



# The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Abraham was old. Isaac was insecure.  
Leah was unattractive. Joseph was a slave.  
Moses had a speech impediment. Gideon was fearful.  
Rahab was a prostitute. David was an adulterer.  
Elijah was suicidal. Jeremiah was depressed.  
Jonah was disobedient. Naomi was a widow.  
Mary was a poor widow. Peter was impulsive.  
Martha was a worrywart. The Samaritan woman had five marriages.  
Thomas was a doubter. Paul had poor health.  
Timothy was timid. John the Baptist was eccentric.

No matter how long I am a Christian, God's grace continues to amaze me. In truth, the longer I follow Christ, the more astounded I am at how God would love a sinner like me, how He would invite me into His kingdom, and that He would use me to preach His Word to His people.

Maybe you feel like it's too late to start following or serving God. Maybe you say, "I'm too old. I've made too many mistakes. I'm a nobody. I don't have any talents. I don't have a lot of money or resources. I'm not qualified." Beloved, take a look at the names above. The fact is, God chose some of the most unlikely candidates to be a part of His story. He chose some of the most broken, dysfunctional, and damaged people. He saved them and equipped them to do great things for His glory.

That's why we shouldn't be surprised, that when God wants to start a national prison ministry He chooses an ex-con named Charles Colson. When God wants to teach us about joy, He uses a quadriplegic named Joni Eareckson Tada. When God wants to teach us about grace and hope, He uses a struggling addict named Josh Hamilton. Because that's the kind of God He is. The Apostle Paul put it this way:

*Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. <sup>27</sup> Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. <sup>28</sup> God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. <sup>29</sup> As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.*

*<sup>30</sup> God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:26-31 NLT).*

God isn't done with you yet Christian. His grace is sufficient for the long haul. Put your trust in Him, start serving Him today, and never give up.

Peace and Goodwill,  
Nathan Robinson

## Events & Information

### Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

12/26	1/02	1/09	1/16	1/23
55	73	72	91	66

*“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:**            **Weekly Need:**  
 General: \$3,300            Missions: \$442

**Church Directory:** There is a master copy in the foyer to review. Please add or edit your information. Any questions, see Cindy Weaver.

**Scrapbooking:** The group will be meeting on Saturday 2/26 from 10am to 5pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a gallon drink and/or snack to share.

**B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item:** Macaroni and Cheese, and Spaghetti Sauce. Please place items in the kitchen inside the BACM box.

**“Senior Moment”:** We will meet at Fa-Ray’s for lunch at noon. Please let Karen Rummer know by Feb. 13 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, as there are classes for Pre-K, grades K to 5, grades 6 to 12, and Adult’s Study. 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.

**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 Dan Conway.

**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, PO BOX 13866, Akron, OH 44334.

**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.

(Youth Ministry events located on last page)

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Help me, LORD my God; save me according to your unfailing love." Psalm 109:26</i></p>		<p><b>1</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>2</b> WNL</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>9</b> WNL</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Super Bowl Party</p>	<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Day</p>	<p><b>15</b> Women's Bible Study  "Senior Moment"</p>	<p><b>16</b> WNL</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>21</b> President's Day</p>	<p><b>22</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>23</b> WNL</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Scrapbooking</p>
<p><b>27</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><i>"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." Zeph. 3:17</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

*“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”*

*1 John 3:1*

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.

FEB 1: Mark 12:28-31  
 FEB 2: Luke 6:27-36  
 FEB 3: Romans 12:9-16  
 FEB 4: Romans 13:8-10  
 FEB 5: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7  
 FEB 6: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13  
 FEB 7: Ephesians 4:1-6  
 FEB 8: 1 Peter 4:7-11  
 FEB 9: 1 John 4:7-12  
 FEB 10: 1 John 4:13-16

FEB 11: 1 John 4:17-21  
 FEB 12: John 15:9-13  
 FEB 13: John 3:16-21  
 FEB 14: Deuteronomy 10:12-19  
 FEB 15: Deuteronomy 11:13-15  
 FEB 16: Deuteronomy 11:18-23  
 FEB 17: Matthew 22:37-40  
 FEB 18: Matthew 5:43-45  
 FEB 19: John 13:34-35  
 FEB 20: John 14:15-21

