



# The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

I love our missionaries. Currently Southwest Church supports a number of missionaries, ranging from those who fight for life against the travesty of abortion, to those who care for broken and abandoned children without families, the sick, or the elderly. Our church contributes to domestic and foreign missionaries – working in nations such as Mexico, Brazil and India. Over the years I have gotten to know many of them personally and greatly appreciate and respect the work they do. They all labor faithfully and passionately for the Lord. I have been both blessed and encouraged by their great faith and steadfast work.

Missionary work is neither for the faint of heart nor the shallow in faith. Many of our missionaries endure hardships and persecution, while others are struggling to raise funds. I have recently spoken with some of them to inquire about their well-being, as well as specific needs they may have.

One told me that several churches had stopped supporting them due to financial adversities. Central Brazil Mission's director, Earl Haubner has not led an Amazon boat trip in nearly a year. He recently wrote to me, agonizing that "The villages that we visit and are working with desperately need our help with meds and vitamins. Many of them have the virus and are suffering, as many of you are, but without any kind of help. Prayer is needed."

Another, John Mathew of the Southwest India Christian Mission shared his challenges: "The work is going o.k. But we face opposition and persecution. When we started the mission, we had good freedom to preach and teach and distribute Gospel Tracts in public places including schools, colleges and hospitals. Now, the anti-gospel groups stop us from open air preaching on street corners with verbal threats and physical threats. Each year the opposition is fast growing."

John has several amazing programs in place including the Bethany Girls Home, a program which distributes food, clothing and medicine to the poor, a hospital ministry, a literature ministry and a preacher training program. Yet, I could feel the anguish, as he expressed the ministry's needs: "We need earnest prayer for freedom to do mission work... Pray also that the poor believers will stay faithful... We need more funds (one time gift) to do community outreach and to help poor children with school supplies when schools reopen in June. More funds are needed to help poor people with food, clothes, medicine, and hospital bills."

Church, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your faithful generosity to support both our local congregation and assist the work God is doing around the world. Recently, we were able to send an additional monthly gift, along with our regular gift, to each of the thirteen missions we support! Praise the Lord! I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5:

*And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.*

*<sup>2</sup> In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. <sup>5</sup> And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. (NIV'84)*

I know everyone in our congregation loves our missionaries. That's why I want to challenge you to pray for our missionaries regularly. Pray for them to be strengthened and encouraged and to continue their faithful work in sharing the Gospel and building God's Church. I also want to challenge you to excel in the grace of giving. If it is possible, consider a one-time gift to our missions fund or increasing your monthly pledge. If you desire to personally support one of our missionaries, please let our leadership know. Our missionaries need us, and we need them. So, let's share their burden in order to advance the Gospel of Christ and the Kingdom of God!

Peace and Goodwill,  
Nathan A. Robinson

## Events & Information

### Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24
61	66	59	63

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

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Missions: \$442

**Acme Community Cashback and Box Tops:** Collections are wrapping up for our annual fundraising with the Acme Community Cashback receipts. The Box Tops collection is on-going. There are envelopes in the foyer for both. Thank you for your support!

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

**Junior Church:** Junior church classes resumed on 1/3 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.

**Scrapbooking:** The group will be meeting on Saturday 2/13 from 10am to 6pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack or drink to share. Face masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

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

**"Senior Moment" Group Outing:** There are no scheduled events for February. Check the future newsletters for possible get-togethers. Until we are able to meet again in person, please continue to reach out to each other and encourage one another.

**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 February. 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.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	<p><i>"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:2</i></p>					

BIRTHDAYS:	
2/3	Jim Rummer
2/4	Wauneta Ritchie
2/6	Aaron Elliott
2/11	Kayla Elliott
2/11	Paige Wilson
2/14	Chris Hodge
2/14	Hannah Weinsheimer
2/22	Lynett Caplinger
2/22	Kevin Sapper
2/23	Marjorie Easterday
2/23	Derek Jenkin
2/25	Sue Durst
2/25	Mandi Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES:	
2/5	Barb & Dan Hughey
2/25	Dan & Jackie Washburn

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](mailto: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

*"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*  
Galatians 2:20

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 19<sup>th</sup> Century Pastor Robert Murray M'Cheyne in Scotland.

**FEB 1:** Gen. 33; Mark 4; Esther 9-10; Rom. 4  
**FEB 2:** Gen. 34; Mark 5; Job 1; Rom. 5  
**FEB 3:** Gen. 35-36; Mark 6; Job 2; Rom. 6  
**FEB 4:** Gen. 37; Mark 7; Job 3; Rom. 7  
**FEB 5:** Gen. 38; Mark 8; Job 4; Rom. 8  
**FEB 6:** Gen. 39; Mark 9; Job 5; Rom. 9  
**FEB 7:** Gen. 40; Mark 10; Job 6; Rom. 10  
**FEB 8:** Gen. 41; Mark 11; Job 7; Rom. 11  
**FEB 9:** Gen. 42; Mark 12; Job 8; Rom. 12  
**FEB 10:** Gen. 43; Mark 13; Job 9; Rom. 13

**FEB 11:** Gen. 44; Mark 14; Job 10; Rom. 14  
**FEB 12:** Gen. 45; Mark 15; Job 11; Rom. 15  
**FEB 13:** Gen. 46; Mark 16; Job 12; Rom. 16  
**FEB 14:** Gen. 47; Luke 1:1-38; Job 13; 1 Cor. 1  
**FEB 15:** Gen. 48; Luke 1:39-80; Job 14; 1 Cor. 2  
**FEB 16:** Gen. 49; Luke 2; Job 15; 1 Cor. 3  
**FEB 17:** Gen. 50; Luke 3; Job 16-17; 1 Cor. 4  
**FEB 18:** Exod. 1; Luke 4; Job 18; 1 Cor. 5  
**FEB 19:** Exod. 2; Luke 5; Job 19; 1 Cor. 6  
**FEB 20:** Exod. 3; Luke 6; Job 20; 1 Cor. 7

**FEB 21:** Exod. 4; Luke 7; Job 21; 1 Cor. 8  
**FEB 22:** Exod. 5; Luke 8; Job 22; 1 Cor. 9  
**FEB 23:** Exod. 6; Luke 9; Job 23; 1 Cor. 10  
**FEB 24:** Exod. 7; Luke 10; Job 24; 1 Cor. 11  
**FEB 25:** Exod. 8; Luke 11; Job 25-26; 1 Cor. 12  
**FEB 26:** Exod. 9; Luke 12; Job 27; 1 Cor. 13  
**FEB 27:** Exod. 10; Luke 13; Job 28; 1 Cor. 14  
**FEB 28:** Exod. 11:1-12:21; Luke 14; Job 29; 1 Cor. 15

Scripture list courtesy of  
<http://www.edginet.org/mcheyne/info.html>

## Kids Korner



"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

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: 11am

*Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus*