



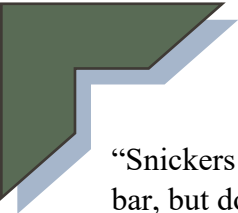
THE HARBINGER



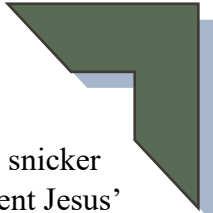
South Side Christian Church

September 2026

Issue 9



Kevin's Korner



"Snickers satisfies." I am sure most of us can relate to craving a mid-day snack? We crave the snicker bar, but do we crave God's Word? It may seem like a strange question but consider for a moment Jesus' view on Scripture; "...It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4). In Jesus' day, "Bread was so basic a food that it became synonymous with life itself." Thus, Jesus associates God's Word with food which is essential for life. This was God's motivation for giving Moses the Ten Commandments, so that Moses and the Israelites could move into a greater faith.

After leaving Egypt, Moses and the Israelites were camped by Mount Sinai. God called Moses up the mountain and gave him the Ten Commandments (Exodus 19:18-20:17). What was God doing? He was revealing His Law, to them. He did this because He loved them. God was communicating His will to them. He was reaching out and drawing them into a deeper relationship with Him, by communicating with them.

Communication is a key in any relationship. It allows us to better understand one another as we learn what pleases and upsets us. It is two people opening up and being vulnerable with each other to form a stronger bond of love. This is the type of relationship God was seeking with Moses and the Israelites. It's the type of relationship God also seeks with us. This is the second movement of faith, a greater understanding of Him.

God's Word opens up His heart to us. It reveals His likes and dislikes. Through it, He shares who He truly is and all that matters to Him. This is risky because it means facing rejection by some, because they don't like what He reveals. However, it also means acceptance by others who will desire a more committed loving relationship with Him. The more we love Him, the more we desire Him. It is through this deeper relationship we become more loving towards God, others, and ourselves. It brings a faith that beautifies us and fulfills us like nothing else can.

This second movement of faith is best described in Psalm 1:2-3; "But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do."

This faith strengthens, encourages, and feeds us in way not possible through any other means.

Our lives take on new meaning as we live with a purpose and joy the world can never take away.

How do we move into this stage of faith? Don't settle for a superficial faith, but take time to listen and obey each and every day. Ensure you are in God's Word daily, learning how to live, be in community each Sunday as His Word is taught, commit to a Sunday School or Bible Study where you can learn with fellow believers. Then strive to apply what you learn with His grace and mercy each day!

Kevin W. Stoen

From The Elders:

Dear South Siders:

We serve a good and loving God!! The tornadoes and *derecho* that devastated the homes, landscape, and electric power system in Northwest Indiana and Northeast Illinois on August 11, 2026, left many in our congregation without power, trees, and home parts; but our God kept all of us safe!! Amen!! Thank you to all of you for your patience as we work to get the church opened and all of the limbs and trees removed from the property. Also, thank you to all of you that made the effort to get to the church on Sunday, August 16, in spite of the blocked roads and the lack of electricity. The outdoor service was just what was needed to help lift everyone's spirits, encourage us, and allow us to talk about our experiences. The elders are encouraged by the great people who are part of this congregation!!



September 20, 2026, marks National Back to Church Day, it is also the 106th anniversary of the founding of South Side Christian Church, and it is the free will offering day at the church's Rummage Sale. Now, you can invite your friends, family, and neighbors to come and attend church to help YOU celebrate the holiday, celebrate the church's anniversary, or shop at the Rummage Sale. September 27th will be Affirmation Sunday, when we have a Congregational meeting during which SSCC members will be able to affirm the elder recommended church officers.

October 4th will be another outdoor service. We are inviting our Munster neighbors to attend the service on the front lawn of the church. There will be a full Worship service with music and songs, a sermon, and communion. There will be lots of areas where we will need assistance, so be prepared to pitch-in and help.

As most everyone already knows, there are a number of capital projects here at the church that need to be addressed. The spotlights in the Sanctuary have burned out and replacing the bulbs is cost prohibitive; therefore, we are looking at a new system of lighting to illuminate the stage area. Again this winter, we will be closing the Fellowship Hall outside door and parking lot. The minimum cost of repairing that area of the parking lot and sidewalk is \$150,000.00. The cost of replacing the outside doors for the building is approximately \$10,000.00 per door and there are 10 single doors, not including the interior doors, which can be left as is or replaced with wooden doors for about \$20,000.00. The parking lot needs to be resealed and the last estimate was \$115,000.00 for that project. We recently found out that one of the three air conditioning units is on its last leg and should be replaced, according to our HVAC company. A new AC unit will run around \$75,000.00. As you can see, there are a number of repairs that need to be addressed and the total cost is huge. We have prioritized these expenses and will be addressing them according to that list. Please pray for these needs and for a way for us to maintain God's House in a manner that is pleasing to Him.

