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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

The **Sandborn Community VBS** will be at SFCC on July 8-12 from 6:30-8:30pm. If you could loan travel related items (luggage, maps, globes, etc.), please contact Amanda. These items will be returned to you. Also, if you could help set-up on Sun. the 7th after worship beginning at 11:00, we need lots of helping hands. Lunch will be provided. Again, please let Amanda know ASAP.

If you could help in any way with **snacks for VBS**, see Erin Russell. She has a donation list and also needs volunteers to help provide meals for each evening.

The **4th Annual Sandborn Community Pinewood Derby & Cookout** will be Sun., Aug. 25 from 2:00-7:00pm. Build Days will be Sat., Aug. 17 & 24 from 9:00-3:00 in the FCLL. sandbornfcc.org/derby

The mission trip to **Love Packages** in July has been postponed to Fri., Oct. 4. We will meet at the church at 4:00pm on Thurs. the 3rd and travel to Litchfield, IL for dinner. Afterwards, we will settle in for the night at the dormitory in Butler. We will work all day Fri. and return that evening. You will need money for 2 meals out, plus a \$5 donation for lunch groceries, which will be provided. For more information, contact John or Lisa Gregg.

Free Breakfast

Sun. mornings at 8:15am, FCML

Worship & Sunday School

Sun. mornings at 9:15am, WCML

Faithful Fitness

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, FCML

Seniors Fellowship

Tues. 2nd & 17th at 10:00am, Library

Elders Meeting

Sun. 7th at 4:00pm, Heubys

Community VBS

Mon. 8th-Fri. 12th at 6:30-8:30pm, SFCC

Mission Lunch

Wed. 17th at 11:30am, Comm. Bldg.

Board Meeting (postponed 1 wk)

Thurs. 18th at 7:00pm, FCML

Community Service Project

Wed. 24th 6:30pm

For the next few moments, I hope you will humor me by reading on as I transparently share something God has been teaching me. Maybe you will be able to relate a little.

My heart has felt a ton of conviction lately over my own pride. I *know* humility is the way of Christ. I *know* I should be humble. I just don't always think and behave that way. Admittedly, long before I stop and think of my own shortcomings in this area, I notice it (and am annoyed by it) in others.

Humility is one of the hardest topics to talk about, because it deals with the sin that's easiest to spot in others and not in the mirror—the sin of pride (perhaps the *worst* sin of all). And it's so easy for me to get frustrated at fellow believers for what I feel is a blatant lack of humility and selflessness, when I am guilty, too. I say all that to say this: The Holy Spirit has a lot of work to do in the core of my being. That is where humility must reside for the Christ follower. It's at the heart of our Christian faith and is fundamental to all the other virtues lived out through the Spirit. Without humility, everything else is a sham.

I am learning, also, what humility is *not*. It is not self-disparagement, where we need to constantly put ourselves down and emphasize our depravity. It's not self-rejection, where we condemn ourselves as unworthy of grace, even though God has forgiven us in Christ. It's definitely not a false humility, where we put on this religious appearance of humbleness to camouflage an insecurity that is secretly craving attention (e.g.: Pharisees who actually loved the attention as they fasted or prayed publicly).

Self-disparagement, self-rejection, and false humility all have this in common: They are all forms of self-focus. Paul wrote to the Philippians: **“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”** (Phil. 2:3, NLT)

The Gospel is the cure to pride, not because it points out how much is wrong with *us*, but because it makes us so secure in Christ that we can forget ourselves. When we live for Jesus, *He's* the only One we desire to elevate. Pride is self-satisfaction. “Look at all the good *I'm* doing!” Distorted humility is self-deprecation. “I can't get *anything* right. I'm a big screw-up.” Both are forms of self-absorption. The joy of the Lord, however, comes through self-forgetfulness, where we stop trying so hard to impress or to feel good enough, and just serve God and others.

Glen Apple, Max Apple, Shirley Baumert, Morgan Cazel, Jeanette Goodman, Jean Kamplain, Sandra Kuehn, Madison Moore, Karl Newell, Shirley Potter, John Rawles, David Yagle

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

Nursing Home: Doris Bledsoe, Lucille Carrico, 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

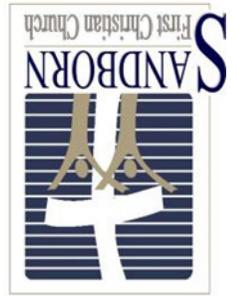
“Man in the Mirror” continued...

When I look at the man in the mirror, I am forced to ask:

- 1) How do I pray? Are my private *and* public prayers done in a humble spirit, focusing on Jesus...or pointing out my own successes?
- 2) With what tone do I speak to others? Am I gentle and approachable, or do I have trouble having close relationships? Could arrogance or a condescending tone be the reason?
- 3) Am I serving and always willing to help others? Or, do I secretly prefer others always help *me* every time I need it?
- 4) Do I dominate conversations and/or talk about *myself* and *my* accomplishments more than I take an interest in and praise other people for *their* traits and accomplishments?
- 5) Am I quick to be thankful and express gratitude to God and other people for their kindness? Or, do I just expect people to treat me like a king/queen?

The list of reflection questions could go on and on, and they help me spot pride in myself, which is an important step. First, I need to be able to recognize it, or else I won't even *try* to surrender it. But ultimately, I don't want to stay there in self-focused reflection, because that is completely opposite of the point I am making here, which is this: *True humility is thinking more of others than myself.* And that starts with the assurance of God's love in Jesus Christ. The more secure I am in His grace, the more I can forget about bolstering my own esteem.

So, my 2-part challenge is this... **First, think about yourself.** Look in your heart, think about your own “modus operandi”—the way you typically operate, and answer those questions. **Secondly, then forget about yourself.** Start thinking of others as better. That's humility, that's what Jesus did, and that's the Gospel.



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July Serving Schedule	7	14	21	28
Bus Driver on Standby	Julie Sanders	Randy Burress	Steve Anderson	David Myers
Greeters & Communion Cleanup	Ralph & Joan Heshelman	Cazel Family	Paul & Regina Kaiser	Steve & Alisa Anderson
Communion Meditation	Richard Mortland	Forrest Lynch	E.B. Rawles	Steve Anderson
Offering Prayer	Paul Kaiser	Jeff Heuby	J.D. Lynch	Scott Williams
Media Booth	Ralph Heshelman	Debbie Mason	Madison Burress	Luke Powers
Worship Team	Amanda, Karen, Alice, Jeff	Janice, Troy, Janelle, Jeff	Barb, Cody, Janelle, Jeff	Amanda, Karen, Janelle, Jeff
Decision Guide	Becky Williams	Renee Schopmeyer	Karen Heuby	Ralph Heshelman
Nursery	Alisa Anderson & Regina Kaiser	Tyler & Alexis Van Deventer	Becky Williams & Chad Russell	Jes Fry & Lexi Ferree
Preschool Teachers	Erin Russell & Madison Burress	Libby Lynch & Kelsey Schilt	Erin Russell	Jenny Anthis
Elementary Teachers	Julie Sanders	Jes Fry	Julie Sanders	Troy Stoll
Communion Prep	Ronda Roberts			



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| 1 Samantha Smith | 18 Jolene Bryant | 18 Raymond & Angelina Murdick | 25 Steve & Jolene Bryant |
| 2 Zach Rawles | 20 J.D. Lynch | 21 Paul & Regina Kaiser | 27 Steve & Alisa Anderson |
| 6 Kevin Cook | 22 Autumn Burress | | |
| 14 Forrest Lynch | 22 Madison Burress | | |
| 14 Angelina Murdick | 27 Karley Roberts | | |

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.