# The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Wow! It has been a great 17 years with Nathan! I have seen a lot of growth in the gifts of our members through his guidance. Thank you all for your work for the Lord and for your kindness to each other. I know that you all have inspired Nathan and the elders. Every day I see and hear about people doing things for others. The church is being built up, praise God!

Visitors have frequently commented on how friendly our church is. We often have to wait our turn to introduce ourselves to them. I have been coming to Southwest for over 41 years. The warmth of this church and the relationships I've built have kept me here.

I want you to know that we have formed a search team to find a new preacher. I am confident that with God's help we will be able to find the right person to feed and equip us. God wants us to further His kingdom.

Our church will continue to work for the Lord. In fact, I believe that we will see more spiritual gifts displayed and more involvement from our members. All are needed! II Cor. 12:12 "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

I am optimistic that our future as a church will continue to be a blessing to our Lord. Let us celebrate our future. Let us celebrate today. "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24.

We will all miss Nathan and his family as they will miss us. Let's pray that he continues to speak boldly as he preaches the Word in Clayton, Indiana, and that he reaches the lost souls for the Lord.

In Christ's name,

James M. Rummer

#### **Events & Information**

#### **Monthly Figures**

In- Service Attendance:

| 7/3 | 7/10 | 7/17 | 7/24 |
|-----|------|------|------|
| 82  | 130  | 71   | 89   |

"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 <a href="https://swccbarberton.com/giving">https://swccbarberton.com/giving</a>.

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

Weekly Need: Weekly Need: General: \$3,600 Missions: \$442

**Men's annual Corn Roast:** Calling all men of Southwest- come join the fun at the annual Corn Roast hosted by Lakeview Christian Church on Monday August 8 at 6pm. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

**Women's Retreat:** At Round Lake Christian Camp on Saturday, September 10 from 9am to 2:30pm. Cost is \$40 per person. Registration forms are in the foyer, or you can register online at <a href="www.roundlake.org">www.roundlake.org</a>. Let Karen Rummer know if you would like to carpool.

Men's Bible Study: There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in joining.

**Back-to-School Giving Tree:** Instead of individual gifts this year, Dan Conway would like to encourage members to support the Youth Group in collecting school supplies during the month to help benefit local area schools. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details. In addition, if you know someone personally that has a back-to-school need, contact the church office at 330-825-7263.

**B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item for May:** Macaroni and cheese. Place items in the kitchen inside the BACM box.

**Scrapbooking:** The group will be meeting on August 20 from 9am to 10pm. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverages to drink.

"Senior Moment": On Tuesday August 16 at noon, meet us for lunch at the Rose Villa, 368 Portage Lakes Drive. Let Karen Rummer know by 8/14 if you are able to attend.

**Soup Kitchen:** Southwest members will be helping on Tuesday, August 2. Thank you for your willingness to serve for Christ's kingdom! Any questions, see Terry Trump.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Study:** Tuesday mornings at 10am will be a devotion and prayer time through the summer. 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

# August

| Sunday Monday                                 |                          | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                  | Thursday  | Fríday | Saturday                  |  |
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|   | 1                        | 2<br>Women's<br>Bible Study<br>Soup<br>Kitchen | 3  | 4   | 5      | 6                         |  |
| 7   | 8<br>Men's Corn<br>Roast | 9<br>Women's<br>Bible Study                    | 10   | 11  | 12     | 13                        |  |
| 14<br>Jr. & Sr.<br>High Youth<br>Group        | 15                       | 16 Women's Bible Study "Senior Moment"         | 17<br>Jr. & Sr. High<br>Youth Group        | 18  | 19     | <b>20</b><br>Scrapbooking |  |
| <b>21</b><br>Jr. & Sr.<br>High Youth<br>Group | 22                       | 23<br>Women's<br>Bible Study                   | <b>24</b><br>Jr. & Sr. High<br>Youth Group | 25  | 26     | 27                        |  |
| 28<br>Jr. & Sr.<br>High Youth<br>Group        | 29                       | 30<br>Women's<br>Bible Study                   | <b>31</b><br>Jr. & Sr. High<br>Youth Group | "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."  Galatians 6:9 NIV |        |                           |  |