FEB 21: Romans 5:1-8  
 FEB 22: Romans 8:28-30  
 FEB 23: Micah 6:8  
 FEB 24: 1 John 2:15-17  
 FEB 25: 1 John 3:1-3  
 FEB 26: Hebrews 10:24-25  
 FEB 27: Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
 FEB 28: Luke 10:25-28

Scripture list courtesy of [www.swtblessings.com](http://www.swtblessings.com)

## Kids Korner



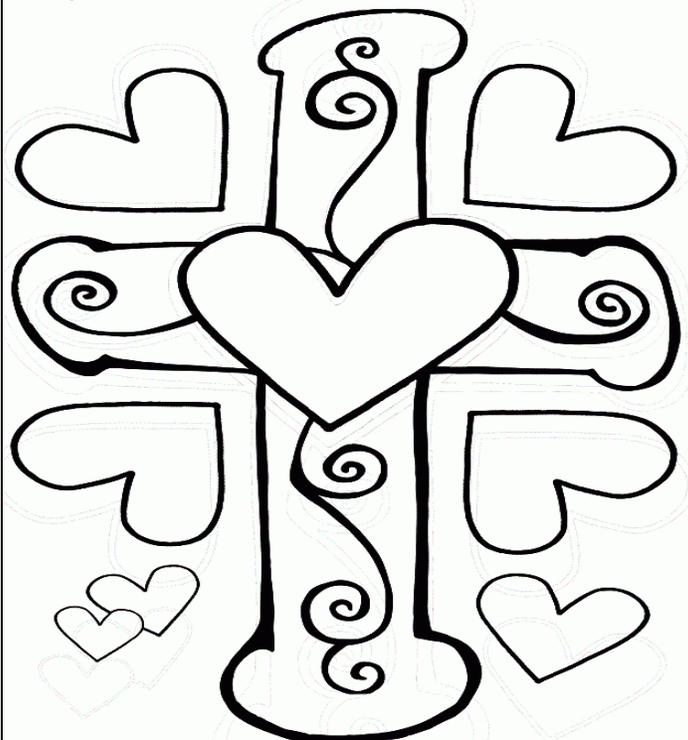
**“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”**

**1 Peter 4:8**

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

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For you to color:



*Jesus Brings Salvation*

## Connect with Us



*Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus*

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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

**Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group:** Events or activities are being planned, so stay tuned during Sunday worship for any announcements.

**Super Bowl Party:** Sunday 2/13 at 6pm. There will be a main course provided. Bring a side dish to share with the group. Activities are planned along with watching the game. Invite your friends!!

### Message from Dan:

Reading through Exodus brings up really good memories for me. In particular, I love rereading Exodus while listening to the *Prince of Egypt* soundtrack. The #8 song, "The Burning Bush", in particular is one of my favorites. Just a pure song of background music for reading. The nostalgia evoked makes reading the plagues, the Ten Commandments, and other Exodus plot points more special each time I focus on Exodus. Picturing the story by re-watching moments from *Prince of Egypt* also helps. One of my jobs in youth ministry is to take Exodus and make it as memorable for the kids as it is for me. Yes, it's hard to compete with the *Prince of Egypt*, but the goal remains the same. When students get older, they remember the lessons and stories taught to them in their formative years, and as they reread their Bibles, they work out their faiths and have them deepened because of these experiences.

Some highlights from an interesting start to 2022. We had a cupcake wars which was an absolute blast! Kathy Rummer and Mary Bradford ran the kitchen and had a lot of fun working with the students. In a miracle win, super senior Liz Busch built the best looking cupcake (There was no photo taken- sorry, it was a missed opportunity.). Liz was voted winner by her peers as well as the judges, so congrats to her.

I could use a couple of people to watch the nursery on Sunday mornings. The babies are easy to watch and big into smiling and playing. The key is right now I have a few students who are watching them every week and that is not fair to the girls, so if you are interested in helping in the nursery, please let me know.

**VBS - Its coming!** Monday June 13th is the day it starts, but so much pre-work goes into that. Please let me know if you're interested in helping with a banner, balloons or any part of the process. All help is welcomed!