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### Sunday Worship Live Stream

[www.sandbornfcc.org/videos](http://www.sandbornfcc.org/videos) or  
on YouTube (search "SFCC  
Online" & select the date)

### Worship & Sunday School

Sun. mornings at 9:15am, WCML

### Faithful Fitness

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, FCML

### Elders Meeting

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Location TBA

### Board Meeting

Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, FCML

WC—Worship Center, FC—Fellowship Center,



Over the past month, we have been taking a look at death and the afterlife on Sunday mornings. And our challenge has been to give eternal life more thought, more consideration, and more attention than we're currently giving it. And that's not to say *you* don't ever live for heaven. I don't follow you around and take notes on your actions, your speech, or your conversations to know whether or not you're living for and concerned about the here and now more than you're concerned about heaven. But I do know this much, just from my own life: We don't give the next life as much thought as we should.

I was reading an article this past week that really challenged me along these lines. And it made me realize that living for this temporary world just doesn't cut it anymore, as if it ever did. The reason I say that is, as American Christians, specifically, for too long we have fallen into the trap of putting too much stock in our creature comforts, our "rights," our leaders, and our security here on earth. Most of us had grown pretty comfortable with life on earth until life on earth wasn't comfortable anymore. This year, we have seen the vast majority of our comforts turned upside down. We had a booming economy, a nice portfolio, thriving businesses, many luxuries and comforts, freedoms galore, and all the conveniences of life in this great nation right at our fingertips.

"Living for Heaven" continued...

Then we watched it all go to pot in a matter of moments. The economy crashed, there was civil unrest, racial tensions, increased political divisiveness, a spreading virus, and hatred being spewed from every direction you turn. It's been wild year. And if you're like me, you have found yourself praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" because you just want to be beamed up to heaven and removed from all this mess.

The article I was reading reminded me how easily I had been duped into believing that this life should either be easy for me (as a follower of Jesus) or else, I'm ready to take my bat and ball and go home. In other words, I've been spoiled. I've been so blessed by such a relatively easy life that the moment a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad [year] strikes, I suddenly want to cry out "Lord, anytime now would be great to show up!" That is, I have to confess, I've been living for this life *way* too much. And perhaps, even, I have been elevating my American rights and comforts above a Christ-like willingness to be content in every circumstance.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 to "seek first his kingdom (not a prosperous, comfortable life on earth) and his righteousness (not your own conveniences), and all these things will be given to you as well." (NIV) And the Apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 3:1-2, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on *things above*, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on *things above*, not on *earthly things*." (NIV, *emphasis mine*)

And I suppose that's where I've gone wrong in my thinking and why I've been pretty grumbly about the interruptions of my schedule and routines, the disruptions to my plans and family life, and the inconveniences that just keep multiplying as this year goes on. Do I have concerns about the injustices in our country or where we are headed as a nation? Yes, I do. But I am reminded to be wise and not to be fearful. And I'm also being convicted to not act like a victim simply because things are no longer as comfortable. When I live for heaven and keep my mind focused there, these circumstances won't spoil my witness but will only enhance it.

As believers, we know that our God still sits on the throne. We shouldn't be surprised or unprepared for calamity in this world, because the Bible warns us it won't get *better* before the return of Jesus. It's bound to get worse. Meanwhile, we keep living for heaven. Never have we needed to seek and listen to God as much as we do right now. Ask Him what He wants to teach His church (which includes *you*) in the midst of these trying times. Ask Him what He wants us to do differently so that we can best shine His light in this darkness. And above all, ask for discernment and clarity in these confusing times so that we will live for heaven, especially when it's uncomfortable here on earth.

*Bryan*

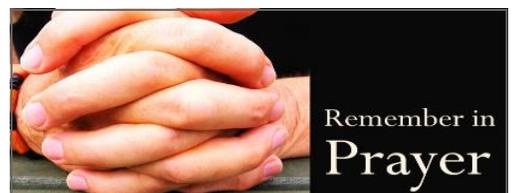
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We kindly ask that social distancing still 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 today, 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. After our closing song today, please file out from the back first in a manner that respects social distancing and avoids a crowd in the foyer. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in helping us limit physical contact for a little while longer.

The 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. If we have too few signups by August 2, this even will be canceled. Those previously signed up will be notified of the cancellation.

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.

We will have a **Mexico Mission Team meeting** on Aug. 16 immediately after the worship service in the front few rows of the sanctuary. If you are signed up for the upcoming Mexico trip, please try to attend this meeting, even if you have already made the decision to refrain from participating.



Rick Baker, Shirley Baumert, Colleen Bowman, Wesley Cook, Mark Dillon, Randy Greentree, Danna Harbstreit, Floyd & Jean Kamplain, Connie Meyer, Brionna Myers, Karl Newell, Joe Overman, Tim Poole, E.B. Rawles, John Rawles, Roger Shake, Sue Sullivan

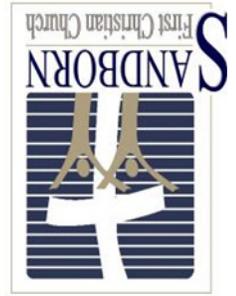
*\*Names above will be left on for 4 weeks and then removed unless otherwise requested.*

**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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Aug. Serving Schedule	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Bulletin &amp; Communion Distribution</b>	Kevin & Becky Cook	Kenny & Janice Sanders	Scott & Becky Williams	Thilo & Debbie Mason	E.B. & Janelle Rawles
<b>Communion Meditation</b>	Chad Russell	J.D. Lynch	Scott Williams	Richard Mortland	E.B. Rawles
<b>Offering Prayer</b>	Scott Williams	Steve Anderson	Paul Kaiser	Forrest Lynch	Chad Russell
<b>Media Booth</b>	Madison Burress	Debbie Mason	Luke Powers	Madison Burress	Debbie Mason
<b>Worship Team</b>	Barb, Amanda, Karen, Janelle, Jeff	Amanda, Karen, Janelle, Jeff	Janice, Cody, Amanda, Janelle, Jeff	Amanda, Karen, Janelle, Jeff	Barb, Amanda, Troy, Janelle, Jeff
<b>Decision Guide</b>	Becky Williams	Troy Stoll	Karen Heuby	Renee Schopmeyer	Paul Kaiser
<b>Nursery</b>	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Preschool Teachers</b>	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Elementary Teachers</b>	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Communion Prep</b>	---				

### Happy Birthday to...

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| 3 David Lynch       | 18 Mathew Bryant      |
| 4 Carol Etmeier     | 23 Alice Ann Anderson |
| 8 Andrew Bryant     | 25 Curt Anderson      |
| 9 Mark Malone       | 25 Ellen Archer       |
| 10 Lauren Mortland  | 30 Bryan Sanders      |
| 15 Steve Schopmeyer |                       |

### Happy Anniversary to...

- 11 Bob & Marilyn Grigsby
- 24 Curt & Maye 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.