



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Babylon is here to stay.

Over the past several weeks, we have been studying the Book of Daniel at Southwest. The more I study the book, one of the greatest insights I have gleaned is that America, rather than looking like a Promised Land, looks increasingly like ancient Babylon. Daniel and the Israelites were persecuted due to their Jewish heritage. Today, racism continues as a stumbling block in our nation. From temple prostitution to a myriad of unmentionable debaucheries, ancient Babylon would cause many of us to raise our eyebrows. Nevertheless, America also bears the deep wounds and scars of uninhibited sexual sins that have destroyed countless lives and entire families. The sins of Babylon are at our fingertips with technology and the internet. Fidelity is ridiculed, sexual immorality is elevated, and the LGBTQ agenda has become increasingly militant in its hostility toward Christianity. In ancient Babylon, the Jews were persecuted for their religion. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace for their refusal to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's 90-foot idol. Daniel was thrown into a lion's den because he prayed to God rather than Darius the Mede. Likewise, America was once the bastion of religious freedom and the right to free speech. Sadly, Christians are increasingly the target of condemnation and name-calling because of their "antiquated" views and the preaching of biblical values. The truth is America looks more like Babylon than many of us care to admit. And it seems as if Babylon is here to stay.

Yet, Babylon will not remain forever. If America continues on her current trajectory, she will become the object of God's judgement. Just as Belshazzar saw the writing on the wall, America's continued plummet into the abyss of wickedness is the proof in the pudding. From Babylon to the Medo-Persian Empire, Greece and Rome, to the modern nations of the Soviet Union and the Third Reich of Hitler, God has judged every nation that descended into unrepentant evil. We have shut God out of the classroom and the courtroom. We have forbidden the mention of his name and begun to ridicule those who still follow Him. We mock those who hold biblical values and live by our own desires. We have become a nation who has taken God for granted. And it is impossible to see the fruit of this mindset: we murder the unborn, families are in shambles, child abuse is rampant, there is lawlessness in our streets and crime is on the rise. A nation which continues in these sins will not remain forever.

On December 3, 2017, thousands of people gathered to witness the demolition of the Detroit Silverdome, a huge stadium built in 1975. Due to its aging infrastructure, the building was no longer in use and the land was planned to be repurposed. Explosives experts strategically placed dynamite near each of its giant steel pillars as the crowd waited for the show. The dynamite was detonated, dust and debris filled the air, but to everyone's surprise the stadium remained standing. The steel beams were damaged, but the stadium remained intact. One observer commented: The stadium was "just too well built".

Babylon may be here now, but the good news is that its destructive power cannot destroy the church because the church's foundation is "just too well built" on the Lord Jesus. Nations rise and fall, but the kingdom of God will endure forever. Jesus himself said, *"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it"* (Matt. 16:18 NIV'11). Therefore, we must be in Babylon, but not of Babylon. Because our hope is not in the world. Our hope, as the old hymn-writer penned, is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Babylon will not stand forever. However, God's Church will remain. So, let us shine our light bright in Babylon, while we look to the light of the world and trust in Him.

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

1/31	2/7	2/14	2/21
55	52	50	60

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!

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

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://swccbarborton.com/giving>.

Thank you church family for your ongoing support of Southwest Church of Christ!

Weekly Need:

General: \$3,300

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Missions: \$442

Box Tops: The Box Tops collection continues through the end of May. There are envelopes in the foyer for you to place your donation. Thank you for your support!

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: canned vegetables

Junior Church: Junior church classes resumed on January 3 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.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: We began meeting in February for youth group on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, and will be continuing for the month of March. Mask wearing and social distancing is required so we can continue to get together and learn more about God's Word. Questions, see Nathan Robinson.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 3/20 from 10am to 6pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack or drink to share. Face masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: We are suspending our meetings again for the month of March. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: There are no scheduled events for March. Check the future newsletters for possible get-togethers. Until we are able to meet again in person, please continue to reach out to each other and encourage one another.

Rahab Ministries: Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 concerns, instead of the donation of goods, please consider a financial donation instead. Checks may be sent to: Rahab Ministries, PO BOX 13866, Akron, OH 44334.

Soup Kitchen: Currently there is not a schedule for the month of March. Information in regards to the next opportunity to serve will be announced at a later date.

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings</i>	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	18	19	20 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
21	22	23	24 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	25	26	27 <i>Passover</i>
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	<i>"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him." Ephesians 1:17</i>		

BIRTHDAYS:	
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

"...and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;" 1 Thessalonians 3:12

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.

MAR 1: Exod. 12:22-51; Luke 15; Job 30; 1 Cor. 16

MAR 2: Exod. 13; Luke 16; Job 31; 2 Cor. 1

MAR 3: Exod. 14; Luke 17; Job 32; 2 Cor. 2

MAR 4: Exod. 15; Luke 18; Job 33;

MAR 5: Exod. 16; Luke 19; Job 34; 2 Cor. 4

MAR 6: Exod. 17; Luke 20; Job 35; 2 Cor. 5

MAR 7: Exod. 18; Luke 21; Job 36; 2 Cor. 6

MAR 8: Exod. 19; Luke 22; Job 37; 2 Cor. 7

MAR 9: Exod. 20; Luke 23; Job 38; 2 Cor. 8

MAR 10: Exod. 21; Luke 24; Job 39; 2 Cor. 9

MAR 11: Exod. 22; John 1; Job 40; 2 Cor. 10

MAR 12: Exod. 23; John 2; Job 41; 2 Cor. 11

MAR 13: Exod. 24; John 3; Job 42; 2 Cor. 12

MAR 14: Exod. 25; John 4; Prov. 1; 2 Cor. 13

MAR 15: Exod. 26; John 5; Prov. 2; Gal. 1

MAR 16: Exod. 27; John 6; Prov. 3;

MAR 17: Exod. 28; John 7; Prov. 4; Gal. 3

MAR 18: Exod. 29; John 8; Prov. 5; Gal. 4

MAR 19: Exod. 30; John 9; Prov. 6; Gal. 5

MAR 20: Exod. 31; John 10; Prov. 7; Gal. 6

MAR 21: Exod. 32; John 11; Prov. 8; Eph. 1

MAR 22: Exod. 33; John 12; Prov. 9; Eph. 2

MAR 23: Exod. 34; John 13; Prov. 10; Eph. 3

MAR 24: Exod. 35; John 14; Prov. 11; Eph. 4

MAR 25: Exod. 36; John 15; Prov. 12; Eph. 5

MAR 26: Exod. 37; John 16; Prov. 13; Eph. 6

MAR 27: Exod. 38; John 17; Prov. 14; Phil. 1

MAR 28: Exod. 39; John 18; Prov. 15; Phil. 2

MAR 29: Exod. 40; John 19; Prov. 16; Phil. 3

MAR 30: Lev. 1; John 20; Prov. 17; Phil. 4

MAR 31: Lev. 2-3; John 21; Prov. 18; Colo. 1

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Kids Korner

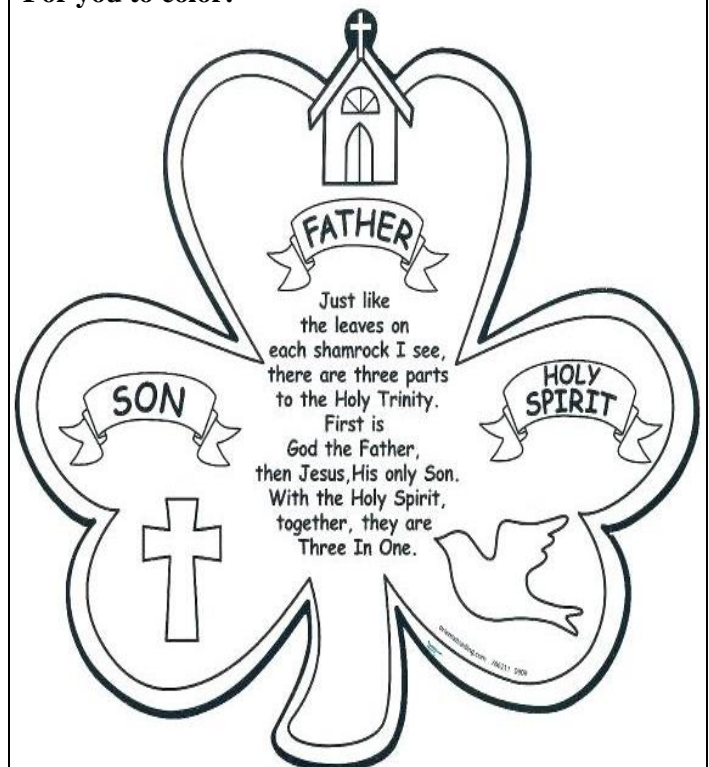


"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all." 2 Corinthians 3:14

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