



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Have you ever been channel-surfing and stopped on one of those late-night infomercials? Chances are you didn't spend much time there, but if you did, you were probably advertised a product marketed as "must-have". There are must-have clothes, shoes, cosmetics, and must-have accessories for your phone, your car, your kitchen, your garage, and anything else you can think of. Companies use this kind of language to advertise their latest and greatest products.

Of course, must-haves extend beyond the world of retail. People have must-haves about other people. Employers come up with lists for potential employees. Graduates have lists for potential jobs. And of course, we have must-haves when it comes to finding a mate!

Must-haves are essentials. They are non-negotiables. When it comes to your faith in Christ, there are also non-negotiables. The Bible says, "*without faith it is impossible to please God*" (Hebrews 11:6). Faith in Christ is fundamental to our salvation and our relationship with God. Unless a person believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, they cannot claim to be a Christian. There are some doctrines which are open to debate and other doctrines which are "must-haves". To deny them is to deny the essence of Christianity.

It is without debate that the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is one of the "must-haves" of the Christian faith. Each Lord's Day, we celebrate this foundational truth. It's why most of Christendom will be celebrating this miraculous truth on April 4, 2021, Easter Sunday. Because to deny the resurrection of Christ from the grave strips the faith of all substance and salvation, hope and happiness. Christ's resurrection from the dead instills our own hope of resurrection from the dead and eternal life. Without the resurrection of Christ, the entire Christian faith is worthless. It is indeed a must-have!

Christ's resurrection means that we are not hopelessly lost in our sins. The apostle Paul wrote: "*if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith . . . And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied*" (1 Cor. 15:14, 17-19). Beloved, our faith is contingent on the reality of the bodily resurrection of Jesus. It is the guarantee that our sins were paid for on the cross of Calvary! It is proof that Jesus Christ is Lord of all!

Christ's resurrection means the fear and reality of death for the believer has been destroyed. Again, the Apostle wrote: "*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead . . . so in Christ all will be made alive . . . For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*" (1 Cor. 15:20, 22). We are all sinners, separated from God, earning the penalty of death. The resurrection is a must-have because it proves Christ's dominion over everything – even death! Our greatest fear has been destroyed by the one who conquered it.

Christ's resurrection means we are motivated to live in obedience to God. Finally, the Apostle writes: "*If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."* Do not be misled: "*Bad company corrupts good character.*" Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame" (1 Cor. 15:32-34). If there was no resurrection, our faith and baptism are worthless, along with all our efforts to live godly lives and share the Gospel of Christ! The resurrection is a must-have because it means that our suffering has meaning, our service is making a difference and our obedience will be rewarded!

So, the next time someone tries to sell you something they claim is a "must-have", you can rest assured: if you have put your faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have the "must-have" you truly need.

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

2/28	3/7	3/14	3/21
64	74	68	79

The monthly figures include only those of our church family who have returned to corporate worship. These numbers do not include those who need to stay home due to their higher vulnerability of contracting COVID-19. For those of you who are watching online – we miss you and cannot wait for the opportunity to worship together!

Deacon's List:

Chair:

Audio/Visual: Jared Friedrichsen

Secretary: Mike Bunn

Parsonage:

Maintenance: Lynn Hounshel

Special Projects: TBD, Lynn, and
Phil Friedrichsen

Benevolence: Tony Storad

Church (Building): Lynn Hounshel

Your continued financial support is also vital to our church body. Not only are we obligated to provide financially for our ministry staff, but also for our missionaries and benevolence ministry recipients. Prayerfully consider mailing your weekly offering to the church at the address provided at the end of this newsletter, dropping it off at the church's mailbox, or giving through our secure internet portal at <https://swccbarberton.com/giving>.

Thank you church family for your ongoing support of Southwest Church of Christ!

Weekly Need:

General: \$3,300

Weekly Need:

Missions: \$442

Round Lake Summer Camp: There is a code for half-off tuition for any families interested in enrolling their youth for camp this summer. Further information about the camp can be found online at www.roundlake.org.

