

# SFCC News- letter

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## Free Breakfast

Sun. mornings at 8:15a, FCML

## Worship & Sunday School

Sun. mornings at 9:15a, WCML

## Faithful Fitness

Wednesdays at 6:30p, FCML

## Brief Elders Meeting

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30a, Prayer Room

## Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Sun. the 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00p, FCML

## Christmas Prog. Practice

Wed. the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p, WCML

## Christmas Prog. Dress Rehearsals

Sat. the 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00-4:00p, WCML

Sun. the 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00-5:00p, WCML

## Youth Christmas Program

Sun. the 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p, WCML

## Board Meeting

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

## SFCC Christmas Potluck & Caroling

Sun. the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15p, FCML

## Christmas Eve Service

Tues. the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p, WCML

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

## Travel Light



In a crowded, busy holiday season, it's common for people to feel weighed down by family relationships, financial pressure, regret, or failure. We often carry a lot of weight that comes from things that God never asked us to carry, and His solution is simple: Let go of the baggage and travel light.

In Ephesians 5:15-17 Paul writes, *"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do."* (NLT)

Do you ever feel like you're not living wisely? That you're not making the most of every opportunity? That stress rules your life, and you're just traveling this journey of life thoughtlessly?

Our society loves busyness. We love to fill our plates to the brim and find purpose in *what* we're doing rather than *why* we're doing it. We often loath our own lives, as if we have no choice in

the ways we spend our time. We talk about how church, work, family, and friends all pull us in every direction, as if the word "no" didn't exist. And the season of Christmas can be the worst. With all the shopping and the stress of family, parties, and difficult expectations, Christmas can be one of the craziest times of the year.

Maybe God would have you set better boundaries this season. Regardless of how busy you are, the key to walking in the joy and peace of God is awareness. The truth is, what we need most is not more of God's *presence*. He's already with us, or technically *in* us through His Holy Spirit. What we need more of, especially when we feel overloaded, is more of the *awareness* of His presence.

Even in the most rushed, overwhelming times of life, God is there, beckoning you to let Him into all that you're doing. Even in difficult relationships and too much work, God has wisdom and truth to impart to you.

By His power, you can take ownership of your life. And by His grace, you can walk wisely and make every moment a chance to see God's kingdom come both in your life and the lives of others. You have this power—not your own—living in you if you are a born-again follower of Jesus. "God *with* us," who came to us as Jesus, left earth and sent "God *in* us" in the form of His Spirit. And that's actually better for us.

So, take time today to listen for the voice of God. Maybe you've been so busy lately that you haven't heard a thing He's been trying to say to you for quite some time. May we learn this Christmas season how to shed some baggage, shed some distractions, and travel a little lighter on this journey of life.

*Bryan*



Shirley Baumert, Ralph Heshelman, Betty Judy, Floyd & Jean Kamplain, Karl Newell, John Rawles, Kenny Sanders

*\*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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**We'd like your help in reducing production and mailing costs of this monthly newsletter.** In this digital age, an online copy of the newsletter can be just as effective for those who regularly check email. If you'd like, we can add your email address to our list, and you will receive a reminder at the end of each month with a link to connect you to the SFCC newsletter webpage. We understand that not everyone uses the internet, or for many, a paper copy is more convenient to hang up at home and remind you of upcoming events and schedules. As well, we understand that some of you have moved to other communities/churches, and the printed SFCC newsletter is no longer necessary. We would be delighted to continue to mail you a printed copy if it remains beneficial to you. We just ask that you sign up in the foyer or contact Bryan (text or call: 812-910-0343) prior to Christmas 2019 to specify whether you would like to continue receiving a printed copy of the newsletter in January 2020 or be added to the email list. If you already receive a monthly newsletter email, no need to do anything at all. In January, we will reduce our postal mailing list to only those who have indicated that they wish to continue this method. **Please take a moment to RSVP with your preferred method of delivery (or sign up in the foyer this coming Sun.) so that you don't miss out on what's happening at SFCC.** We hope to see you or hear from you soon! (NOTICE 2 of 2)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sandborn United Methodist Church invites everyone to their **annual Christmas dinner** at 5:30p and auction at 6:30p on Thurs., the 5<sup>th</sup>. This year, the event will be moved to the Sandborn Community Building.

There will be a **baby shower** for Leslie Dale on Sat., Dec. 7 at 12:00p in the FCML. All ladies are invited. RSVP Stephanie at (812) 381-3452. Leslie is registered at Walmart and Amazon.

Sat. the 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm will be the first **mandatory dress rehearsal** for the Christmas Program. Sun. the 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00-5:00pm is the second mandatory dress rehearsal.

The **Youth Christmas Program** will be Sun., the 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p. If you could help out by providing cookies for the reception that will follow the program, please sign up in the foyer. Thank you!

Our election of officers will be Sun. morning the 15<sup>th</sup> by secret ballot. All members of SFCC who are 18 years of age and older are welcome to cast a ballot to approve candidates.

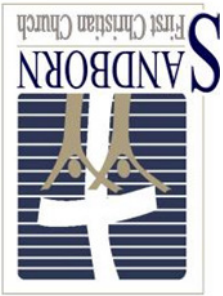
On Sun., the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15p, we will be having our 6<sup>th</sup> annual **SFCC Family Christmas potluck dinner and then Christmas caroling** around 6:00p. Please bring a dish or two.

Our annual **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be from 7:00-8:00p.

**All youth groups** will be canceled after Dec. 4. Jr. & Sr. High will start back Jan. 5 and Kidz Klub on Jan. 8.

Sign up in the WC foyer only if you would like to be added or removed from the **Greeter rotation** in 2020. Otherwise, those on the rotation will remain the same.

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



- 7 Amber Kaiser
- 9 Ronda Roberts
- 9 Brandon Cobb
- 10 Brenda Lash
- 11 Joan Heshelman
- 14 Marilyn Grigsby
- 14 Aubrey Stoll



23 John & Lisa Gregg

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.

In the event of **winter weather on a Sunday**, if the Indiana travel advisory raises to a red (Warning) level prior to 8:45am, morning worship and youth group will be canceled due to travel being unlawful. Otherwise, we will hold worship for whoever can make it. Please just use caution, and do not take unnecessary risks. Watch our website/Facebook for updates.

