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### Free Breakfast

Sun. mornings at 8:15a, FCML

### Worship & Sunday School

Sun. mornings at 9:15a, WCML

### Amplify (6-12 grade)

Sundays at 10:30am, FCLL

### Plugged In (preK-5 grade)

Wednesday at 6:30p, WCLL

### Faithful Fitness

Wednesdays at 6:30p, FCML

### Seniors Fellowship

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00a, Library

### Elders Meeting

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p

### Board Meeting

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p, FCML

### Seniors Fellowship

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a, Library

### Mission Lunch

Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a, Comm. Bldg.

### Connection

Sun. the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00p, FCML

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



One of the things ministers and church leaders are encouraged to do in almost any church leadership book or conference is to stop once in a while and assess where the church is doing well and celebrate it. It's not bragging on your success or patting yourself on the back. It's actually rejoicing in what *God* is doing through the Bride of Christ—the people of the church. And since so many of the small victories happen outside of the limelight, few people get the opportunity to realize the great things God is doing among us. Allow me to share...

As I mentioned in my article in the SFCC annual report in January, we have been an "NCD church" for over a year now, and the results thus far have been encouraging. Remember, as was outlined from the start, the focus of the growth (our emphasis) is on the *quality* of the church. So, we have been focusing on *ourselves* first—growing, deepening, and strengthening our walk with Christ. For those of you who have actively been doing so, good for you! I have seen a lot of growth in people across the congrega-

tion. For starters, we now have around 45 people involved in 10 different small groups (up from the time of the annual report). That is absolutely incredible, and I praise God for the open hearts who have been willing to invest in their relationship with Christ in this way. It takes sacrifice to carve out a couple hours of your week for this commitment, but it is so worth it.

As our *quality* grows, our *quantity* eventually will grow, also. Again, we'll just keep focusing on quality. I urge you, don't let off the gas. We *will* see God continue to do great things among us if we remain intentional. We have already seen small growth in our attendance. I'm excited to see Sunday worshipers grow more consistent in attendance, which has been reflected in our attendance trends when compared to recent years. That's only one measurement of church health, but it's encouraging.

The other encouraging stat is strong offerings. Again, this doesn't reveal everything, but it does reveal that we have a congregation who is growing in trust and obedience to God when it comes to faithfulness in giving. After all, giving is never about church budget needs but about where we, as individuals, place our trust. It's about the heart and who is our true master (Matt. 6:24). And that's why a generous church is a sign of a *growing* church, because it reveals that you put your money where your mouth is when you *say* you trust Jesus.

Another thing worth celebrating is the level of involvement in ministry, which has improved over the last couple years. I love hearing about people discovering their spiritual gifts (yes, you have them, too, even if you don't think you're good at anything) and then putting them into practice through an area of service in the church. Many of you have plugged into (perhaps) *unlikely* ministries over the last year, and you're doing a great job at it...even though it was scary at first. You're making a kingdom difference, even if it doesn't seem like it.

Testimony time... One young man in Kids Connection (children's church) has been growing so much in his faith that he recently led 2 friends on his ball team to Christ. Then, he got the chance to baptize both of them at another church this past month. A few of his Kids Connection teachers took time out of their Sun. evening to go and support him, which was such a blessing. It was a beautiful moment, filled with many tears of joy.

These are the kind of victories that God is achieving through a church that responds in faith and obedience to His call, and the ripple effect of such small acts of service is immeasurable.

So, take a moment to celebrate and praise God for the great things He has done. And take some solace in the fact that, even when it doesn't seem like your efforts make a very big difference, God is up to something far bigger than we may ever know. Little old SFCC *will* continue to make a big difference in the kingdom if we just keep loving, serving, and connecting people to Christ.

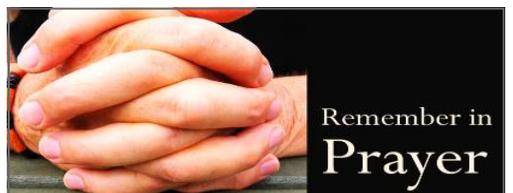
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **fall mission trip** to Piedras Negras, Mexico will be October 17-23. If you would like to go, please sign up in the foyer or let Bryan know by Sun., Mar. 1. You may still attend after this deadline, but you will need to arrange your own travel accommodations. At the current time, the trip cost will be around \$1,100/participant, which includes airfare. Please be praying about participating in this incredible serving opportunity. Visit [www.sandbornfcc.org/missions](http://www.sandbornfcc.org/missions) to read more under the Upcoming Group Mission Trips section.

The **Lightbearers Women's Conference** will be Fri., Apr. 3 from 7-10p and Sat. the 4th from 9a-4p at North Knox Jr./Sr. High School. This event is free, but they ask attendees to pre-register at [www.lightbearersconference.com](http://www.lightbearersconference.com). Contact Janelle Rawles if you have any questions.

Until the end of April, we will be receiving **donations for Camp Illiana**. They've asked SFCC to donate jugs of APPLE JUICE this year. Please bring your donations to the WCML foyer.

Sun., Mar. 8 at 2:00am, **Daylight Saving Time** begins. Remember to set your clocks forward Sat. night so that you aren't late for church.



Shirley Baumert, Ty Boyd, Rich Bedwell, Floyd & Jean Kamplain, Brionna Myers, Karl Newell, John Rawles, Bonnie Schilt, Peggy Taylor

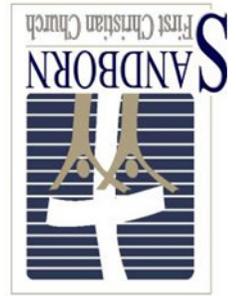
*\*Names above will be left on for 4 weeks and then removed unless otherwise requested.*

**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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Mar. Serving Schedule	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Julie Sanders	Julie Sanders	Steve Anderson	David Myers	Julie Sanders
<b>Greeters &amp; Communion Cleanup</b>	J.D. & Libby Lynch	Scott & Becky Williams	Curt & Maye Anderson	Kenny & Janice Sanders	John Gregg
<b>Communion Meditation</b>	Forrest Lynch	Chad Russell	J.D. Lynch	Scott Williams	Richard Mortland
<b>Offering Prayer</b>	Richard Mortland	E.B. Rawles	Steve Anderson	Forrest Lynch	Paul Kaiser
<b>Media Booth</b>	Madison Burress	Debbie Mason	Luke Powers	Madison Burress	Debbie Mason
<b>Worship Team</b>	Amanda, Troy, Janelle, Jeff	Barb, Troy, Amanda	Janice, Cody, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Janice, Karen, Janelle, Amanda, Jeff	Barb, Troy, Janelle, Jeff
<b>Decision Guide</b>	Karen Heuby	Troy Stoll	Paul Kaiser	Renee Schopmeyer	Becky Williams
<b>Nursery</b>	Alisa Anderson & Regina Kaiser	Tyler & Alexis Van Deventer	Becky Williams & Chad Russell	Jes Fry & Lexi Ferree	Amanda Schilt
<b>Preschool Teachers</b>	Larry Tennant	Dana Wright	Erin Russell	Janelle Rawles	TBD
<b>Elementary Teachers</b>	Julie Sanders	Jes Fry	Jeff Heuby	Troy Stoll	Kids Upstairs
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Regina Kaiser				



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| 3  | Becky Williams | 13 | Becky Cook       |
| 4  | Josh Anthis    | 18 | Joel Cazal       |
| 5  | Maye Anderson  | 23 | Ariel Rickli     |
| 8  | Libby Lynch    | 25 | Renee Schopmeyer |
| 9  | Barbara Stoll  | 26 | Staci Rich       |
| 12 | Wayne Anderson | 31 | Debbie Daffron   |



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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.