APS Walk For Life: May 15 is the scheduled date. Additional walkers are encouraged to apply.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: spaghetti sauce and any pasta noodles

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: Beginning Tuesday, 4/6 at 10 am the Ladies Bible Study will resume in-person. We will study the miracles of Christ in the Gospel of John using Max Lucado's book, "You Are Never Alone", as a guide. Please wear your mask, and social distancing is required. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

Junior Church: Junior church classes have resumed during Sunday morning service. We are still looking for volunteers to teach. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer if you are interested, or you can speak with Nathan Robinson.

Communion Prep Volunteers: A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: Grades 6-12 are meeting for youth group on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Mask wearing and social distancing is required so we can continue to get together and learn more about God's Word. Questions, see Nathan Robinson.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 4/17 from 10am to 5pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack or drink to share. Face masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: There are no scheduled events for April.

Rahab Ministries: Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 concerns, instead of the donation of goods, please consider a financial donation instead. Checks may be sent to: Rahab Ministries, PO BOX 13866, Akron, OH 44334.

Soup Kitchen: Currently there is not a schedule for the month of April. Information in regards to the next opportunity to serve will be announced at a later date.

Looking for support? Elders are available after every Sunday worship service, or by contacting the church office, to speak with you regarding prayer requests or offer spiritual guidance for your concerns.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him." Romans 6:9</i></p>				1	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4 <i>Easter</i>	5	6 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	7 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	14 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	15	16	17 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
18	19	20 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	21 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	28 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	29	30	<p><i>"Rejoice evermore." 1 Thess. 5:16</i></p>

BIRTHDAYS:	
4/5	Roger Wilhelm
4/6	Ben Weaver
4/8	Linda Frye
4/8	Del Sechler
4/10	Marti Bair
4/10	Joni Jones
4/15	Karen Busch
4/15	Olivia Ross
4/16	Phil Friedrichsen
4/18	Jamie Storad
4/21	Dylan Jenkin
4/21	Noah Jenkin
4/21	Cindy Weaver
4/23	Brian Weaver
4/28	Debbie Bunn
4/28	Alice Kauslick
4/29	Elizabeth Busch
4/29	Ryan Kriston

ANNIVERSARIES:	
4/13	Tom & Linda Frye
4/25	Tony & Jamie Storad
4/29	Brian & Karen Busch

Did you have a birthday or anniversary this month that we missed? Would you like to have your special day added to our calendar? Write your name, the occasion, and the date on the prayer tab in the bulletin. Place the tab in the offering plate on any Sunday. Or you may send an email to: kdbusch15@gmail.com, and I will gladly include your information.

Do you know someone who would positively benefit from reading The HARVESTER? Our newsletter is now available on the Southwest Church of Christ webpage under the Ministries tab.

Growing Your Faith

“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Luke 24:6-7

For the year of 2021, we will be reading the whole bible. Old Testament and New Testament selections for each day provides a variety in your studying. This plan was originally developed by 19th Century Pastor Robert Murray M’Cheyne in Scotland.

- APR 1:** Lev. 4; Psa. 1-2; Prov. 19; Colo. 2
APR 2: Lev. 5; Psa. 3-4; Prov. 20; Colo. 3
APR 3: Lev. 6; Psa. 5-6; Prov. 21; Colo. 4
APR 4: Lev. 7; Psa. 7-8; Prov. 22; 1 Thes. 1
APR 5: Lev. 8; Psa. 9; Prov. 23; 1 Thes. 2
APR 6: Lev. 9; Psa. 10; Prov. 24; 1 Thes. 3
APR 7: Lev. 10; Psa. 11-12; Prov. 25; 1 Thes. 4
APR 8: Lev. 11-12; Psa. 13-14; Prov. 26; 1 Thes. 5
APR 9: Lev. 13; Psa. 15-16; Prov. 27; 2 Thes. 1
APR 10: Lev. 14; Psa. 17; Prov. 28; 2 Thes. 2

