



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Blessings to all! Because I can't stand the excitement, I'm jumping right out of the gate with a special announcement. After much prayer and consideration, the leadership of Southwest Church of Christ has decided to search for an Associate Minister. You may know that this was first mentioned at our last congregational meeting in November 2018, but we are now officially seeking a full-time support staff member.

As an Associate Minister, the primary responsibilities of the position will be "to cultivate the students and families of Southwest Church of Christ into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ." His role will be to edify and teach the congregation as a support to the Preaching Minister. We believe there is a need for a staff member to oversee the growth and development of our youth ministry at Southwest. However, we have chosen to pursue a position that not only focuses on youth ministry, but will implement discipleship that holistically ministers to children, youth and families. This will be accomplished through casting and implementing a vision for family discipleship, recruiting and training volunteers for ministry, and overseeing the ministries to fruition.

We are excited about the prospects of the multiplied ministry and growth another staff member can have on our church and in our community! Therefore, I want to challenge you in this process, that you would seek God's guidance with us in the search process. It may sound like something the preacher is supposed to say, but I'm convinced it is essential that we seek God's guidance in this course. Currently, our search team is praying every single morning at 8am, requesting that God will raise up the right man for the position – a man of godly character, a student of the Scriptures, a person who will effectively match our congregation's DNA and mesh with our current leadership. I humbly ask that you pray during that time as well (and at other times too)!

Would you consider praying for three C's? **Character, competence and chemistry.** These are essential traits for developing a healthy staff team. We want the **character** of the man to be consistent with his calling. As Solomon wrote: "*The integrity of the upright guides them*" (Proverbs 11:3). He must be a **competent** individual, with the proven skill set to do what he is asked to do. Again, wise Solomon wrote: "*My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you*" (Proverbs 3:21-22). Finally, the candidate must have the **chemistry** to work with our current staff and elders, as well as effectively minister to our community. As the Apostle wrote: "*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace*" (Ephesians 4:2-3). During this exciting time in the life of Southwest Church, above all, our desire is to have God's blessing and guidance in this search!

Peace and Goodwill,

Nathan A. Robinson

Monthly Figures

Date	General	Missions	Building	Benevolent	Attendance
12/30	3046	405	55	95	89
1/6	2159	345	55	140	104
1/13	3052	704	55	85	97
1/20	0	0	0	0	0
Average:	2752	485	55	107	97

Weekly Need: General: \$3,047

Monthly Need: Missions: \$1,915

Deacon's List:

Chair: Woody Wilson
Audio/Visual: Jared Friedrichsen
Secretary: Mike Bunn
Parsonage: Woody Wilson
Maintenance: Lynn Hounshel
Special Projects: TBD, usually Woody, Lynn, and Phil Friedrichsen
Benevolence: Paul Carr and Tony Storad
Church (Building): Lynn Hounshel

Women's Retreat: The spring women's retreat at Round Lake will be held on March 30, from 8:30am to 3:15pm. The theme this year is "Living in Truth and Grace". The speaker is Julie Gariss, appearing as Gladys Frump. We will leave Southwest at 7:30am and return by 5:00pm. Your registration form and a check made out to RLCC for \$40 is due to Karen Rummer by Sunday, February 24, or you can register online at www.roundlake.org. Drivers are needed.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: On Thursday, February 14, we will be enjoying lunch at Hartville Kitchen. Meet us at 10:15am to carpool, or meet us there at 11:00am. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members served at the soup kitchen on January 10. The next opportunity to join the group will be on February 21. Thank you for your willingness to serve for Christ's kingdom!

Scrapbooking: There will be a meeting on Saturday, February 16 from 9:30am until 5:00pm. All scrappers or crafters are welcome to be a part of the fun!

Acme receipts and Box Tops for Education: the Acme Community Cashback has ended. The Box Tops for Education will be collected until the end of February.

Jr. and Sr. High Super Bowl: On Sunday, February 3, beginning at 6:00pm in the parsonage. Girls should bring a sweet snack, and boys should bring chips to share. Any questions, please see Jared or Caroline Friedrichsen.

Wednesday Night Live: The WNL program begins at 5:30pm with dinner and fellowship; followed by study groups starting at 6:30pm. All ages are encouraged to attend, as there are classes for Pre-K, grades K to 6, grades 7 to 12, Women's Study, and Men's Study.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item for February: canned dinners (ravioli, beef stew, or chili with meat)

Rahab Ministries: There is a box under the coat rack by the fellowship hall for donations. The items most needed for this ministry are: Life Recovery Bibles, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, body wash, deodorant, ground coffee, paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, laundry detergent and liquid fabric softener.

Looking for support? Elders are available after every Sunday worship service to speak with you regarding prayer requests or offer spiritual guidance for your concerns.



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WEEKLY WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

Tuesday Women's Bible Study 10am

Wednesday Night Live 5:30 to 7:30pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Jeremiah 31:3</i></p>					1	2 Groundhog Day
3 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Super Bowl Event</i>	4	5 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	6 <i>WNL</i>	7 <i>Soup Kitchen</i>	8	9
10 <i>Deacon's Meeting</i>	11	12 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	13 <i>WNL</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>"Senior Moment"</i>	15	16 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
17	18 <i>President's Day</i>	19 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	20 <i>WNL</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	27 <i>WNL</i>	28	<p><i>"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." 1Peter 4:8</i></p>	

BIRTHDAYS:	
2/3	Jim Rummer
2/4	Wauneta Ritchie
2/6	Aaron Elliott
2/7	Amanda Bressi
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, and I will gladly include your information.

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