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Sunday Worship Live Stream

www.sandbornfcc.org/videos or
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Worship & Sunday School

Sun. mornings at 9:15am, WCML

Faithful Fitness

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, FCML

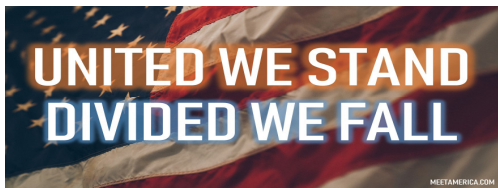
Elders Meeting

Sun. 12th at 5:30pm, Sanders'

Board Meeting

Thurs. 9th at 7:00pm, FCML

WC—Worship Center, FC—Fellowship Center,



United we stand, divided we fall. We have heard that phrase used a lot to inspire members of a certain group or organization to work together as a team. But we have probably heard it the most in reference to our great country—the United States of America.

Right now, in our nation, we're anything but united. It's heartbreaking to see that we have come this far in our progress in so many areas, and yet, mutual respect and kindness and love for fellow man and woman—especially those of different races and ethnicities—is far from what it should be. And while you may be quick to either call everything racist or quick to point out that racism isn't as big a deal as they're making it out to be these days, the reality is, it *does* still exist, and it *is* still a big problem that needs addressed.

As with every problem, addressing it in a healthy, productive way is crucial. Over the past month or so, we have seen tensions escalate to the point of violence, including murders, assault, theft, and the destruction of property and historical memorials. Our country hasn't seen this much internal division since the days of the Civil War. And many fear that is what we are approaching again if we continue down this path.

There is no doubt you feel a pull in one direction, to sympathize with one side or the other, be that politi-

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cally or on whatever side of whatever cause. But the caution I want to encourage, and this serves as a reminder of the series we just finished up, is to remember to love unconditionally those with whom you disagree politically or otherwise. You do not have to agree with someone, but you are still commanded to love them.

Whether is it the atrocity of racism or any other political or social issue that is further driving the wedge in the crack that is dividing our nation, as Christians, we should be the first to recognize that this battle is a spiritual battle. It's just clothed in political or social language. Underneath, there are spiritual forces at work that seek to destroy the peace, fan the flames of hatred and discrimination, and tear our country apart at the seams.

The Apostle Paul said, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12, NIV)

In other words, Satan is pulling the strings here. Our battle is against all of these unseen forces of evil. So, we put on the full armor of God (6:13-17), and most of all, we must "pray in the Spirit on all occasions..." (6:18)

And since this is a spiritual battle, it requires weapons that are spiritual. The weapon that you may be used to wielding most is your sharp tongue (or keyboard fingers) as you take a righteous stand on whatever side of an argument you find yourself on. But I'm going to pull a Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane here and tell you to put away that sword. The battle can't be won that way. There is a place for *civil* discussion, but we have to first fight with the greatest weapon we have available to us as Christians—the weapon of prayer. We will not win this battle unless we fight in prayer.

You see, not only does prayer ask God to unleash His angels to battle the dark forces behind the division, but in prayer, we often realize our own flawed hearts that have maybe turned a blind eye to injustice or have fed the problem more than the solution. If Christians don't pray, then we don't stand a chance of building bridges and helping bring unity to our country. This is a war that can't be won *just* by legislation. It has to be won by *transformation*. It has to begin in the individual's heart. And that can begin with us.

So, as you celebrate our nation's independence this coming week, I just want to challenge you to dig deep, look inside, and really ask God to reveal any way you might be contributing to the divide in our country. Begin with prayer, and ask God how He would have you take an action step to fight for liberty and justice for all. As Christians, let us be peacemakers, and may our defining mark be our love for Christ, our love for our enemies, and our love for others.

Bryan

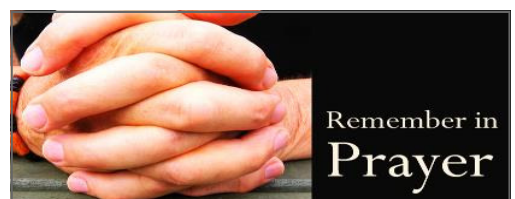
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope to see you soon for in-person worship, but we still ask that social distancing be observed. Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or any physical contact with those outside of your own family. Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but a collection box is available in the rear of the sanctuary to place your offerings in before or after the service. Face masks are recommended if you have one. There will be no breakfast, children's church, nursery, or greeters until further notice. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in helping us limit physical contact for a little while longer.

The 5th Annual Sandborn Community Pinewood Derby & Cookout will be Sun., Aug. 23 from 2:00-6:00pm. Build Days will be Sat., Aug. 15 & 22 from 9:00-3:00 in the FCLL. Please sign up in the foyer or visit sandbornfcc.org/derby to sign up and choose a time on one of the build days to come and build your car. This is an entirely free event, and all materials will be provided.

We would like to recognize and congratulate our 2020 graduates from SFCC: John B. Gregg—graduating from McKinney School of Law with a Juris Doctorate, Kaitlyn Cook—graduating from University of Southern Indiana with a Bachelor's Degree, and William Bowman—graduating from White River Valley with a High School Diploma. Please congratulate these folks and let them know you are very proud of their accomplishments! For addresses to send a card, text or call Bryan (812) 910-0343.

There will be a drive by Baby Shower for Amber Yagle on Sat., Aug. 1 from 10:00a to 12:00p in front of the FCML. Since we cannot gather for a special day, you may drive by, drop off a gift (she is registered at Amazon and Walmart), wave and beep, and enjoy a curbside treat.



Richard & Shirley Baumert, Colleen Bowman, Lucille Carrico, Mark Dillon, Floyd & Jean Kamplain, Brionna Myers, Karl Newell, Gary Patterson, Tim Poole, John Rawles, Roger Shake

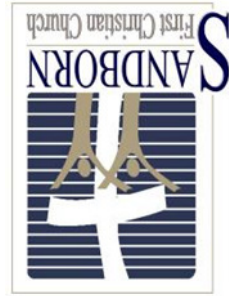
**Names above will be left on for 4 weeks and then removed unless otherwise requested.*

Nursing Home: Doris Bledsoe, Jack 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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July Serving Schedule	5	12	19	26
Bulletin & Communion Distribution	Paul & Regina Kaiser	Scott & Becky Williams	Steve & Alisa Anderson	Forrest & Sharon Lynch
Communion Meditation	E.B. Rawles	Steve Anderson	Paul Kaiser	Forrest Lynch
Offering Prayer	Chad Russell	J.D. Lynch	Scott Williams	Richard Mortland
Media Booth	Luke Powers	Madison Burress	Debbie Mason	Luke Powers
Worship Team	Janice, Amanda, Cody, Jeff	Amanda, Karen, Janelle, Jeff	Barb, Troy, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Janice, Amanda, Cody, Jeff
Decision Guide	Karen Heuby	Troy Stoll	Paul Kaiser	Renee Schopmeyer
Nursery	---	---	---	---
Preschool Teachers	---	---	---	---
Elementary Teachers	---	---	---	---
Communion Prep	---			

Happy Birthday to...

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| 1 Samantha Smith | 22 Madison Burress |
| 2 Zach Rawles | 27 Karley Roberts |
| 6 Kevin Cook | |
| 14 Forrest Lynch | |
| 18 Jolene Bryant | |
| 20 J.D. Lynch | |
| 22 Autumn Burress | |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 21 Paul & Regina Kaiser |
| 25 Steve & Jolene Bryant |
| 27 Steve & Alisa Anderson |

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.