



In our *thoughts* and *prayers*



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Nursing Home: Doris Bledsoe

Our Military, SFCC Youth

Our Missions/Ministries:

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

Chet Bales, Colten Bales, Shirley Baumert, Colleen Bowman, Andy Dale, Eddy Dale, Jon Evans, Kevin Fleetwood, June Gregg, Max Helton, Mike Heshelman, Randy Hill, Phil Murray, Brionna Myers, Karl Newell, Brayden Page, Tim Poole, John Rawles, Kevin Schilt, Jennifer Sloan, Dana Wright

The Truth is...(Jesus)

My job might one day be illegal here in this country. Those who preach and teach historical Christianity might be villainized to the point of being told to either tow the line or face the consequences. You never know. Absolutely crazy things have happened over the last year regarding clashes between the church and the state. I don't mean to sound like a defeatist, and this isn't at all political. It's just an observation of what's going on in our culture today—that there is a rapidly advancing wave of thought that operates under the guise of "tolerance," but it really just wants to shut down and shut up anyone who disagrees with the worldly ideas of "progress," which sometimes doesn't, but often *does* conflict with the Bible.

Believe it or not, I don't take this personally. I know that what is under attack isn't me personally but *truth*, and as disciples of Jesus, we know it as *Biblical truth*. And Biblical truth isn't just a concept, it's a person—the person of Jesus Christ. That's who is being opposed. He said, "***I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.***" (John 14:6, NIV) That's a pretty close-minded statement to the unbelieving world, who not only holds that there are multiple versions of "truth," but also maintains that there are multiple ways/methods/religious paths to God. To declare otherwise will gain you the title of bigot, extremist, and many other names that end in "phobe."

To be fair, there are still some truly bigoted people who wear the name Christian, and that's a sad reality. But it's also become an overused label assigned to anyone who speaks the truth (even in love) these days, and to defend the truth or even try to have a civil exchange of ideas is often out of the question. Once you're deemed a bigot, your opponent is done with you. No longer is it those who hold onto Biblical Christianity but those who have rejected objective truth who enjoy a sense of moral superiority. Again, I don't say this to be pessimistic or to complain about all of "those" people.

I say it as a warning. Two warnings, really. Number 1, pay attention to the rhetoric, and be careful not to fall for it. Here are some lies you'll hear these days (and they aren't new, just promoted more): "Objective truth is unknowable." "Ultimately, it comes down to *your* interpretation." "Hey, you do you! Do what makes you happy." Or, you might hear or read even more specific things like, "It's not our job to talk about sin. It's just our job to *love* people." Listen to the language these days, and be sure that you are grounded in historical Christianity taught in the inerrant and unchanging Word of God. So many followers of Jesus—and I blame this on Christians *not* reading the Bible—are buying into society's version of "truth," because it's being spoon-fed to them every day by those who feel they are more "woke" than us who are "out-of-touch." Thomas Sowell said, "***Some things are believed because they are demonstrably true. But many other things are believed simply because they have been asserted repeatedly—and repetition has been accepted as a substitute for evidence.***" In other words, repeating something over and over does not make something true. Truth *has* to be rooted in something unchanging and unwavering, and that is why the only logical anchor point is Jesus Christ. His truth has changed millions of lives, and He keeps doing it every single day.

The second warning is this: Be prepared to stand for the truth (Jesus), even when it grows less and less popular and even abhorrent to our society to do so. It may cost you. Never lose Jesus' sense of humility and love. That is, don't be bull-headed and obnoxious about it. But remain faithful to the end, no matter what changes in our culture, in their interpretation of truth, or the consequences for those who remain loyal to what God says in His Word. If it *should* ever become illegal, I know I'll have many of you right there beside me, and we will keep our nose in the Word, keep worshiping Jesus, and keep proclaiming Him until He returns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will continue to meet in the FCML for worship as the sanctuary undergoes repairs and remodeling. If you arrive after 9:15am, please use the single door on the west side, entering into the coat hallway.

The next **Mission Meal** will be at the Comm. Bldg. gym on Wed., July 21st at 11:30am. This will be dine-in, or deliveries can also be arranged. Donations will be accepted.

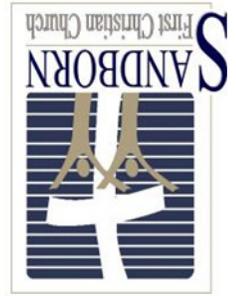
The July **Connection** prayer and praise service will be the 25th at 6:30pm in the FCML. We hope you will join us for a time of corporate prayer and worship.

The **Sandborn Community VBS** will be one day only this year on July 31st from 9:00a-3:00pm at the Sandborn Park/Community Building. Registration begins at 9:00. Pre-registration forms will be available by the end of June. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to kids and helpers. Rain out day is Aug. 7. See Amanda if you can help out.

Our **Community Pinewood Derby & Cookout** will be Sun., Aug. 15 from 2:00-7:00p. Build Days will be Fri., Aug. 13 from 6:00p-8:00p and Sat., Aug. 14 from 9:00a-3:00p in the FCLL. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to participate. We are also in need of several helpers. Please sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can lend a hand that day. Or, you may sign up at sandbornfcc.org/derby.

Free Breakfast
Sundays at 8:15-9:10am, FCML
Worship & Sunday School
Sundays at 9:15am, FCML
Amplify
Sundays at 10:30am, WCLL
Faithful Fitness
Wednesdays at 6:30pm, FCLL
Board Meeting
Thurs. 8 th at 7:00pm, FCLL
Elders Meeting (1 wk. later)
Sun. 11 th at 5:30pm, FCLL
Mission Meal
Wed. 21 st at 11:30am, Comm. Bldg.
Connection Service
Sun. 25 th at 6:30pm, FCML
HHH Food Giveaway
Fri. 23 rd at 10:00am & 4:30pm, FCML
Community VBS
Sat. 31 st at 9:00am-3:00pm, Park

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July Serving Schedule	4	11	18	25
Greeters	J.D. & Libby Lynch	Steve & Alisa Anderson	Forrest & Sharon Lynch	Becky Cook
Communion Meditation	Forrest Lynch	Scott Williams	J.D. Lynch	Richard Mortland
Media Booth	Madison Burress	Luke Powers	Debbie Mason	Madison Burress
Worship Team	Barb, Troy, Amanda, Jeff	Janice, Karen, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Renee, Troy, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Karen, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff
Decision Guide	Karen Heuby	Becky Williams	Paul Kaiser	Renee Schopmeyer
Nursery	TBD	Tyler & Alexis Van Deventer	Becky Williams	Jes Fry & Lexi Ferree
Preschool Teachers	Maye Anderson & Libby Lynch	Janelle Rawles & Nici Van Deventer	Larry Tennant & Braxton Reed	Dana Wright
Elementary Teachers	Julie Sanders	Jes Fry	Jeff Heuby	Troy Stoll

Happy Birthday to...

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

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 15 | Kenny & Janice Sanders |
| 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.