APR 11: Lev. 15; Psa. 18; Prov. 29; 2 Thes. 3
APR 12: Lev. 16; Psa. 19; Prov. 30; 1 Tim. 1
APR 13: Lev. 17; Psa. 20-21; Prov. 31; 1 Tim. 2
APR 14: Lev. 18; Psa. 22; Ecc. 1; 1 Tim. 3
APR 15: Lev. 19; Psa. 23-24; Ecc. 2; 1 Tim. 4
APR 16: Lev. 20; Psa. 25; Ecc. 3; 1 Tim. 5
APR 17: Lev. 21; Psa. 26-27; Ecc. 4; 1 Tim. 6
APR 18: Lev. 22; Psa. 28-29; Ecc. 5; 2 Tim. 1
APR 19: Lev. 23; Psa. 30; Ecc. 6; 2 Tim. 2
APR 20: Lev. 24; Psa. 31; Ecc. 7; 2 Tim. 3

APR 21: Lev. 25; Psa. 32; Ecc. 8; 2 Tim. 4
APR 22: Lev. 26; Psa. 33; Ecc. 9; Titus 1
APR 23: Lev. 27; Psa. 34; Ecc. 10; Titus 2
APR 24: Numb. 1; Psa. 35; Ecc. 11; Titus 3
APR 25: Numb. 2; Psa. 36; Ecc. 12; Phile. 1
APR 26: Numb. 3; Psa. 37; S. O. S. 1; Heb. 1
APR 27: Numb. 4; Psa. 38; S. O. S. 2; Heb. 2
APR 28: Numb. 5; Psa. 39; S. O. S. 3; Heb. 3
APR 29: Numb. 6; Psa. 40-41; S. O. S. 4; Heb. 4
APR 30: Numb. 7; Psa. 42-43; S. O. S. 5; Heb. 5

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<http://www.edginet.org/mcheyne/info.html>

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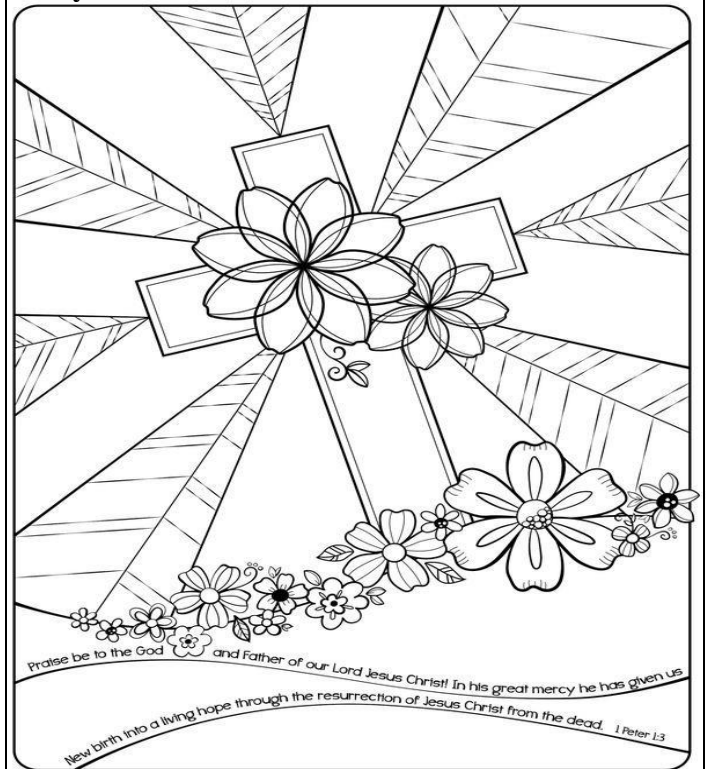


“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

Find the underlined words from the verse above in the word-search below.

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WEEKLY WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11am

Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus