



# The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Joshua is one of my favorite Old Testament heroes. He was the man God chose to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. He displayed incredible strength, amazing courage, powerful faith, and confident leadership. However, when his life was finished, after all his work and warring, his faithfulness and fighting, listen to what happened:

*“The people served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel. Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten . . . After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel”* (Judges 2:7-8, 10 NIV).

Isn't that heartbreaking? The next verses tell us that the *“Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD;”* that is, they turned their backs on God. As a result, life as they knew it collapsed and everything they fought and worked toward was lost to their enemies.

How did such a tragedy take place? After witnessing such great faith, experiencing countless signs and wonders, and winning so many victories, Joshua and his generation dropped **the baton of faith** between one generation and the next. Sadly, we seem to be living in an age, in which we are witnesses of the baton of faith being dropped in real time – right before our eyes. It might be said of us that, *“another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for (His Church).”*

No runner wants to be guilty of dropping the baton. If four runners are each running a leg of a relay race, passing the baton is just as important as running hard. Passing the baton well can make the difference in winning and losing. The same should be said in the Church – passing the baton of faith is essential to the health and growth of God's Kingdom. This idea inspired the Apostle Paul to pen these words to his disciple Timothy, a young man of whom he was passing the baton of faith:

*“Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others”* (2 Timothy 2:1-2 NLT).

The Church has been entrusted with the grave responsibility of passing the baton from minister to minister, from elders to new elders, from teachers to new teachers, from one generation to the next. Business writer Peter Wendell says, “You might have great people in both generations but if you can't ‘pass the baton’ from one generation to the next, your organization is ‘toast.’”

Beloved, may it not be said of us that, *“another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for (His Church).”* I am convinced that the Bible teaches every believer that we **all** bear the responsibility of passing the baton of faith to future generations, beginning in our homes, continuing in our church, and reaching into the world.

***Who are you passing the baton to? Make sure and pass it well!***

Peace and Goodwill,  
Nathan Robinson

## Events & Information

### Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22
78	112	94	86

*“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:**

General: \$3,600

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Missions: \$442

**Graduation Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Join us in celebrating our three high school seniors this year: Victoria Friedrichsen (Northwest), Maddie Mitchell (Barberton) and Matthew Robinson (Chippewa). Congratulations!!

**Vacation Bible School:** Monday June 13 - Friday the 17. Set up day – 6/5 after Church (Anyone that wants to help please bring global decorations, flags, globes, maps, unique overseas items that you own, etc., or pray for us throughout the week). Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join the fun and learn about Jesus!

**B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item for May:** Peanut butter, canned meat (chicken, tuna, or salmon). Place items in the kitchen inside the BACM box.

**APS summer donation needs:** Children’s 3T to 5T summer clothes and pajamas. If anyone would like to help, please leave your donation in Cindy’s office, now through June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Scrapbooking:** The group will not be meeting for the month of June. Next meeting will be July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**“Senior Moment”:** There will not be a meeting for the month of June.

**Soup Kitchen:** Southwest members will be helping on Tuesday 5/31. 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.

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4</i>			<b>1</b> <i>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>14</b> <b>VBS</b> <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<b>15</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>16</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>17</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Youth Group Event</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</i>	<b>30</b>	<i>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8</i>	

## BIRTHDAYS:

6/1	Brian Caplinger
6/1	Cathy Wilhelm
6/6	Nathan Robinson
6/6	Jacob Webb
6/7	Veronica Phy
6/15	Heather Kriston
6/17	Keith Kriston
6/20	Jackie Washburn
6/20	Jerrilynn McCoy
6/26	Willis Jones
6/26	Tony Storad
6/27	Paul Carr
6/27	Melinda Hershberger
6/27	Kristen Martin
6/27	Sarah Susong
6/29	Scott Jenkin

6/29 Peggy Giovani

6/30 Brian Busch

## ANNIVERSARIES:

6/2	Scott & Missy Jenkin
6/5	Willis & Joni Jones
6/6	Rick & Cherie Mitchell
6/7	Woody & Mandy Wilson
6/10	Rodney & Shanon Webb
6/16	Don & Kristy Berube
6/24	Delbert & Linda Sechler

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

*“<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

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.

- JUNE 1: Joshua 4:5-7
- JUNE 2: Jeremiah 31:3-6
- JUNE 3: 2 Corinthians 1:18-20
- JUNE 4: 2 Corinthians 1:21-24
- JUNE 5: Luke 12:22-26
- JUNE 6: Psalm 42:1-5
- JUNE 7: Psalm 42:6-11
- JUNE 8: Psalm 143:1-5
- JUNE 9: Psalm 143:6-12
- JUNE 10: Psalm 150:1-6
  
- JUNE 11: Psalm 147:1-6
- JUNE 12: Psalm 147:7-11
- JUNE 13: Psalm 147:12-16
- JUNE 14: Psalm 147:17-20
- JUNE 15: Exodus 20:1-6
- JUNE 16: Exodus 20:7-11
- JUNE 17: Exodus 20:12-17
- JUNE 18: Proverbs 22:1-6
- JUNE 19: Proverbs 22:7-12
- JUNE 20: Colossians 3:18-21
  