Jeff, Dan, and Orlando

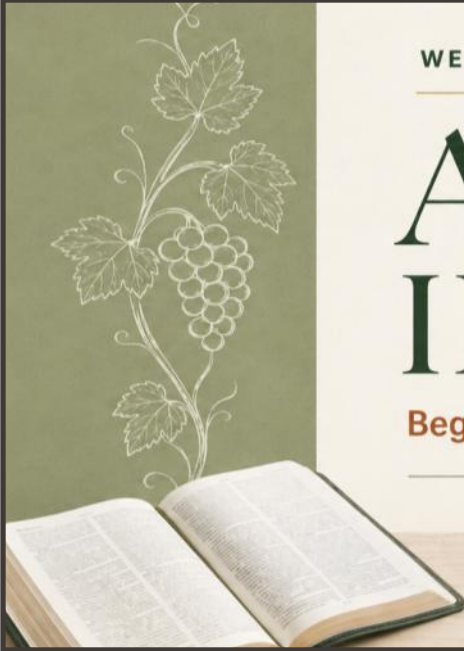


From The Elders:

South Side Christian Church Calendar for Leadership Nominations and Selection 2026

August 9, 2026	Nomination forms will be made available to the congregation to nominate any SSCC immersion baptized member of the congregation for an office of Deacon, Elder, or Trustee. Nomination forms may be submitted to any member of the Nomination Committee.
August 23, 2026	Last day (12:00 PM, noon) for Nomination forms to be submitted to the Nominating Committee.
August 30, 2026	Elders receive the list of member candidates from the Nomination Committee. Elders vet candidates and inform nominees of the office for which they have been nominated.
September 6, 2026	Labor Day Weekend
September 13, 2026 September 16, 2026	Deacon Class - nominated Deacons must attend this class, or be removed from the nominated list. Candidates will review SSCC's Belief Statements, verify their support of these beliefs, and the role of Deacons in the church. Nominated deacons must inform the Elders of their intent to accept the office nomination or decline the nomination.
September 20, 2026	Final candidate list is published to the congregation.
September 22, 2026	Any Scriptural objection to any nominated candidate must be submitted to the Elders by 5:00 PM.
September 27, 2026	Congregational Meeting following Worship Services – nominated officer candidates are either affirmed or not affirmed by the congregation members present at the meeting and casting an “yea” or a “nay” ballot for each candidate.
October 18, 2026 All Deacons, Elders, and Trustees are expected to be attendance at these meetings.	5:30 PM – Elder Meeting- election of officers 6:00 PM – Deacon Meeting- election of officers 7:00 PM – General Board Meeting- election of officers





WEDNESDAY CO-ED BIBLE STUDY

ABIDE IN HIM

Begins Wednesday, September 2

We will begin a five-week study on Jesus' command to abide in Him.

During these five weeks, we will study together what it means to abide in Him and how to do so.

Choose either group:

1:00 PM or 6:30 PM

All are welcome to attend!



WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

South Side Christian Church

MONDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

*Grow in faith, build brotherhood,
and stand strong in God's Word.*

*Connect, encourage, and pray
together every week.*

For more information:

**Contact Jason Newhuis at
(708) 825-3345**



WEDNESDAY

SISTERS IN CHRIST – LADIES BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM

Prayer Requests: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

*Come grow in faith, share in fellowship,
and lift one another up in prayer.*

Contact Carol Joza at 708-955-1257

KEVIN'S BIBLE STUDY

Afternoon Session: 1:00 PM

Evening Session: 6:30 PM

Same lesson at both sessions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

at South Side Christian Church

9:00 AM

DISCIPLE-MAKERS CLASS

Please join us each Sunday as we
examine the life and ministry of Jesus
as told by the Apostle John.

All are welcome!

**Contact: Kevin
Groben –
(219) 276-0538**



CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Discussion-oriented class,
welcoming people of all ages.
We study from the Christian
Standard lesson.

**Contact: Jeff Hayden
(219) 730-2635**



Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, September 6th

10:00 AM to 10:25 AM

The Kara Ladies will be serving coffee along with some treats.

Join us for a warm time of fellowship before the morning service.



Senior Saints News for You!

Happy September! Our next meeting will be on **September 8th at noon**. It will be so good to see everyone after our little break.

I'm excited about the program. Larry Wirtz is a professional speaker, comedian and illusionist. He gives fun, exciting, interactive programs filled with laughter and magic tricks! We will have a great time.

For lunch Diana and Debbie have planned to make barbeque chicken sandwiches. Don't those sound delicious? Please bring a side to go with those or a dessert. Hope to see you then, I know we will have a magical afternoon! September 8th at noon.

Donna Abercrombie



≡ *Fall* ≡

CRAFT, BAKE & RUMMAGE SALE

≡ *Now Accepting Donations* ≡

Our Fall Craft, Bake & Rummage Sale will be held on
Friday, September 18 & Saturday, September 19.



**DONATION DROP-OFF:
ROOM #4**



**PLEASE NOTE:
WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING.**

Thank you for your generosity.



1000 Broadmoor Ave.
Munster, IN 46321



Contact Diana Gilbert
219-671-8308



— You Are Invited to —

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY



Join us for worship and fellowship on
September 20, 2026 • 10:30 AM

National Back to Church Sunday is the perfect opportunity to invite a friend, a family member, or a neighbor to church.

*Join us for a welcoming morning of worship,
encouragement, and fellowship*

Come worship with us!



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Kidz and Youth

Join us for Youth Group & Kidz Club every Sunday night from 5:30-7 PM! We will have a meal together and then break off into groups for a time of fellowship, a lesson, and games! Bring a friend or two!

This year's Harvest Carnival will be Saturday October 24th from 3-5 PM! Please consider making a candy donation and show up to help run a game, as this is one of our largest outreaches each year!

The first meeting of South Side's young adult ministry will be on Tuesday September 8th @ 7 PM at the church. Please contact John for more information or questions.

John Helton



KIDZ CLUB & YOUTH GROUP

KIDZ CLUB
1ST-5TH GRADE

YOUTH GROUP
6TH-12TH GRADE



SUNDAY NIGHTS | 5:30-7:00 PM
STARTING AUGUST 23RD



FOOD



GAMES



**BIBLE
LESSON**



A FUN PLACE TO HANG OUT, LEARN ABOUT GOD, **FRIENDS**
→ AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER!

BRING A FRIEND!



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ENTER THROUGH THE
BROADMOOR AVE.
ENTRANCE!



Down Under Ministry

SSCC is partnering with Love INC to provide clothing essentials to families in our community throughout the year. Join us in blessing those in need.

We are currently collecting underwear in the following sizes: girls 2T–3T, 6, and 10–12; women's S–XL; boys 2–6; and teens S–L. We are also collecting socks.

Donations can be placed in the bin outside the office. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make a difference.



The Salvation Army

After the devastating storms our community recently experienced, the Salvation Army Food Bank is running low on supplies. We are collecting nonperishable food items to help restock its shelves. If you would like to help, please place your donations in the collection bin located just outside the office door. Please make sure all food items are unexpired.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your support provides much-needed assistance and encouragement to families in our community.



South Side Christian Church,
in partnership with the Salvation Army,
is putting together

Care Packages FOR HOMELESS

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- TRAVEL SIZE TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- TRAVEL SIZE MOUTHWASH
- DENTAL FLOSS
- DEODORANT
- TRAVEL SIZE HAND SANITIZER
- ADULT SIZE SOCKS
- GALLON SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS



Thank You!

Your generosity helps bring dignity,
hope, and care to those in need.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WELCOME RUN 2026

Join us in supporting migrant and refugee families as they build lives of hope, safety, and belonging.

10/10/26
9:00 AM
LANSING, IL

Logos at the bottom: The Welcome Network, SMITHS FARMS, "Butterfingers" a dessert shop & delicatessen, Don't Just Eat Family, thrivent, SHAWN NELSON TRUCKING LLC, smiles FOR MILES, Chick-fil-E, FLEET FEET

Kara Ladies Group

The Kara Ladies will meet on Thursday, September 3, at noon in the Fireplace Room. We'll talk about the upcoming Craft, Bake & Rummage Sale and our Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. We'd love for you to join us, new members are always welcome!

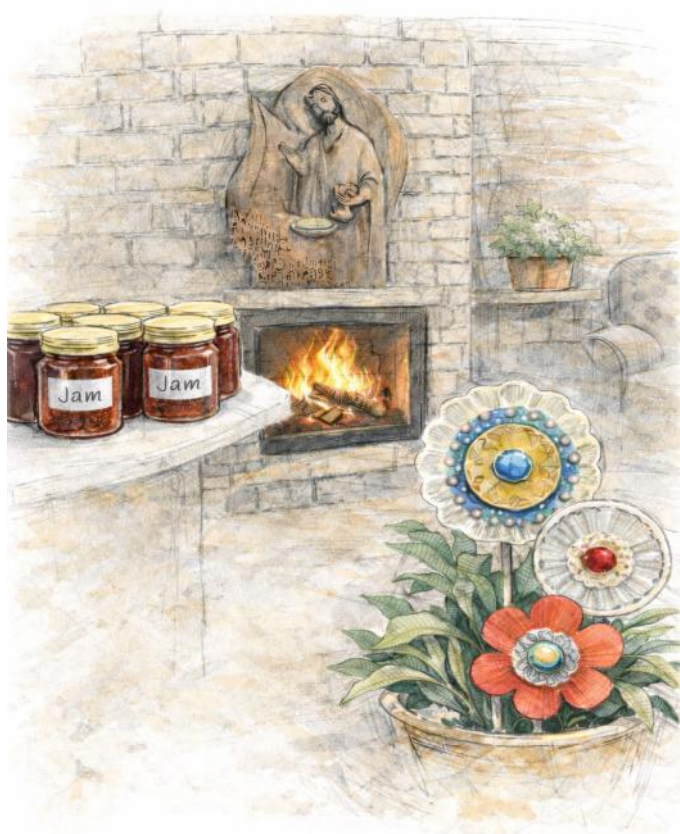
TIME TO DONATE!

Our Craft, Bake & Rummage Sale is coming up September 18 and 19. If you have items you would like to donate, they may be dropped off in Room #4. Please note that we are not accepting clothing.

We're also collecting composition notebooks for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Anyone who would like to contribute may leave donations at the Welcome Center.

While you're here, stop by the Fireplace Room to see our homemade jam and handmade gifts. You'll find teacup and saucer sets with tea and chocolates, garden flowers made from dishes, and decorated rocks. They make thoughtful gifts, or a little something special for yourself!

Thank you for supporting the Kara Ladies and these special ministries. We truly appreciate it!



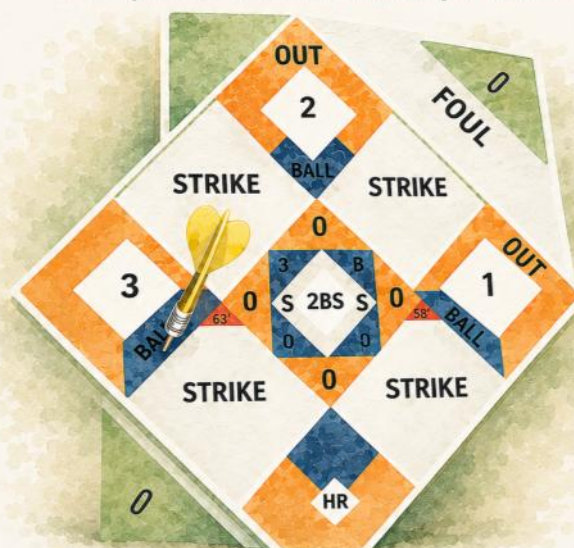
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1-Sep	Richard Schulp
5-Sep	Diana Groben
7-Sep	Larry Radas
9-Sep	Brylie Bridges
12-Sep	Fred Martin
15-Sep	Noah Frazier
23-Sep	Daniel Greenya
27-Sep	David Barrows
28-Sep	Elena Newhuis
30-Sep	Shawn Moore

Ladies Dart Ball @ South Side!

Join us for fun, friendly competition
and great fellowship!

No experience needed. **Snacks provided!**



September 21



Time: 6-9 PM



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September

New Testament

► LUKE

1. ☐ 20:27-40
2. ☐ 20:41-47
3. ☐ 21:1-19
4. ☐ 21:20-28
5. ☐ 21:29-38
6. ☐ 22:1-13
7. ☐ 22:14-23
8. ☐ 22:24-30
9. ☐ 22:31-38
10. ☐ 22:39-46
11. ☐ 22:47-53
12. ☐ 22:54-62
13. ☐ 22:63-71
14. ☐ 23:1-12
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16. ☐ 23:26-31
17. ☐ 23:32-37
18. ☐ 23:38-43
19. ☐ 23:44-49
20. ☐ 23:50-56
21. ☐ 24:1-12
22. ☐ 24:13-27
23. ☐ 24:28-35
24. ☐ 24:36-44
25. ☐ 24:45-53

► HEBREWS

- ☐ 1:1-9
- ☐ 1:10-14
- ☐ 2:1-9
- ☐ 2:10-18
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4:1-11
- ☐ 4:12-16
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- ☐ 6:1-12
- ☐ 6:13-20
- ☐ 7:1-10
- ☐ 7:11-28
- ☐ 8:1-6
- ☐ 8:7-13
- ☐ 9:1-10
- ☐ 9:11-28
- ☐ 10:1-18
- ☐ 10:19-39
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- ☐ 11:17-31
- ☐ 11:32-40
- ☐ 12:1-13
- ☐ 12:14-29
- ☐ 13:1-8
- ☐ 13:9-25

Old Testament

► PROVERBS

- ☐ 18
- ☐ 19:1-14
- ☐ 19:15-29
- ☐ 20:1-15
- ☐ 20:16-30
- ☐ 21:1-16
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► ISAIAH

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