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In our *thoughts* and *prayers*



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Nursing Home: Doris Bledsoe

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Our Missions/Ministries:

Camp Illiana, Ivory Coast Christian Mission, Helping His Hands, Delhi Outreach, Open Arms Christian Ministries, V.U. Christian Campus Fellowship, Pregnancy Choices, Wabash Valley Adult & Teen Challenge, Wagler Education & Training Center

SCRIPTURE TO MEMORIZE "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." **Galatians 5:22-23, NIV**



UPCOMING SERIES Begins May 1

Behavior flows from our identity. Believers have often got this backwards, thinking that our behavior is what makes us a good Christian. But in reality, our identity as a Christ follower is what leads us to good behavior. Because of who we are in Christ and what He's done for us, we live transformed lives to His glory and honor.

Our Own Dark Side

Doing some reading lately in Christian Schwarz's *The Three Colors of Your Spirituality*, one of the many books he has written for Natural Church Development, I was particularly challenged by a section of the book that really jumped out at me. Schwarz was discussing a concept of moving from Level A spirituality to Level B, a principle that would require far more space than this to fully explain. But in the course of the discussion, he brought up a very interesting point about the way we tend to approach our own sin.

If you spend any amount of time just observing conversations, listening to groups of (often like-minded) people talk about other people and *their* sins, shortcomings, or failings, you'll notice this. The greater challenge, of course, is listening to *yourself* and paying attention to your *own* focus. Here's the tendency that Schwarz points out: Human beings like to talk—whether you're a Christian or not, though it's more common for Christians to talk—about sins that don't really apply to *us*. We also like the preacher to be tough on sin (*other* people's, that is). Rather than facing

our own dark side, we would rather vent and rant and call out the sins that we don't really struggle with. In this little game, we aren't necessarily wrong about what we call a "sin." We're just choosing to focus on the wrong audience or do so at the wrong time.

Jesus warned us to be extremely careful in this. Once we address the plank in our own eye, only then are we permitted to cautiously, gently, and lovingly help our brother or sister with the speck in theirs. (Matthew 7:1-5)

As believers move toward spiritual maturity, there will be less and less griping about, gossiping about, nagging about, and being hyper-critical about other people's sins, but instead, we will apply more scrutiny to our own sinful patterns and more grace to other people, relating to theirs.

So, the challenge that hit me right between the eyes is the challenge I felt led to pass along to you: Let's watch ourselves a little closer as we talk about others and their sins. A big sign that we have humbly accepted much-needed grace for our own massive sin problem is in how it pours out of us to others. Level B growth is most clearly marked by abundant grace.

**May's New
Worship Song**
"Shine Like Stars"
by Passion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next **Connection** service will be next Sun., May the 1st at 6:30p in the Fellowship Center Main Level this month.

Through the end of May, we will be **collecting paper goods** for Wagler Education and Training Center, a local 501(c)(3) organization that specializes in High School Equivalency Diplomas and certificate programs for trade skills, helping many youths enter the workforce with skills to succeed. They have asked for donations of paper plates (6" or 10" round), single spiral bound notebooks, copy paper reams, paper towels, toilet paper, loose leaf paper, garbage bags (13 gal.), and napkins. For more information, see Joan Heshelman.

In partnership with Helping His Hands, our next **Mobile Food Pantry** at SFCC will be Thurs., May 26 at 10a–11a and 4:30p–5:30p. We need volunteers for each time slot. If you can help with either time slot, please be at the FC at least 15 min. beforehand.

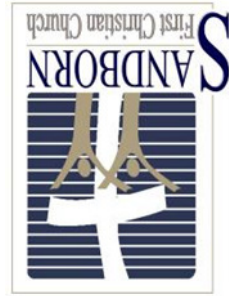
Our **Community Service Projects** will be resuming on May on Tues. the 10th and Thurs. the 26th at 6:00p. For more information or to sign up, see Jim Pursell.

Our annual **Summer Cookout** will be Sat., Jun. 4 at 5:00-8:00p at Jeff & Karen Heub's house (4750W 200S, Lyons). We will NOT be having the shooting range at this event this time. We ask for a \$5/adult donation for food if you plan to eat. Bring a lawn chair and a friend! Please RSVP to Jeff or Karen for a headcount if you plan to attend.

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

Free Breakfast
Sundays at 8:15-9:10a, FCML
Worship & Sunday School
Sundays at 9:15a, WCML, FCML
Amplify
Sundays at 10:30a, Amanda's office
Plugged In
Wednesdays at 6:30p, WCLL
Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:30p, Comm. Bldg.
Revelation Fitness
Wednesdays at 6:30p, FCML
Elders Meeting
Sun. 1st at 5:00p, FCML
Connection
Sun. 1st at 6:30p, FCML
Community Service Projects
Tues. 10th & Thurs. 26th at 6:00p
Board Meeting
Thurs. 12th at 7:00p, FCML
Community Meal
Wed. 18th at 11:30a, Comm. Bldg.
HHH Food Giveaway
Thurs. 26th at 10:00a & 4:30p, FCML



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May Serving Schedule	1	8	15	22	29
Greeters	Ralph & Joan Heshelman	Scott & Becky Williams	Thilo & Debbie Mason	Richard Mortland	Kenny & Janice Sanders
Communion Meditation	Clint Fry	J.D. Lynch	Richard Mortland	E.B. Rawles	Steve Anderson
Media Booth	Madison Burress	Debbie Mason	Luke Powers	Madison Burress	Elijah Kirk
Worship Team	Barb, Troy, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Kerri, Karen, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Renee, Ian, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Janice, Troy, Janelle, Jeff	Amanda, Ashley, Karen, Janelle, Jeff
Decision Guide	Karen Heuby	Becky Williams	Renee Schopmeyer	Paul Kaiser	Troy Stoll
Nursery	Janice Sanders & Kendall Sanders	Tyler & Alexis Van Deventer	Becky Williams & Ashley Murdock	Jes Fry & Lexi Ferree	Sharon Pursell
Preschool Teachers	Janelle Rawles & Libby Lynch	Larry Tennant & Nici Van Deventer	Dana Wright & Braxton Reed	Dana Wright & Rachel Rawles	TBD
Elementary Teachers	Morgan Cazel	Jes Fry	Jeff Heuby	Troy Stoll	Kids Upstairs
Communion Prep	Richard Mortland				

Happy Birthday to...

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| 2 Linda Roberts | 22 Debbie Mason |
| 2 Kendall Sanders | 28 Derek Williams |
| 3 Cindy Malone | |
| 3 Scott Powers | |
| 4 Lexi Ferree | |
| 11 Randy Burress | |
| 14 Josh Anderson | |
| 19 Ashley Cook | |

Happy Anniversary to...

- 9 Cody & Chelsea Polston
- 30 J.R. & Julie Padgett
- 30 Steven & Renee Schopmeyer

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.