



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Well, here we go again. Another year has turned on the calendar, leaving many of us rejoicing and once again hoping we can leave the previous year in the dust. For a great deal of us, we carried over the bad memories and effects of 2020 into 2021, somewhat like after suffering from a night of all-you-can-eat crab legs at the sketchy buffet: You feel a little better in the morning, but you can't forget that it was a rough night. We had hoped things would improve, that life would get back to normal, but sadly it did not. So, I am certain there are more than a few folks who would simply like to say "good riddance" to 2021.

Of course, if you were in New York City on December 28th, you could have officially bid 2021 good riddance and celebrated Good Riddance Day. That's right, it is an official event held every year in Times Square. Participants are encouraged to write down a list of all their worst memories and experiences, foolish mistakes and dumb choices, the ones that have been hanging over their heads, and then ram the paper down the shredder. If that's not enough of an emotional release, sledgehammers are available.

In one sense, this sounds appealing, not to mention fun. Sometimes we need to say "good riddance" to the pain and hurt and suffering of the past. We have to find the fortitude to let go of our resentments, the courage to cast off our bitterness, and the faith to unshackle ourselves from discouragement and fear. We must learn to let some things go. We must also learn to forgive those who have offended or hurt us. Because until we can do those things, we can never move forward in victory and freedom.

Let me pose an idea for the New Year: Rather than saying "good riddance" to 2021, maybe we should make 2022 a "Year of Good Riddance." Let's chart a course for the New Year, in which we say farewell to our past sins and closet struggles, we bid bon voyage to resentments, bitterness, rationalizations, critical spirits, and pride. And as we say "good riddance" to those things, let us ask God to give us a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit, an extra measure of mercy, and a fresh imparting of His amazing grace into our lives and relationships. Let's chart a course for 2022 that is filled with "*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*" (Galatians 5:22-23 CSB).

Let's choose to walk in faith over fear, with trust in our trials, with our eyes on Christ, trusting that whatever happens in Washington D.C., the sports stadium, our communities, and even our homes, we have hope in an "*inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for (us)*" (1 Peter 1:14 CSB). Let's be like Jesus this year, full of grace and truth, and abounding in steadfast love.

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

11/28	12/5	12/12	12/19
53	0	0	59

“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

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 1/22 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: Canned soups. Please place items in the kitchen inside BACM box.

“Senior Moment”: Winter Potluck at church at 12 noon on Tuesday 1/18. Guest speaker will be author Annette Palmer. Please bring your favorite food to share, and either canned goods for BACM or a \$ donation for Rahab Ministries. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

WNL: Dinner begins at 5:30, 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.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: We will resume on 1/11 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)

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh."</i> Ezekiel 11:19</p>						<p>1 New Year's Day</p>
2	3	4	5 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	6	7	8
9 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	10	11 Women's Bible Study	12 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	13	14	15
16 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Cupcake Wars	17 Martin Luther King Day	18 Women's Bible Study "Senior Moment"	19 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	20	21	22 Scrapbooking
23 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	24	25 Women's Bible Study	26 WNL	27	28	29
30 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	31					

BIRTHDAYS:	
1/5	Carla Friedrichsen
1/9	Cathy Ross
1/16	Bob Klein
1/17	Barb Hughey
1/19	Linda Sechler
1/21	Alice Gerbig
1/22	Adelyn Kriston
1/24	Deb Martin
1/25	Joel Martin
1/30	Dick Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:	
1/7	Dave & Chris Hodge
1/17	Phil & Carla Friedrichsen

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

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

1 Peter 1:3

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.

- JAN 1: Isaiah 43:16-19
 JAN 2: Lamentations 3:22-26
 JAN 3: Ecclesiastes 3:11-15
 JAN 4: Psalm 98:1-9
 JAN 5: Psalm 90:12-17
 JAN 6: Jeremiah 29:11-14
 JAN 7: Philippians 3:7-14
 JAN 8: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 JAN 9: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 JAN 10: Mark 12:28-33
- JAN 11: Ezekiel 36:24-28
 JAN 12: 1 Chronicles 16:8-14
 JAN 13: Colossians 3:12-17
 JAN 14: Hebrews 12:7-13
 JAN 15: Isaiah 40:28-31
 JAN 16: Philippians 4:4-9
 JAN 17: Luke 14:28-35
 JAN 18: Romans 12:1-8
 JAN 19: Romans 12:9-16
 JAN 20: Romans 12:17-21
- JAN 21: Psalm 37:1-6
 JAN 22: Psalm 37:7-11
 JAN 23: Psalm 37:18-19, 23-24, 27-28
 JAN 24: 2 Peter 1:1-4
 JAN 25: 2 Peter 1:5-11
 JAN 26: Romans 8:18-25
 JAN 27: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
 JAN 28: Psalm 27:1-4
 JAN 29: Psalm 27:5-8
 JAN 30: Psalm 27:9-14
- JAN 31: “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” Psalm 119:18

