



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Hope. Hope is one of my favorite words. It even has a nice ring to it doesn't it? I just spoke the word out loud, and it feels good just to say it. But the truth is, the longer we face a daunting challenge or trying circumstances, the harder it is to remain hopeful. When we find ourselves in the middle of life's storms and struggles how do we respond? How do you react amid chaos and difficulties? What keeps you going when life is desperate? What is your support system when life falls apart? The fact is, it is easy place our hope in temporal things: friends, family, money, possessions, and even good health. But friends, those answers simply are not sustainable. Friends will desert you, family members will die, health and wealth will not last forever. So, we had better have something more to support us during desperate times than the temporary, uncertain things of this world.

Nothing has highlighted this reality for our society more than COVID-19 and its accompanying fallout: social isolation, fear, distrust, anxiety, the politicization of . . . everything! Hope used to seem easier when there was light at the end of the tunnel.

However, the good news for the Christian is that there is always light at the end of the tunnel. The Lord Jesus said, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*" (John 8:12 ESV). Beloved, Jesus Christ is our certain and confident hope! Everything else on the planet can or will disappoint you. That's why the Apostle Paul exhorted us:

*We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. **And this hope will not lead to disappointment.** For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love* (Romans 5:3-5 NLT).

Hope in family and friends: disappointment. Hope in a minister or local church: disappointment. Hope in Wall Street: disappointment. Hope in the government: disappointment. Hope in the CDC: disappointment. (Of course I am not saying that we don't make the best of our loved ones, stay connected to a local assembly, invest our money wisely, or take proper medical advice – that would all be unbiblical!) However Christian, I am saying that there is only one hope that is incapable of disappointment – the Lord Jesus Christ! We can utterly and entirely place our hope in Him.

The Creator gave us this great promise: "*I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed*" (Isaiah 49:23 NIV'11). Put your hope in God! Are you disappointed with the current state of your life? Put your hope in God! Are you tempted to despair over the current state of world affairs? Put your hope in God! Are you gripped by anxiety or insecurity over the present? Put your hope in God!

Here is the truth about hope: when we increase our hope for the future, it will increase your power for the present. We know the outcome of the battle. Jesus won the victory at the cross. He won the victory over the grave with the empty tomb, and we have been set free. Our lives are transformed by that hope. We have joy and confidence because, in Christ, we are more than conquerors. "*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure*" (Hebrews 6:19). Now that has a nice ring to it – everlasting light at the end of the tunnel.

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

5/2	5/9	5/16	5/23
83	86	95	87

The monthly figures include only those of our church family who have returned to corporate worship. These numbers do not include those who need to stay home due to their higher vulnerability of contracting COVID-19. For those of you who are watching online – we miss you and cannot wait for the opportunity to worship together!

Your continued financial support is also vital to our church body. Not only are we obligated to provide financially for our ministry staff, but also for our missionaries and benevolence ministry recipients. Prayerfully consider mailing your weekly offering to the church at the address provided at the end of this newsletter, dropping it off at the church's mailbox, or giving 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

Graduation Sunday: Join us Sunday 6/6 to celebrate graduates Kristy Prentice (University of Akron), Elizabeth Busch (Coventry High School/ Portage Lakes Career Center), and Brian Weaver (Chippewa High School).

Jr. & Sr. High trip to Cedar Point: Monday 6/28, cost is \$45 + meals in the park/ per student. More information to follow. Questions, see Dan Conway.

Women's Retreat at Round Lake: Saturday, 9/11 from 8:30 to 4pm, and the cost is \$40 (includes lunch). Becky Hammond will be the speaker "...for such a time as this..." You may register online at www.roundlake.org, or registration forms are in the foyer. We will carpool from Southwest. Please see Karen Rummer with any questions.

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 Nathan Robinson.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: Grades 6-12 are meeting for youth group on Sunday evenings at 6pm during the month of June, with the exception of 6/20. Questions, see Dan Conway.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 6/12 from 10am to 5pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack or gallon drink to share.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: Tuesdays at 10 am we are studying the miracles of Christ in the Gospel of John using Max Lucado's book, "You Are Never Alone", as a guide. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: We will have a potluck luncheon at the church on 6/8 at Noon. Please bring a covered dish to share, and enjoy food and fellowship!!

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: peanut butter

Rahab Ministries: Please consider supporting this ministry financially, as other donations are not being accepted at this time. 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.

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

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you." Psalms 39:7		1 Women's Bible Study	2	3	4	5
6 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	7	8 Women's Bible Study "Senior Moment"	9	10	11	12 Scrapbooking
13 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	14 Flag Day	15 Women's Bible Study	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22 Women's Bible Study	23	24	25	26
27 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	28 Jr. & Sr. High Cedar Point	29 Women's Bible Study	30	"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." Proverbs 13:12		

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	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
6/24	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, 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

“So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

For the year of 2021, we will be reading the whole bible. Old Testament and New Testament selections for each day provides a variety in your studying. This plan was originally developed by 19th Century Pastor Robert Murray M’Cheyne in Scotland.

JUNE 1: Deut. 5; Psa. 88; Isa. 33; Rev. 3
JUNE 2: Deut. 6; Psa. 89; Isa. 34; Rev. 4
JUNE 3: Deut. 7; Psa. 90; Isa. 35; Rev. 5
JUNE 4: Deut. 8; Psa. 91; Isa. 36; Rev. 6
JUNE 5: Deut. 9; Psa. 92-93; Isa. 37; Rev. 7
JUNE 6: Deut. 10; Psa. 94; Isa. 38; Rev. 8
JUNE 7: Deut. 11; Psa. 95-96; Isa. 39; Rev. 9
JUNE 8: Deut. 12; Psa. 97-98
JUNE 9: Deut. 13-14; Psa. 99-101; Isa. 41; Rev. 11
JUNE 10: Deut. 15; Psa. 102; Isa. 42; Rev. 12

JUNE 11: Deut. 16; Psa. 103; Isa. 43; Rev. 13
JUNE 12: Deut. 17; Psa. 104; Isa. 44; Rev. 14
JUNE 13: Deut. 18; Psa. 105; Isa. 45; Rev. 15
JUNE 14: Deut. 19; Psa. 106; Isa. 46; Rev. 16
JUNE 15: Deut. 20; Psa. 107; Isa. 47; Rev. 17
JUNE 16: Deut. 21; Psa. 108-109; Isa. 48; Rev. 18
JUNE 17: Deut. 22; Psa. 110-111; Isa. 49; Rev. 19
JUNE 18: Deut. 23; Psa. 112-113; Isa. 50; Rev. 20
JUNE 19: Deut. 24; Psa. 114-115; Isa. 51; Rev. 21
JUNE 20: Deut. 25; Psa. 116; Isa. 52; Rev. 22

JUNE 21: Deut. 26; Psa. 117-118; Isa. 53; Matt. 1
JUNE 22: Deut. 27, 28:1-19; Psa. 119:1-24; Isa. 54; Matt. 2
JUNE 23: Deut. 28:20-68; Psa. 119:25-48; Isa. 55; Matt. 3
JUNE 24: Deut. 29; Psa. 119:49-72; Isa. 56;
JUNE 25: Deut. 30; Psa. 119:73-96; Isa. 57;
JUNE 26: Deut. 31; Psa. 119:97-120; Isa. 58; Matt. 6
JUNE 27: Deut. 32; Psa. 119:121-144; Isa. 59; Matt. 7
JUNE 28: Deut. 33-34; Psa. 119:145-176; Isa. 60; Matt. 8
JUNE 29: Josh. 1; Psa. 120-122; Isa. 61; Matt. 9
JUNE 30: Josh. 2; Psa. 123-125; Isa. 62; Matt. 10

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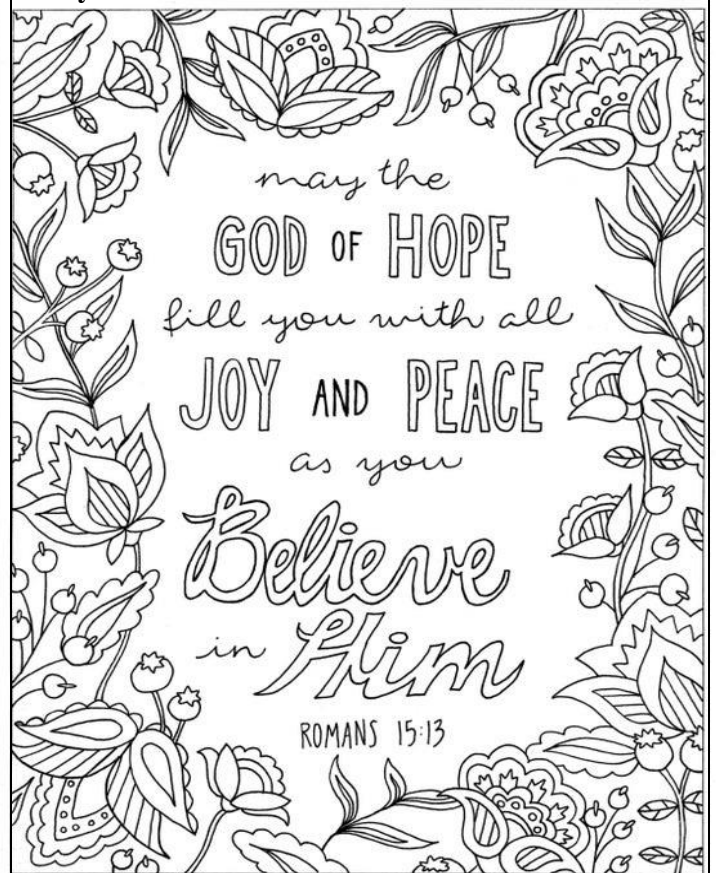


“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

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

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WEEKLY WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11am

Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus