



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

One of General Patton's soldiers told about a time when they were marching across Europe and came to a swollen river. The soldiers began to complain that there was no way they could cross the raging current carrying their backpacks. Patton didn't say a word. He picked up his backpack, threw it over his shoulders, waded out into the river, and swam to the other side . . . then he turned around and swam back across the river to where his men stood. Once he walked onto the shore, he yelled, "Follow me," and headed back into the water. Of course, without a single protest, the entire battalion followed him across to the other side.

The church today desperately needs men and women who will show us how those who profess faith in Christ should live. One of our greatest needs in the church today is godly disciple-makers who will lead by example, those who will yell "Follow me" as they take up their crosses in pursuit of advancing the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul unashamedly declared, *"For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ"* (1 Cor. 10:33, 11:1 NIV). Despite all the obstacles and deprivations he encountered, Paul inexorably marched toward his mission of saving as many souls as possible. And this great Apostle was so confident in his God and so committed to his mission that he urged the Corinthians to imitate his example.

Would you be that man or woman who is willing to lead by example? Would you be willing to live in such a way, a life of such humility and purity, grace and courage that you might say *"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ?"* If this seems like too great an undertaking or too intimidating a role, note that Paul is not promoting his own position. Paul's plea is that these believers would follow the Lord Jesus Christ! He does not declare his perfect doctrine or assert his spiritual accomplishments or reminisce on his past achievements. NO! Paul marches with the power of Christ and relentlessly toward Christ: *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"* (Gal. 2:20 NIV).

Paul called, "Follow me" because Paul was a man sold out to Jesus Christ. Like Paul, if you so choose, you may be a man or woman who lives to say: *"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."*

Peace and Goodwill,

Nathan A. Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

| Date | General | Missions | Building | Benevolent | Attendance |
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| 1/26 | 2244 | 380 | 45 | 105 | 110 |
| 2/2 | 3814 | 680 | 195 | 255 | 135 |
| 2/9 | 1811 | 370 | 50 | 105 | 107 |
| 2/16 | 2910 | 925 | 65 | 85 | 121 |
| 2/23 | 4007 | 375 | 70 | 125 | 99 |
| Average: | 2957 | 546 | 85 | 135 | 114 |

Deacon's List:

Chair: Woody Wilson
 Audio/Visual: Jared Friedrichsen
 Secretary: Mike Bunn
 Parsonage: Woody Wilson
 Maintenance: Lynn Hounshel
 Special Projects: TBD, Woody, Lynn,
 and Phil Friedrichsen
 Benevolence: Tony Storad
 Church (Building): Lynn Hounshel

Weekly Need: **Weekly Need:**
 General: \$3,300 Missions: \$442

Brazil Missions Trip: The missions' team will be collecting a variety of items to take for the impoverished community they will be serving in April. Items will be posted in the weekly bulletin, and collection runs through end of March.

Ohio Teens for Christ: The Junior and Senior High students are invited to attend a worship event the weekend of April 10 & 11 in Columbus, OH. Cost is \$50 per person, and payment is due March 13. Any questions, please see Josh Powell, Caroline Friedrichsen, or Sharon Weinsheimer.

Round Lake Summer Camp: Registration for summer camp begins 2/5. See Cindy Weaver with questions, and to receive the discount code.

Women's Retreat at Round Lake: March 28, 8:30am to 4:00pm. This year's theme is "For Such a Time as This" with Becky Hammond as the speaker. Cost is \$40. You can register online at www.roundlake.org, or see Karen Rummer for a registration form. To avoid a late fee, please register by March 20. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: Our next outing will be on Wednesday 3/18. Meet at Fa Ray's for lunch at 11am, then travel to Barberton High School to see the "Mary Poppins" musical at 1pm. Admission is free for seniors. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

Scrapbooking: The next meeting will be on 3/21, from 9:30am to 6pm. All scrappers and crafters are invited to join!

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: canned ravioli, beef stew, chili with meat.

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members served our community on 1/23. The next opportunity to join the group will be 3/5. Please see Terry Trump for details. Thank you for your continued willingness to serve for Christ's kingdom!

Wednesday Night Live: All ages are encouraged to attend, as there are classes for Pre-K, grades K to 5, grades 6 to 12, Women's Study, and Men'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 are reading the Max Lucado book *Unshakeable Hope- Building Our Lives on the Promises of God*. Books are \$10 each. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

WNL Ladies Study: For the Wednesday study, our group is reading Julie Gariss's *Living Whole in a Broken World*, a study on the life of Joseph. Workbooks are \$12 each. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

Rahab Ministries: There is a box under the coat rack by the fellowship hall for donations. The items most needed for this ministry are: Life Recovery Bibles, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, body wash, deodorant, ground coffee, paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, laundry detergent and liquid fabric softener. Additional ministry needs are listed in the weekly Sunday bulletin.

Looking for support? Elders are available after every Sunday worship service to speak with you regarding prayer requests or offer spiritual guidance for your concerns.

March 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------|--------|--|---|----------------------|--------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 WNL | 5 Soup Kitchen | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Deacon's Meeting | 9 | 10 Women's Bible Study | 11 WNL | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's Day | 18 WNL "Senior Moment" | 19 | 20 | 21 Scrapbooking |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Women's Bible Study | 25 WNL | 26 | 27 | 28 Women's Retreat at Round Lake |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Women's Bible Study | <p><i>"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."</i> John 1:14</p> | | | |

| BIRTHDAYS: | |
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| 3/2 | Treasure Kriston |
| 3/4 | Heidi Klein |
| 3/5 | Rick Mitchell |
| 3/7 | Ken Kriston |
| 3/7 | Crystal Robinson |
| 3/8 | Mindie Cromer |
| 3/8 | Tanya Lenhart |
| 3/11 | Cadence Brink |
| 3/15 | Abigail Robinson |
| 3/18 | Mike Bunn |
| 3/22 | Kalib Cromer |
| 3/22 | Bryan Krunich |
| 3/23 | Gary Weinsheimer |
| 3/23 | Kim Yocum |
| 3/26 | Jared Friedrichsen |
| 3/27 | Brevan Mitchell |

| ANNIVERSARIES: | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 3/9 | Leo & Tanya Lenhart |
| 3/9 | Roger & Cathy Wilhelm |
| 3/9 | Todd & Kim Yocum |
| 3/15 | Roger & Sue Durst |
| 3/19 | Bryan & Genie Krunich |

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

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

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.

MAR 1: Numbers 16-17
MAR 2: Numbers 18-20
MAR 3: Numbers 21-22
MAR 4: Numbers 23-25
MAR 5: Numbers 26-27
MAR 6: Numbers 28-30
MAR 7: Numbers 31-32
MAR 8: Numbers 33-34
MAR 9: Numbers 35-36
MAR 10: Deuteronomy 1-2

MAR 11: Deuteronomy 3-4
MAR 12: Deuteronomy 5-7
MAR 13: Deuteronomy 8-10
MAR 14: Deuteronomy 11-13
MAR 15: Deuteronomy 14-16
MAR 16: Deuteronomy 17-20
MAR 17: Deuteronomy 21-23
MAR 18: Deuteronomy 24-27
MAR 19: Deuteronomy 28-29
MAR 20: Deuteronomy 30-31

MAR 21: Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91
MAR 22: Joshua 1-4
MAR 23: Joshua 5-8
MAR 24: Joshua 9-11
MAR 25: Joshua 12-15
MAR 26: Joshua 16-18
MAR 27: Joshua 19-21
MAR 28: Joshua 22-24
MAR 29: Judges 1-2
MAR 30: Judges 3-5
MAR 31: Judges 6-7

Scripture list courtesy of www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.html

Kids Korner



“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Matthew 28:19

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: 10am

Wednesday Night Live: 5:30 to 7:30pm