Scripture list courtesy of www.swtblessings.com

Kids Korner

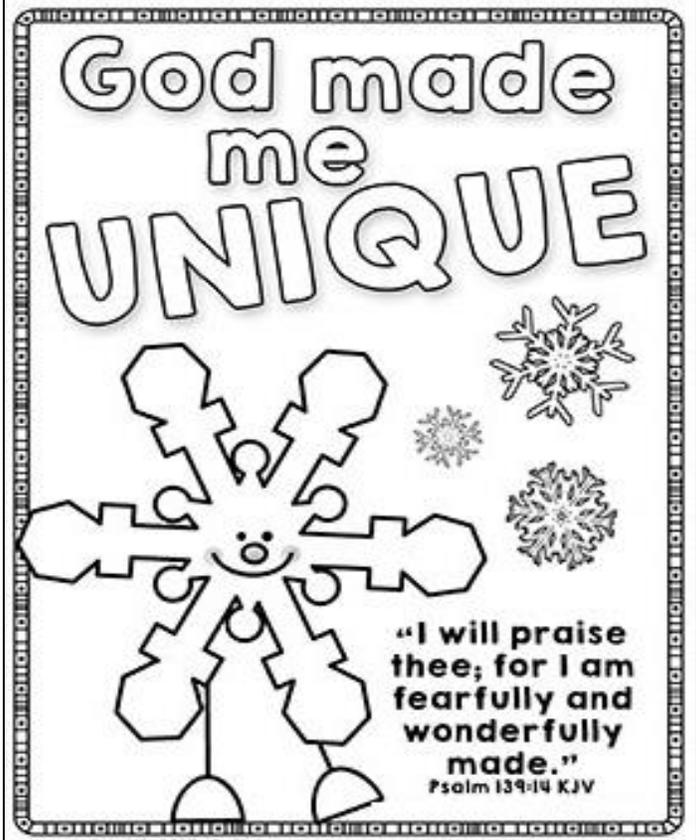


“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
2 Corinthians 5:17

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: 10am

Youth Ministry

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.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: Shortened month for Sunday Youth Group and WNL get-togethers. See calendar.

Message from Dan:

December was a roller coaster month in the youth group. We had some really great fun moments, and we had to shut down like the rest of the building did. While the building was closed students were able to stay in contact with both myself and each other through texting and other communication. They really are a close knit group. It is so much fun to work with the students, as you never know what you are going to get.

Craft Night - Can I brag about Mary Bradford? Mary is really good in an area that quite frankly, I am not. Mary organizes these craft nights and every so often we get the opportunity to turn her vision into a fun filled night. This craft was decorating Christmas ornaments and it went better than expected, mostly because Mary was in charge. On craft night my job is to stay out of the way, provide encouragement, and of course make the snacks. Proverbs 22:29 *"Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank"*.

Christmas party - What to say about the Christmas party? There was a lot of merriment involved and it was the youth's party, so double win. We talked about Christ's birth in Luke 2, played games, ate good food, and bonded together. I love these kids, they are why I breathe, and working with them in a party style atmosphere is the best feeling in the world. The Christmas story in Luke 2 was read to the kids.

Dance recital - I also want to give a shout out to Victoria and Julia Friedrichsen. They both were part of a dance show connected with Praise His Name with Dancing. The show was called: Jesus the Priceless Gift. The show showed their natural talent of dancing and used it to worship the Savior. Psalm 149:3 *"Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with timbrel and harp"*.

What is next - In January we will have a Cupcake Wars event on Sunday January 16th from 6-8pm. The youth program will bake and decorate cupcakes, there will be a winner (they get a gift card). But the night's real winner will be local fire and police departments as they will get the extra cupcakes. It will be a wild and crazy night and I could use a judge (channel your Christian Gordon Ramsey), and a kitchen helper (if I'm in charge of the kitchen something bad will happen you know it, I know it- please help!). Please text me, call me, send me a Facebook message, or just say Dan I want to help at Church on Sunday.



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

