



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

# SPBC E-BULLETIN



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## CHURCH NOTES

### Anniversary Sunday

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate SPBC's 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special speaker Rev. Peter Bongers!

### Ascent 2026

The Ascent retreat is this weekend! Please be in prayer for our youth and their leaders as they learn and grow during this wonderful opportunity!

### Study in First Peter

Rev. Neville Cowan will be leading a study of First Peter Wednesday nights at 6:30pm May 6 - June 24. Sign up at the welcome center but drop ins are welcome!

### Youth Girls' Craft Morning

Gwen Narimalla will be hosting a Youth girls' crafting morning on May 30. Be sure to save the date!



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## FAMILY PRAYER CORNER

This week please pray for:

- Maxwell J.T. Boyle
- Mark & Ruth Boughan
- Andrew & Katrina Breeze, Alexia, Kaedan

## COMING UP AT SPBC...

Sunday Services - 10am

\*Pre-Service (Prayer Room) 9:15am

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 9:45am

Youth Wednesdays - 6pm

Ascent 2026 - April 24-26

1 Peter Study - May 6 to June 24 - 6:30pm

Youth Girls' Crafting Morning - May 30

## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

<sup>6</sup> With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow down before the exalted God?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?  
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
<sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly<sup>[a]</sup> with your God.

Micah 6: 6 - 8

## DEVOTIONAL

### **“Serve the Lord with gladness.” – Psalm 100:2**

Delight in divine service is a token of acceptance. Those who serve God with a sad countenance, because they do what is unpleasant to them, are not serving Him at all; they bring the form of homage, but the life is absent.

Our God requires no slaves to grace His throne; He is the Lord of the empire of love, and would have His servants dressed in the livery of joy. The angels of God serve Him with songs, not with groans; a murmur or a sigh would be a mutiny in their ranks. That obedience which is not voluntary is disobedience, for the Lord looketh at the heart, and if He seeth that we serve Him from force, and not because we love Him, He will reject our offering.

Service coupled with cheerfulness is heart-service, and therefore true. Take away joyful willingness from the Christian, and you have removed the test of his sincerity. If a man be driven to battle, he is no patriot; but he who marches into the fray with flashing eye and beaming face, singing, “It is sweet for one’s country to die,” proves himself to be sincere in his patriotism. Cheerfulness is the support of our strength; in the joy of the Lord are we strong. It acts as the remover of difficulties. It is to our service what oil is to the wheels of a railway carriage. Without oil the axle soon grows hot, and accidents occur; and if there be not a holy cheerfulness to oil our wheels, our spirits will be clogged with weariness. The man who is cheerful in his service of God, proves that obedience is his element; he can sing,

“Make me to walk in Thy commands,  
‘Tis a delightful road.”

Reader, let us put this question – do you serve the Lord with gladness? Let us show to the people of the world, who think our religion to be slavery, that it is to us a delight and a joy! Let our gladness proclaim that we serve a good Master.