- JUNE 21: Colossians 3:22-25
- JUNE 22: Psalm 103:1-5
- JUNE 23: Psalm 103:6-12
- JUNE 24: Psalm 103:13-17
- JUNE 25: Psalm 103:18-22
- JUNE 26: Psalm 95:1-7
- JUNE 27: Psalm 139:1-6
- JUNE 28: Psalm 139:7-12
- JUNE 29: Psalm 139:13-18
- JUNE 30: Psalm 139:19-24

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

## Kids Korner

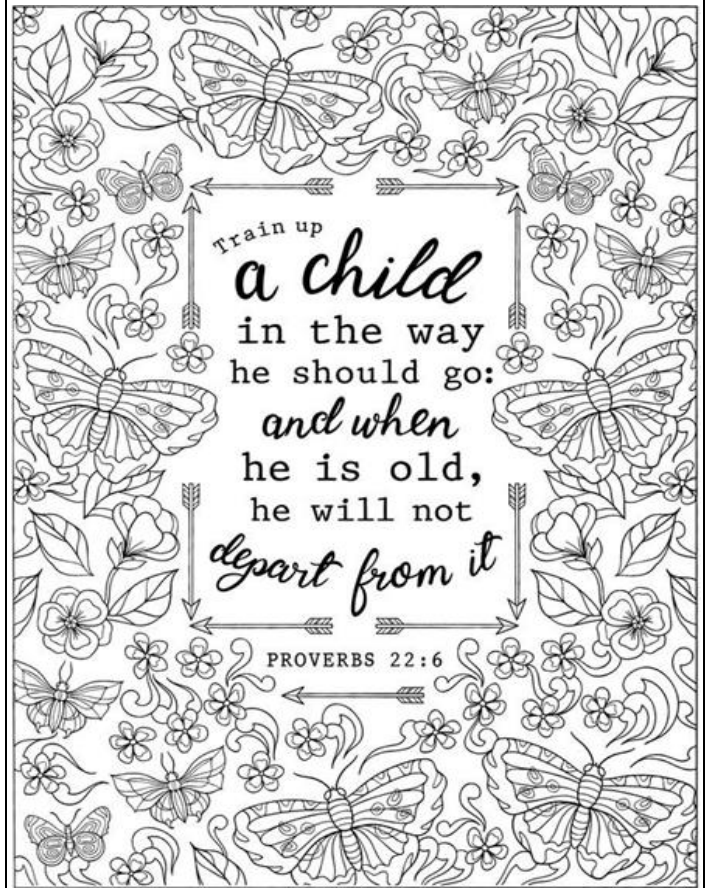


“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”  
Proverbs 22:6

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

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For you to color:



## Connect with Us



*Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus*

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Jared Friedrichsen, Worship Minister  
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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

**Round Lake Summer Camp:** June 26th - July 1st. We are dropping off Delaney Robinson and Julia Friedrichsen. There is still time to sign up if you would like to go create some awesome memories of your own.

**Capture the Flag youth event:** June 24 from 7:30 to 10:30pm. We will play during the daylight, then get things organized to start glow-in-the-dark at 9pm with sunset. Please pray for safety!

### **Message from Dan:**

This past month in the youth group we've talked about and studied Christian women who made a difference for the Gospel. Names like Betty Greene (One of the founders of Missionary Aviation Fellowship), Gladys Alyward (English missionary to China), Amy Carmichael (Irish missionary to India), and Fanny Crosby (A blind songwriter who showed the world a way to Jesus through music).

Betty Greene- Her prayer was "God, I have never heard of anyone who used flying to help spread the Gospel message, but if You want me to fly for You, show me how to make it happen." She had a dream and vision for what God wanted her to do with her life and just wanted Him to show her how to get it done. It reminds me of Acts 10 and Peter talking about reaching the Gentiles (Verses 34-35): *"Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, but accepts from every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right.'"*

Gladys Alyward- "Oh God, here's my Bible. Here's my money. Here's me. Use me God." Gladys was initially rejected from missions work as a woman who struggled with health problems, and yet she fought through that to be exactly who God needed. Exodus 4:11 says, *"The Lord said to him, 'Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.'"* In that story Moses is struggling with his insecurities. Whereas God is saying I will send you.

Amy Carmichael- "It is great to be faced with the impossible, for nothing is impossible if one is meant to do it. Wisdom will be given, and strength. When the Lord leads, He always strengthens." Luke 1:37 says, *"For nothing will be impossible with God."*

Fanny Crosby- "If I had a choice. I would still choose to remain blind. For when I die the first face I will ever see will be the face of my blessed Savior." This reminds me of Philippians 2: 21 that reads, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain."

### **Student Highlights:**

Congrats to Victoria Friedrichsen, Matt Robinson, and Maddie Mitchell as they graduated from high school. Well done you three! The sky is the limit. Keep following Jesus and in the end everything will be worth it.