| BIRTHDAYS: |                         |  |  |  |  |
|------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 8/1        | Missy Jenkin            |  |  |  |  |
| 8/2        | Billi Cromer            |  |  |  |  |
| 8/5        | Warren Hayes            |  |  |  |  |
| 8/7        | Donna Raymond           |  |  |  |  |
| 8/8        | Roger Durst             |  |  |  |  |
| 8/10       | Betty Hayes             |  |  |  |  |
| 8/13       | Edie Marie Friedrichsen |  |  |  |  |
| 8/16       | Dale Starcher           |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23       | Linda Cucuz             |  |  |  |  |
| 8/26       | Caroline Friedrichsen   |  |  |  |  |
| 8/26       | Gene Ross               |  |  |  |  |
| 8/27       | Bob Steele              |  |  |  |  |
| 8/31       | Craig Easterday         |  |  |  |  |
| 8/31       | William Robinson        |  |  |  |  |

|      | ANNIVERSARIES:            |
|------|---------------------------|
| 8/6  | Bob & Heidi Klein         |
| 8/7  | Warren & Betty Hayes      |
| 8/7  | Gene & Cathy Ross         |
| 8/10 | Mike & Debbie Bunn        |
| 8/11 | Terry & Lynda Hoover      |
| 8/22 | Gary & Sharon Weinsheimer |

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 some one who would positively benefit from reading The HARVESTER? Our newsletter is now available on the Southwest Church of Christ we bpage under the Ministries tab.

### **Growing Your Faith**

"You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder." Isaiah 9:3

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.

| AUG 1:  | Philippians 1:21-24   |
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| AUG 2:  | Philippians 1:25-27   |
| AUG 3:  | Philippians 1:28-30   |
| AUG 4:  | Galatians 5:13-15     |
| AUG 5:  | Galatians 5:16-18     |
| AUG 6:  | Galatians 5:19-21     |
| AUG 7:  | Galatians 5:22-26     |
| AUG 8:  | Romans 7:4-6          |
| AUG 9:  | Romans 7:7-8          |
| AUG 10: | Romans 7:9-12         |
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| AUG 11: | Romans 7:13-15        |
| AUG 12: | Romans 7:16-20        |
| AUG 13: | Romans 7:21-25        |
| AUG 14: | John 15:1-4           |
| AUG 15: | John 15:5-8           |
| AUG 16: | John 15:9-14          |
| AUG 17: | Mark 2:15-17          |
| AUG 18: | John 8:12-14          |
| AUG 19: | John 8:15-18          |
| AUG 20: | John 8:19-20          |
|         |                       |
| AUG 21: | Romans 2:1-3          |
| AUG 22: | Romans 2:4-6          |
| AUG 23: | Romans 2:7-11         |
| AUG 24: | Romans 2:12-16        |
| AUG 25: | 2 Corinthians 4:1-3   |
| AUG 26: | 2 Corinthians 4:4-6   |
| AUG 27: | 2 Corinthians 4:7-12  |
| AUG 28: | 2 Corinthians 4:13-15 |
| AUG 29: | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 |
| AUG 30: | Proverbs 21:1-3       |
| AUG 31: | Proverbs 21:29-31     |

Scripture list courtesy of www.swtblessings.com

## Kids Korner



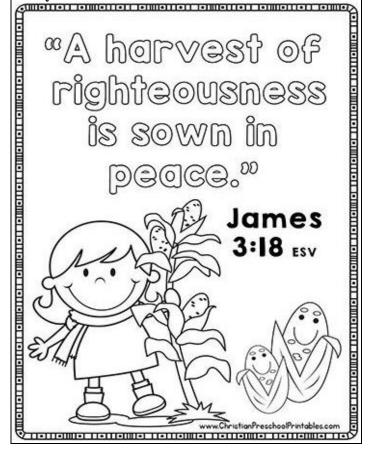
"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Genesis 8:22 NIV

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

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#### **Connect with Us**



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Jared Friedrichsen, Worship Minister Dan Conway, Youth Minister Cindy Weaver, Secretary (330) 825-7263 www.swccbarberton.com www.facebook.com/swccbarberton

#### **WEEKLY WORSHIP TIMES:**

Sunday Morning:
Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:30am
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 10am

#### **Youth Ministry**

**Sub Needed:** I'm taking vacation August 8th (Monday) - August 15th (Monday) If anyone is interested in covering youth group that Sunday or Wednesday let me know.

**Slip N Slide Kickball:** Either August 21st or 28th we will do slip n slide kickball with Northwest Avenue Church of Christ. With the recent transitions and their VBS we have yet to finalize a date. I will text parents and students two weeks out so they can be aware.

#### Message from Dan:

One of the scariest villains in sci-fi history is something that sounds not scary at all, a Weeping Angel. A Weeping Angel is a statue that doesn't move as long as it is being stared at. Yet if you take your eyes off of it, even just blinking, the angel will move. There is nothing in the Doctor Who Universe as scary as a Weeping Angel. The trope led to a t-shirt which said "Keep Calm and Don't Blink". The slogan became a little bit of a phenomenon when I was in late high school and early college. If you look long and hard at my Facebook, you'll see me dressed as one for Halloween.

One time I went to a large Catholic church for a funeral (St. Mary's Cathedral in Massillon). As I walked past the graveyard into the church I thought, I hope there is not a Weeping Angel in there. Massive statues throughout a huge cemetery is a beautiful site, but a scary one as well. Thankfully, I did not see one that day.

The above story reminds me of Proverbs 2:7-8, "He (God) holds success in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones." The truth in this story shows: God fights the battles behind the scenes we don't see, and wins them for us. God is a God that you can rely on and trust even when the answer is no or when it is not yet. Simply know this: He values you as you are. While we may not see God's big protective shield, it is there, working in ways we do not always recognize. It even protects us from things that, if we blink, we will miss.

#### **Highlight of the Month:**

This month I'd like to highlight the unsung heroes of the nursery. Clara Kirkhart, Sophie Hershberger, Emma Kirkhart, Julia Friedrichsen, and Delaney Robinson. The five of them on rotation in the nursery do an excellent job with the little kids each Sunday. We are looking for adults to be on rotation also. The nursery is one of the easiest jobs in the church for adult volunteers, as you can watch the service on the TV while the girls do the playing and entertaining. All the adult has to do is be in there if there is an accident. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in serving.

**Looking for support?** Elders are available after every Sunday worship service, or by contacting the church office, to speak with you regarding prayer requests, offer spiritual guidance for your concerns, or in the case of an emergency. In addition, if you are sick or unable to make it to worship due to your health concerns, we would love to bring communion to you and have someone pray with you. Please reach out and let us know how we may serve you.

Ron Browning: 330-472-8077 Russ Mercer: 330-825-6852 Gene Ross: 330-854-2116 Jim Rummer: 330-671-3353

Chuck Weinsheimer: 330-658-6935 Gary Weinsheimer: 330-620-3045

Dan Conway, Youth Minister: 740-616-7819

#### Letter from Brian Weaver:

Hello Church Family,

I want to say, **Thank You**, to everyone who sent me things in the box from home.

It all helps me so much and knowing y'all think of me and support me- wow, it helps. Thanks a lot!

It's super hot here so send some rain next. Lol

Thanks again for sending stuff. I miss you all. Hug my momma, I know she has a rough time with me being gone and Dad and Kev too.

Brian

