



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God” (Phil. 1:3 NLT).

For 17 years, my family and I have been deeply blessed to call Southwest Church of Christ our home. Southwest has been our family, our support system, our community, and our church. We have sojourned the road toward heaven together; traversing joys and sorrows, seasons of new life and seasons of loss, and times of happiness and hardship, all while striving to keep our eyes on Jesus and point one another to Him.

By this time, most of you know that God has directed our steps to serve at Clayton Christian Church in Clayton, IN. The decision to heed this call has been bittersweet; filled with sorrow and grief, mixed with a hopeful anticipation of God’s work in both churches. And while our family goes to pour our heart into another work, please know that much of our heart will remain at home here. With all the relationships we have built, and the generosity you have shown us, we leave with hearts full of joy and gratitude.

Thank you for being a church that showed me grace. Over the course of 17 years, much ministry has been done and many sermons have been preached. None of it was done perfectly, and because of that you have extended considerable grace in my mistakes, my failures, my unaccomplished goals, and my imperfect relationships. You have lived out Ephesians 4:32, *“be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another . . .”* (NLT).

Thank you for being a church that helped me become a better minister. Your prayers have been more encouraging and humbling than you know – each one coveted. The lessons learned over the past 17 years are innumerable, and for that I am grateful. You have helped me become a better *“minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed”* (1 Tim. 4:6 NIV).

Thank you for being a church that treated my family as your own. Since the beginning of our service at Southwest, you have never treated my children different than any other child. You have loved them, taught them, encouraged them, and even scolded them when necessary! You have contributed to the strength of our marriage by encouraging us to make it a priority. You have embodied Romans 12:10, *“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other”* (NLT).

Thank you for being a church that stands on the Word of God. Southwest is devoted to the Scriptures. Beloved, I charge you to remain committed to the Scriptures as the source of all truth and authority. We must all *“pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it”* (Heb. 2:1 NRSV).

Thank you for being a church that taught me how to love like Jesus. It has been a blessing to be loved by Southwest Church of Christ. You have been our spiritual mothers and fathers, our surrogate aunts and uncles, and our friends. You have taught us the true nature of biblical love. We have made memories with you that are irreplaceable; memories that will last a lifetime. For these, and so many more, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. And it is our prayer that you will continue to be the church family who exhibits Christ’s command to: *“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”* (John 13:34 NIV).

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In Christ’s love,
Nathan A. Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

5/29	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26
72	92	98	71	81

“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: \$3,600 Missions: \$442

Church Luncheon: Please join us on Sunday, July 10 immediately following service as we honor the Robinson family with a meal in the fellowship hall. More information will be available in the Sunday bulletins prior to the event.

Women’s Retreat: At Round Lake Christian Camp on Saturday, September 10 from 9am to 2:30pm. Cost is \$40 per person. Registration forms are in the foyer, or you can register online at www.roundlake.org. Let Karen Rummer know if you would like to carpool.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item for May: breakfast items (non-perishable only please) and Ramen noodles. Place items in the kitchen inside the BACM box.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on July 9 from 10am to 4pm. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverages to drink.

“Senior Moment”: On Tuesday, July 19 at noon. Picnic at Silver Creek Metro Park off Hametown Road in the Pheasant Run Shelter. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverages. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

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.

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members will be helping on Tuesday, August 2. Thank you for your willingness to serve for Christ’s kingdom! Any questions, see Terry Trump.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: Tuesday mornings at 10am will be a devotion and prayer time through the summer, beginning the first week of June. 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, One Center for Leadership, 901 Tuscarawas Street, E. Canton, OH 44707

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. In addition, if you are sick or unable to make it to worship due to your health concerns, we would love to bring communion to you and have someone pray with you. Please contact the church and let us know how we may serve you.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe." Galatians 3:22</i></p>					1	2
3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
10 <i>Church Luncheon</i>	11	12 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	13 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	18	19 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> <i>Senior Moment</i>	20 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i> 31	25	26 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	27 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	28	29	30

BIRTHDAYS:	
7/2	Sophia Hershberger
7/10	Michael Berube
7/13	Darlene Scott
7/14	Russ Mercer
7/14	Kevin Weaver
7/15	Debbie Easterday
7/17	Delaney Robinson
7/25	Dan Hughey
7/28	Julia Friedrichsen
7/29	Matt Robinson
7/30	Lynn Hounshel
7/30	Rodney Webb

ANNIVERSARIES:	
7/3	Russ & Karen Mercer
7/6	Eric & Katie Geimer
7/12	Dick & Linda Smith
7/17	Jim & Karen Rummer
7/22	Lynn & Chris Hounshel
7/22	Nathan & Crystal Robinson
7/24	Joel & Debbie Martin
7/26	Billi & Mindie Cromer
7/30	Mike & Peggy Giovanni
7/30	Kevin & Angie Sapper

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

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

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.

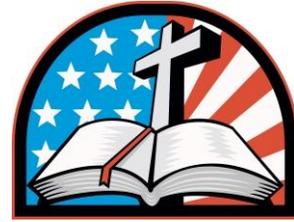
JULY 1: Psalm 33:6-12
 JULY 2: 1 Peter 2:9-17
 JULY 3: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18
 JULY 4: Galatians 5:1-15
 JULY 5: John 8:31-42
 JULY 6: John 8:43-59
 JULY 7: Romans 6:1-11
 JULY 8: Romans 6:12-23
 JULY 9: Romans 8:1-11
 JULY 10: Romans 8:12-18

JULY 11: Romans 8:19-30
 JULY 12: Isaiah 61:1-6
 JULY 13: Isaiah 61:7-11
 JULY 14: Luke 4:14-21
 JULY 15: Acts 1:1-11
 JULY 16: Acts 1:12-26
 JULY 17: Acts 2:1-13
 JULY 18: Acts 2:14-21
 JULY 19: Acts 2:22-35
 JULY 20: Acts 2:36-47

JULY 21: Acts 3:1-11
 JULY 22: Acts 3:12-26
 JULY 23: Acts 4:1-12
 JULY 24: Acts 4:13-22
 JULY 25: Acts 4:23-31
 JULY 26: Acts 4:32-37
 JULY 27: Acts 5:1-11
 JULY 28: Acts 5:12-26
 JULY 29: Acts 5:27-42
 JULY 30: Acts 6:1-7
 JULY 31: Acts 6:8-15

Scripture list courtesy of www.littlefaithblog.com

Kids Korner

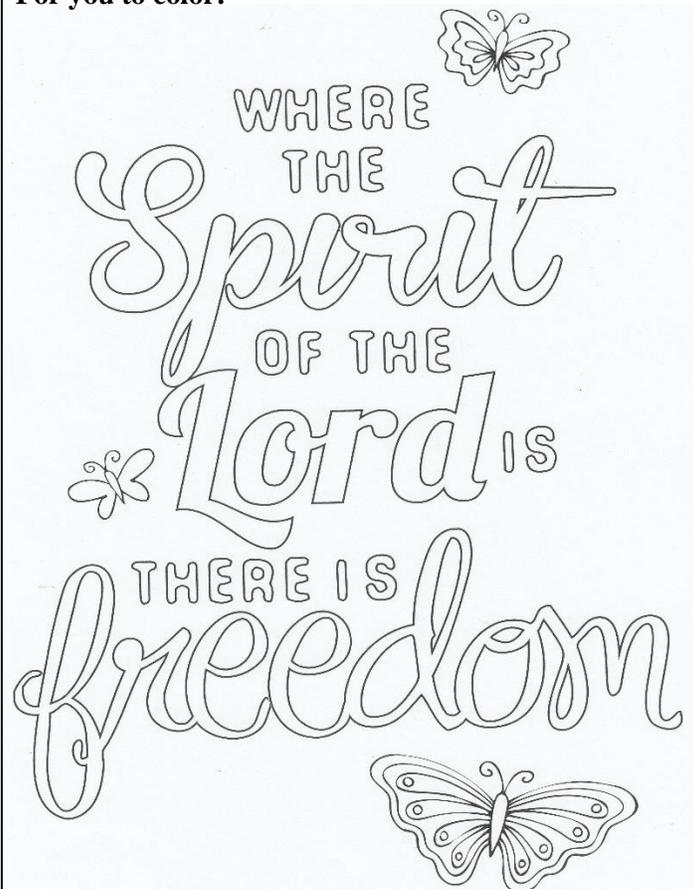


**"For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,
 And His truth endures to all generations."
 Psalm 100:5**

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

Slip and Slide Kickball: Originally scheduled for 7/10, it will be moved to another date. Stay tuned!

Car Maintenance – Youth Group: During our regular meeting time on 7/17, we will be learning a few basic car maintenance skills from Mr. Busch. Even if you are not currently a driver, it is always good to know how to change a tire and check your fluids!

Message from Dan:

You have one. I have one as well. In fact I'd wager to say most people in the United States have one. What is that *one* you ask? A favorite ice cream flavor. For me, it is peanut butter and chocolate chip from your local UDF. As a Buckeye fan from Ohio, combining peanut butter and chocolate is one of the best tasting things you can ever have, and that is why it's my favorite ice cream flavor. At some point this month walk up to me and let me know what your favorite is. I'm always willing to try something new.

When people talk about ice cream, they usually mention how much they love it. In fact, it's rare to talk about ice cream we don't like, because we are typically talking about the flavor we *do* like. It reminds me of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."*

As a joke I've had students read this passage replacing the word love with ice cream. "Ice cream is patient, ice cream is kind," etc. It usually gets a laugh, but it is also a lesson for the kids. Another way I teach this exercise is to replace the person's name you are dating, with the word love. Are they patient, kind, do they rejoice with truth, are they not easily angered? Are you those things for them? Ice cream is always there for you. Are you there for others?

Highlight of the Month:

We just completed VBS and so many people deserve to be highlighted. Whether you did a craft, a game, a lesson, walked the little ones from station to station, carried someone from station to station, danced with the songs, took pictures, etc.; **thank you so much!** VBS would not be possible without the dozens of hours that people put into it. Also, thank you again to those of you who were praying for us. We needed those prayers! It was a great week and that was because God was there, and He got us to be a team.