



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

For most of us, Christmas conjures up wonderful memories of merry times past. Time spent with family and friends. Time spent singing carols and trimming trees. Time spent wrapping and unwrapping gifts. And if we were lucky, time spent sledding and building snowmen on white Christmas days!

But for those of us who believe the very One who made man, was made man Himself; the very One who spoke the Universe into existence, became speechless himself, stepping out of eternity and into time and space. Christmas sparks memories and ignites a hope and joy unsurpassed by any other Christmas memory or experience. The Scriptures remind us of the true meaning of Christmas . . . the true reason, or reasons, to celebrate the season. The following are a few of many:

1. *“Jesus answered, ‘For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth’ (John 18:37).*
2. *“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work” (1 John 3:8). (See Hebrews 2:14-15)*
3. *“Jesus said to them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners’ (Mark 2:17). (See 1 Timothy 1:15)*
4. *“The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10).*
5. *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).*
6. *“God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).*
7. *“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9). (See John 10:10)*
8. *“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel . . . so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.” (Luke 2:34-35).*
9. *“He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed” (Luke 4:18).*
10. *“Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy” (Romans 15:7-9).*

Beloved, no matter what this Christmas season brings, if you would remember that **you** are part of God’s reason for sending His one and only Son, this Christmas season may indeed be the merriest Christmas season of all. Wishing you and yours a joyful and blessed Christmas season.

Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward men,
Nathan A. Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22
0	0	42	35

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

APS Giving Tree: It's that time of year again! Southwest is partnering with Akron Pregnancy Services with the annual Giving Tree. Gift tags are numbered and attached to candy canes on the tree in the foyer. If you are able to assist this year, take a tag and write your name on the list next to the corresponding number. **All gifts must be returned by 12/6.** Any questions, please contact the church office.

Christmas Eve Service: a few options are being discussed; however, a definitive answer is not available at this time. Please see the bulletin, or tune into the service on Sundays for more information in the coming weeks. Thank you for understanding and for being patient as we navigate this new territory together.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: We are suspending our meetings during the month of December due to rising health concerns. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: side dishes (instant potatoes, rice, noodles, helpers, etc.)

Scrapbooking: The group will not be meeting during the months of December or January 2021.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: There are no scheduled events for December or January. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.

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 December. 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.



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other." Romans 12:10</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29</i>	

BIRTHDAYS:	
12/1	Victoria Friedrichsen
12/3	Lisa Howe
12/4	Daniel Wilson
12/6	Mary Bradford
12/8	Meghan Sapper
12/14	Jonathan Friedrichsen
12/22	Mikayla Sapper
12/23	Sharon Weinsheimer
12/25	Freda Brouse

ANNIVERSARIES:	
12/20	Dale & Rhonda Starcher

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

"God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins." Acts 5:31

The bible readings for the year of 2020 are to focus on studying the bible in chronological order. As you read each day, meditate on God's words and His promises to us, His children.

- DEC 1:** 1 Corinthians 12-14
DEC 2: 1 Corinthians 15-16
DEC 3: 2 Corinthians 1-4
DEC 4: 2 Corinthians 5-9
DEC 5: 2 Corinthians 10-13
DEC 6: Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3
DEC 7: Romans 4-7
DEC 8: Romans 8-10
DEC 9: Romans 11-13
DEC 10: Romans 14-16
- DEC 11:** Acts 20:4-38; Acts 21; Acts 22; Acts 23:1-35
DEC 12: Acts 24-26
DEC 13: Acts 27-28
DEC 14: Colossians 1-4; Philemon
DEC 15: Ephesians 1-6
DEC 16: Philippians 1-4
DEC 17: 1 Timothy 1-6
DEC 18: Titus 1-3
DEC 19: 1 Peter 1-5
DEC 20: Hebrews 1-6
- DEC 21:** Hebrews 7-10
DEC 22: Hebrews 11-13
DEC 23: 2 Timothy 1-4
DEC 24: 2 Peter 1-3; Jude
DEC 25: 1 John 1-5
DEC 26: 2 John; 3 John
DEC 27: Revelation 1-5
DEC 28: Revelation 6-11
DEC 29: Revelation 12-18
DEC 30: Revelation 19-22
DEC 31: Bonus Day! Read your favorite verses or book in the bible.

Scripture list courtesy of www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.html

Kids Korner



"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." – John 1:4-5

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

L	I	F	E	A	1	D	F	H	D
I	N	J	H	L	4	M	A	N	D
G	O	Q	T	R	1	S	E	T	1
H	V	W	N	Y	B	H	I	M	5
T	D	H	F	G	E	I	J	L	4
M	O	D	A	R	K	N	E	S	S
J	R	S	P	U	W	E	1	Z	A
A	C	M	E	G	I	S	4	K	W
M	O	E	P	D	I	D	5	R	K
C	F	N	S	V	E	N	O	T	B

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: 11am

Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus