to begin reading Mark as we prepare for this new year and this new study. It won't take you too long to read, but it will take us a while to unpack it. But it will be enjoyable to dig into all the stories and teachings of Jesus contained in this powerful little Gospel.

I look forward to this new year and the opportunity to study this book with you. I hope (if you're a resolution kind of person) that among your resolutions, you will list daily Bible reading and prayer and weekly worship attending among your highest priorities for this new year if they currently aren't in the proper place in your life. You will never be sorry you did. If you set those as your top priorities, you will get to witness some absolutely remarkable things that God will do in your life. Happy New Year, folks! Love you all,



Shirley Baumert, Danny Bedwell, Marsha Brown, Floyd & Jean Kamplain, David Karns, Remington Kinnaman, Karl Newell, John Rawles, Tammy Sinclair

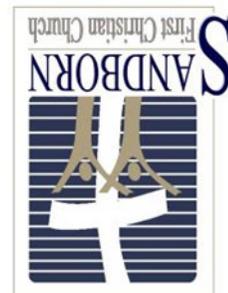
**Names above will be left on for 4 weeks and then removed unless otherwise requested.*

Nursing Home: Doris Bledsoe, Jack & Sylvia Heuby

Our Military, SFCC Youth

Our Missions/Ministries:

Camp Illiana, Ivory Coast Christian Mission, Helping His Hands, Matthew 25 Ministries, Delhi Outreach, Open Arms Christian Ministries, V.U. Christian Campus Fellowship, Pregnancy Choices



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| Jan. Serving Schedule | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bus Driver on Standby | Julie Sanders | Randy Burress | Steve Anderson | David Myers |
| Greeters & Communion Cleanup | Ralph & Joan Heshelman | Paul & Regina Kaiser | Steve & Alisa Anderson | Forrest & Sharon Lynch |
| Communion Meditation | Paul Kaiser | Forrest Lynch | J.D. Lynch | Scott Williams |
| Offering Prayer | Richard Mortland | E.B. Rawles | Steve Anderson | Paul Kaiser |
| Media Booth | Luke Powers | Madison Burress | Debbie Mason | Luke Powers |
| Worship Team | Barb, Cody, Janelle, Amanda, Jeff | Janice, Karen, Janelle, Jeff | Barb, Troy, Janelle, Jeff | Amanda, Cody, Alice, Jeff |
| Decision Guide | Troy Stoll | Becky Williams | Renee Schopmeyer | Karen Heuby |
| Nursery | Alisa Anderson & Regina Kaiser | Tyler & Alexis Van Deventer | Becky Williams & Chad Russell | Jes Fry & Lexi Ferree |
| Preschool Teachers | Larry Tennant | Janelle Rawles | Erin Russell | Dana Wright |
| Elementary Teachers | Julie Sanders | Jes Fry | Jeff Heuby | Troy Stoll |
| Communion Prep | Ronda Roberts | | | |



- 4 Paul Kaiser
- 7 Jeff Mortland
- 13 Justin Dale
- 14 Jim Dale
- 23 Bob Grigsby
- 24 Donna Apple
- 26 Luke Powers

- 9 J.D. & Libby Lynch
- 25 Justin & Stephanie Dale

If your name was left off, please fill out an Anniversary/Birthday info sheet found on the table in the foyer and submit it to the minister.

In the event of **winter weather on a Sunday**, if the Indiana travel advisory raises to a red (Warning) level prior to 8:45am, morning worship and youth group will be canceled due to travel being unlawful. Otherwise, we will hold worship for whoever can make it. Please just use caution, and do not take unnecessary risks. Watch our website/Facebook for updates.

