



# The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

During the month of June, I will be participating in the Go And Preach (GAP) Youth Preaching Camps at the Wakatomica Christian Service Camp in Danville, Ohio and at the Sugarloaf Christian Camp in Wallingford, Kentucky. This will be my eighth summer helping to teach young men how to preach the Word of God. I will say, these camps are perhaps the most rewarding events I have ever done in ministry. The zeal these young fellas have for Jesus and for His church and their eagerness to serve Him is so refreshing.

In January of this year, George Barna and the Cultural Research Center of Arizona Christian University (CRC) determined that just 4% of Americans have a biblical worldview. Barna and the CRC define *worldview* as, “the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual filter an individual uses to experience, interpret, and respond to reality.” They go on to say, “In the biblical worldview, people’s ideas about all dimensions of life and eternity are based on biblical principles and commands.”

4% of an estimated 334,779,380 people view life through the lens of scripture. This is how nations fall.

Clearly, surveys and research can and do have varying degrees of error, and they cannot ever be taken as “gospel”. But many, if not most, would argue that we are living in a “post Christian nation”.

*“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people” (2 Timothy 3:1-5 English Standard Version).*

In this passage, Paul is explaining to the young preacher Timothy, what happens when people reject the one true God and make counterfeit gods of themselves. When people reject the authority of Scripture and live by “what sounds right”. This is why the apostle went on to say to his mentee, “*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*” (2 Timothy 4:1-4 ESV).

Perhaps more now than any other time in our nation, we need men that will preach the word and teach sound doctrine. In Matthew 9, verses 37 and 38, Jesus said to His disciples, “*...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*”

What was true then, is still true to this day. This month let’s meet Jesus’ plea to pray earnestly that God would send out laborers into his harvest!

Keep up the good work, Southwest!  
Mike Hawkins

## Events & Information

### Monthly Figures

#### In- Service Attendance:

4/30	5/7	5/14	5/21
95	98	100	84

*“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: Open  
 Audio/Visual: Jared Friedrichsen  
 Secretary: Mike Bunn  
 Parsonage: Open  
 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

**Graduate Sunday:** During morning service, please join us in celebrating our high school seniors: David Berube, Caitlin Hawkins, Sydney Hershberger, and Chase Woodford.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Groups- Summer:** Beginning 5/31, refreshments start at 6pm. Followed by men's and women's classes at 6:30pm. The women's group is doing a study on the book, "Finding I Am" by Lysa TerKeurst. The men's group is doing a study titled, "Fighting to be a Man of God".

**VBS Meeting:** On 6/11, directly after morning worship service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Round Lake Christian Camp Campers:** Southwest has a new code to use for your children attending summer camps this year. Contact the church office for more information.

**Donuts & Coffee for DAD:** Sunday, 6/18 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for dads with kids 18 and under.

**Soup Kitchen:** Southwest members will be serving on 7/4. Please see Terry Trump for details. Thank you for your continued willingness to serve for Christ's kingdom!

**B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item:** Peanut Butter and cans of tuna. Place items in the BACM box in the kitchen.

**Scrapbooking & Crafters:** The group will be meeting on Saturday 6/24, from 9am to 10pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a gallon drink and/or snack to share. Questions? contact the church office: 330-825-7263.

**“Senior Moment” Group Outing:** Tuesday, 6/20 at 12 noon at Pheasant Run Shelter in Silver Creek Park off Hametown Road in Norton. Please bring a covered dish to share, your own beverage, and \$2 for expenses. To carpool, meet at the church at 11:30am. RSVP to Karen Rummer by 6/18.

**Men's Bible Study:** Monday evenings at 6:30pm. “Study of James” is the topic. All men are welcome to join the group.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Study at 10 am:** We are using Jean E. Syswerda's book, “Women of the Bible”. All women are welcome. If you need a book, call Karen 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

\*\*Please check the "Lost & Found" located inside the bench, in the foyer.

**Connect with your church leaders:** Mike Hawkins [seniorministerswcc@gmail.com](mailto:seniorministerswcc@gmail.com);  
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# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."</i> 2 Peter 3:9</p>				1	2	3
<p><b>4</b> Graduate Sunday  Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</p>	5	<p><b>6</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b> Bible Study Groups</p>	8	9	10
<p><b>11</b> VBS Meeting  Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</p>	12	<p><b>13</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b> Flag Day  Bible Study Groups</p>	15	16	17
<p><b>18</b> Father's Day  8M Donuts &amp; Coffee for Dad</p>	19	<p><b>20</b> Women's Bible Study  "Senior Moment"</p>	<p><b>21</b> Bible Study Groups</p>	22	23	<p><b>24</b> Scrapbooking</p>
<p><b>25</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</p>	26	<p><b>27</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>28</b> Bible Study Groups</p>	29	30	

BIRTHDAYS:	
6/1	Cathy Wilhelm
6/6	Nathan Robinson
6/6	Jacob Webb
6/7	Veronica Phy
6/11	Dominic Busi
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	Melinda Hershberger
6/27	Kristen Martin
6/27	Sarah Susong
6/29	Peggy Giovanini
6/29	Scott Jenkin
6/30	Brian Busch
6/30	Colette Phy

ANNIVERSARIES:	
6/2	Scott & Missy Jenkin
6/5	Willis & Joni Jones
6/6	Rick & Cherie Mitchell
6/10	Rodney & Shanon Webb
6/16	Don & Kristy Berube
6/24	Del & 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 available on the Southwest Church of Christ webpage under the Ministries tab.**

## Growing Your Faith

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” Romans 12:1*

The bible readings for the new year of 2020 are to focus on studying the bible in chronological order. As you read each day, meditate on God’s words and His promises to us.

- JUNE 1:** Psalm 119:89-176  
**JUNE 2:** Song of Solomon 1-8  
**JUNE 3:** Proverbs 1-3  
**JUNE 4:** Proverbs 4-6  
**JUNE 5:** Proverbs 7-9  
**JUNE 6:** Proverbs 10-12  
**JUNE 7:** Proverbs 13-15  
**JUNE 8:** Proverbs 16-18  
**JUNE 9:** Proverbs 19-21  
**JUNE 10:** Proverbs 22-24
- JUNE 11:** 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3  
**JUNE 12:** 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4  
**JUNE 13:** 1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5  
**JUNE 14:** 2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136  
**JUNE 15:** Psalm 134, 146-150  
**JUNE 16:** 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8  
**JUNE 17:** Proverbs 25-26  
**JUNE 18:** Proverbs 27-29  
**JUNE 19:** Ecclesiastes 1-6  
**JUNE 20:** Ecclesiastes 7-12
- JUNE 21:** 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9  
**JUNE 22:** Proverbs 30-31  
**JUNE 23:** 1 Kings 12-14  
**JUNE 24:** 2 Chronicles 10-12  
**JUNE 25:** 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16  
**JUNE 26:** 1 Kings 15:25-34; 1 Kings 16:1-34; 2 Chronicles 17  
**JUNE 27:** 1 Kings 17-19  
**JUNE 28:** 1 Kings 20-21  
**JUNE 29:** 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18  
**JUNE 30:** 2 Chronicles 19-23

Scripture list courtesy of  
[www.biblestudytools.com/  
 bible-reading-plan/chronological.html](http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.html)

## Kids Korner

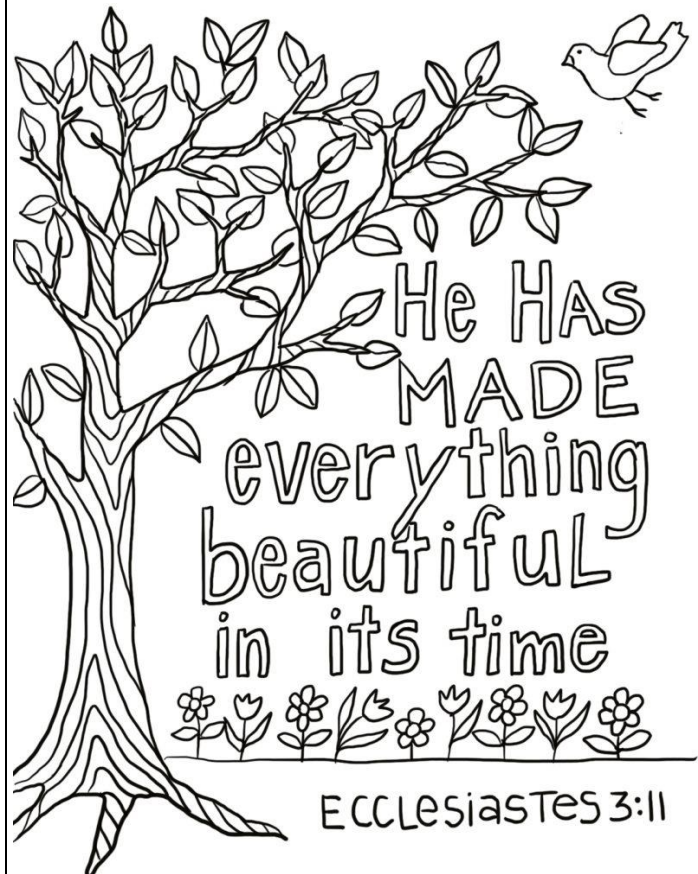


“to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

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

## Youth Ministry

### **Message from Eli:**

Hey Southwest Family!

When you think about what it means to meet someone's needs, what first comes to mind? I start by thinking about the material needs. Do they have food, shelter, clothing, transportation? Are there financial burdens they can't meet on their own?

In America, there are few among us who don't have these material necessities. And if we find ourselves lacking, an abundance of resources are available to help us. Consequently, the church can afford to relax a bit, stepping up only every now and then in dire situations as representatives of God's provision.

While most material needs are satisfied, our society is not so good at providing for emotional needs. Loneliness, depression, anxiety, despair, excessive pride, and low self-esteem – these maladies are on the rise in our modern society.

During his ministry, Jesus demonstrated his ability to meet physical needs. He fed people; he healed people; he advocated for his disciples to sell their possessions and give to the poor. But there was another dimension that he cared about deeply – emotional need.

In Mark 5:24-34, Jesus comes across a woman with a great physical need – or rather, the woman comes across Jesus. She had been afflicted with an illness for twelve years. Although she invested everything she had in doctors' remedies, her illness grew worse. And if lacking in health and wealth wasn't enough, by law her illness deemed her "unclean". No one was to touch her or they would also become unclean. What's more, even touching any object she had touched made them unclean (see Leviticus 15:19-33). So, imagine after twelve years devoid of any relationships or human touch – what might that do to a person's emotional state?

We see some signs of her shame and insecurity. While many others are bold enough to ask Jesus for healing, she squeezes through the crowd unseen to brush her hand against his clothes. Amazingly, she is healed instantly! But when Jesus searches for the person who touched him, the woman "came in fear and trembling and fell down before him". Though she is physically healed, her emotional insecurity remains.

As a busy man, Jesus could have been satisfied to let her be healed and never even see her. But he knew more healing was needed below the surface. So, he stops. He searches for her amongst the crowd. And when she comes trembling before him, he speaks words of affirmation over her: "*Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.*"

Jesus cares about our emotional needs. And as his body, we the church are to care for the emotional needs around us. So, let's keep our eyes open to what might be happening below the surface of those in our path. Through our prayers and our love, Jesus will use us as agents of emotional healing.

Blessed to serve with you!

### **Upcoming Kids and Teen Ministry events:**

**Teen guys and teen girls summer groups begin soon.** Ask Eli for details.

**"For The One" Teen Conference:** June 4th at First Christian Church in Canton. We will carpool from the church. Pre-party starts at 4pm, Worship starts at 6:30pm. Ask Eli for details.

**VBS Meeting:** June 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall following morning service.

**VBS – July 10 to the 14<sup>th</sup>:** The theme this year is "Happy Campers: Spending Your Summer with God." Lots of volunteers are needed! Stay tuned for planning meeting dates or contact Eli at any time if you would like to be part of the VBS team.