



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Easter Sunday is right around the corner. I look forward to its arrival each year. It's not only an exciting holiday for the church, but an exciting season, as many people's minds gravitate toward spiritual things. They are also more likely to answer your invitation to worship. That means, we have the opportunity to point them toward all the good things the world simply cannot offer – true hope, enduring peace, lavish grace, and real love – all embodied in the glory of Jesus Christ! How can we not make the most of this opportunity!

In 1684, the passionate Puritan preacher Jonathan Edwards wrote these words:

“One of the greatest privileges the believer has, both in this world and for eternity, is to behold the glory of Christ” . . . “On Christ's glory I would fix my thoughts and desires, and the more I see of the glory of Christ, the more the painted beauties of this world will wither in my eyes and I will be more and more crucified to this world.” . . . “(So) make up your mind that to behold the glory of God by beholding the glory of Christ is the greatest privilege which is given to believers in this life. This is the dawning of heaven. It is the first taste of that heavenly glory which God has prepared for us, for this is eternal life, to know the Father and Jesus Christ whom he has sent (John 17:3).”

And he is right! There is no greater privilege! We should not have any stronger passion, any higher pursuit, nor any deeper pleasure than knowing and making known the glory of Christ. Although each Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection, Easter gives us that opportunity in a unique way. It's an opening to point people toward all the glories of Christ.

1. If we invite them, they may witness His glory in the cross.

The Apostle wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:18: “*the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God*” (KJV). There is no other place in which the glory of the Lord Jesus is more evident than in His crucifixion and death. The passion of Christ displays his victory over sin in all its glory. Jesus himself told us, “*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many*” (Mark 10:45 NIV).

2. If we invite them, they may witness His glory in the message.

In 1 Corinthians 1:23 the Apostle declares: “*when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense*” (NLT). It is offensive because it condemns us as sinners. Yet it also offers hope because it points us to the source of forgiveness – Jesus Christ! The glory of Christ is in the message because He is who the message is all about.

3. If we invite them, they may witness His glory in the resurrection.

The resurrection is the capstone of the faith. It is the piece de resistance; it is the magnum opus – the great work of God and the jewel in Christ's crown of glory.

The Apostle Peter declared: “*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).

Who will you invite to worship this Easter? Let's make the most of this opportunity and invite others to witness the glory of Christ.

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

2/27	3/6	3/13	3/20
98	86	79	92

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Thank you for your faithfulness church! We continue to have several folks watching online each week. Please continue to pray for our church family – both those in corporate worship and those being reached by our online ministry.

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

We are continually blessed by the generosity of God’s people. Thank you for your continued financial support so that we may meet the needs of our ministry staff, missionaries, benevolence ministry, and the general ministry of the church. For your convenience, we would like to remind you that online giving is available 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

Church Spring Clean-up: The Deacons would like to invite all of us to help spruce up the church building. On 4/2 they will be hosting a Spring Cleaning Day starting at 9am until the early afternoon. If you are not available on the 2nd, or prefer to work on your own, we have a clipboard in the foyer with the items they would like taken care of in each room. All cleaning needs to be finished by 4/9. If you are not available on 4/2, and need access to the building, let one of the deacons know. Thanks for all you do to make Southwest a great and inviting place to serve and worship.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday 4/9 at 10:30am: We are continuing to collect individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt prior to the event. No loose candy please. Place inside the container in the kitchen.

VBS news: Monday June 13th, save the date! We need old newspapers- place your donations in Dan’s office. Also, let Dan know if you’re interested in volunteering. All help is welcomed!

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: Pasta and spaghetti sauce. Place items in the kitchen inside the BACM box.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 4/23 from 10am to 5pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a gallon drink and/or snack to share.

“Senior Moment”: The next “Senior Moment” will be lunch at the Honeymoon Grille, 3458 Manchester Road, Coventry Twp., at 12 noon on 4/19. Let Karen Rummer know by 4/17 if you are able to attend.

Wednesday Night Live: Coffee and fellowship begins at 6pm, and studies at 6:30pm. All ages are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your friends, family, or neighbors and get them plugged into learning God’s Word. Our current series for the adult group is “The Prayers of Paul” led by Nathan Robinson.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: Tuesday mornings at 10 am. We are using Jean E. Syswerda’s book “Women of the Bible”. Cost of the book is \$12. Questions, call Karen Rummer 330-671-7463.

Rahab Ministries: They are a faith-based ministry devoted to rescuing and restoring victims of human trafficking. Please consider supporting this ministry financially. Checks may be sent to: Rahab Ministries, One Center for Leadership, 901 Tuscarawas Street, E. Canton, OH 44707

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>"6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "</i> Luke 24:6-7</p>					1	2 Church Clean-up
3 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	4	5 Women's Bible Study	6 WNL	7	8	9 Easter Egg Hunt
10 Palm Sunday Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	11	12 Women's Bible Study	13 WNL	14	15 Good Friday Ohio Teens for Christ	16 Ohio Teens for Christ
17 Easter	18	19 Women's Bible Study "Senior Moment"	20 WNL	21	22	23 Scrapbooking
24 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	25	26 Women's Bible Study	27 WNL	28	29	30

BIRTHDAYS:	
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

“20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.”
1 Corinthians 15:20-21

Spend time with the Lord each day this month by reading the following scriptures. To help commit them to memory, write in a journal or notepad and review daily.

- APR 1: Matthew 16:24-28
- APR 2: John 11:25-26
- APR 3: Matthew 21:1-11
- APR 4: Luke 23:26-30
- APR 5: Luke 23:33-38
- APR 6: Luke 24:36-49
- APR 7: Psalm 25:1-6
- APR 8: Psalm 25:7-14
- APR 9: Psalm 25:15-22
- APR 10: Proverbs 3:3-12

- APR 11: Colossians 3:22-25
- APR 12: Romans 3:21-26
- APR 13: Psalm 16:1-5
- APR 14: Psalm 16:6-11
- APR 15: Romans 2:1-4
- APR 16: Isaiah 66:12-14
- APR 17: James 5:7-11
- APR 18: Isaiah 43:1-3
- APR 19: Psalm 66:8-12
- APR 20: Hebrews 4:15-16

- APR 21: I John 5:1-5
- APR 22: I John 5:6-12
- APR 23: Psalm 105:1-5
- APR 24: Psalm 106:1-5
- APR 25: Colossians 3:1-3
- APR 26: Hebrews 12:1-2
- APR 27: Matthew 6:25-27
- APR 28: Matthew 6:28-34
- APR 29: John 14:1-4
- APR 30: Psalm 150:1-6

Scripture list courtesy of www.swtblessings.com

Kids Korner

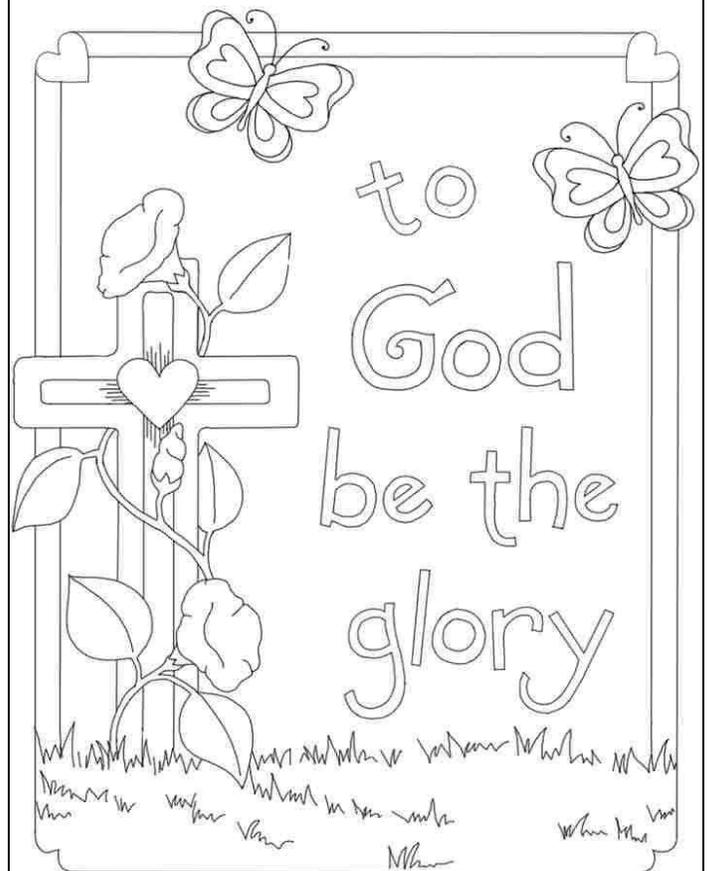


“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

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

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For you to color:



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WEEKLY WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 10am

Youth Ministry

Ohio Teens for Christ: Friday and Saturday, April 15-16 in Columbus. More information will be coming soon.

Zip-lining on May 15th: We will leave Southwest at 4:30pm to head to Round Lake Wilderness Camp. \$10 for anyone going under the age of 21.

Message from Dan:

Let's play a game to start this Newsletter. I'll name a quote from a baseball movie and then you have to guess the movie.

"How can you not be romantic about baseball?"

"You're killin' me Smalls!"

"You see, after the game, a lot of guys like to ice up their arm. Still, other fellas think that heat is the way to go. But I have discovered the secret, Henry...hot ice! I heat up.... The ice cubes! It's the best of both worlds."

"I gotta bat but let me leave you with this advice; you love the sox but have they ever loved you back?"

"Maybe tomorrow, we'll all wear 42, so nobody could tell us apart."

"Are you crying?... There's no crying in baseball."

"You guys, you lollygag the ball around the infield. You lollygag your way down to first. You lollygag your way in and out of the dugout. You know what that makes you? (Lollygaggers)"

Alright that is 7 movies. Many of them are super quotable, and many of you know the quotes. The line before some of these quotes aren't as famous, but still important to the script. The next line in most of these is as important to the story as well. How many of you know John 3:16? I'd say just about all of you, but it's not just that one verse by itself that I want you to learn. This month I challenge you to learn John 3:15, 16, and 17. Those verses in a row change lives, more so than any movie can.

The first student I'd like to highlight this month is Victoria Friedrichsen. Victoria got the opportunity to sing with Capitol University (one of the best choirs in the country) in a concert in Massillon. She mentioned her jaw dropping to the floor the first time she had the opportunity to hear them, and then to be able to sing with them, was an experience she will never forget.

In addition, congrats to David Berube, who is playing the flute in the pit at the Wadsworth High School presentation of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.