



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

The movie *Titanic* was on TV the other day, but in all honesty, I had no urge to watch it. No offense if you like it, but it's common knowledge how the story ends. However, there seems to be an enduring fascination and romanticism with the Titanic. It was labeled "unsinkable," before its maiden voyage. Yet, human error and arrogance brought about the Titanic's demise. At least six warnings of icebergs were wired to the doomed luxury liner. After the sixth warning, the annoyed captain rudely replied, "Shut up! I'm busy."

Precisely thirty-five minutes later, that same captain who remarked that "Only God himself could sink this ship," frantically sent out the first distress call. Sadly, unheeded warnings led to the Titanic's tragic end. In total, over one thousand passengers and crew members lost their lives.

In his final days, Joshua issued clear warnings regarding Israel's future. As if icebergs floated in the path of Israel's future, the people were warned of imminent danger. A careful course would have to be charted. And Joshua was the man charged with the responsibility of plotting the way forward.

Joshua 23:14 reads: "*Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.*" Joshua reminds the people of God's faithfulness in the past. He then calls them to faithfulness in the future. He calls them (and us) to do three things:

1. Remember Your Past

Beloved, we can never forget what God has done for us. Remembering the truth of the past provides verification for the present. Joshua reminded the people they had sufficient reasons for believing and following God. Our faith also rests upon factual events in the past – particularly the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remember the past! Remember that God extended you mercy and grace and saved you from destruction!

2. Examine Your Present

Are you still living a life committed to Christ? Are you still following Him faithfully? Are you living with commitment, or have you compromised? Are you living with commitment, or have you become complacent? Joshua 24:14-15 says: "*Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefather's worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*" Take inventory of your life and keep serving the Lord!

3. Plan Your Future.

Joshua planned his future carefully: "*But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*" In essence, Joshua told the people: "I have chosen, and I will choose." Christian, plot a careful course into the future. Keep watch from obstacles that threaten to shipwreck your faith, keep your life anchored in Christ, and allow the Captain who never fails to navigate your life heavenward!

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

1/30	2/6	2/13	2/20
75	72	92	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: **Weekly Need:**
 General: \$3,300 Missions: \$442

Church Spring Clean-up: On Saturday, April 2nd everyone is invited to pitch-in and help spruce up our building and grounds. For our members who would prefer to volunteer on a day without a crowd, please contact one of the Deacons or Nathan to schedule a time when you can help before Easter Sunday.

VBS news: Monday June 13th, save the date! We need old newspapers- place your donations in Dan's office. Also, let Dan know if you're interested in volunteering. All help is welcomed!

Youth Easter Egg Hunt: We are collecting individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt. No loose candy please. Place inside the container in the kitchen.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: Canned fruit and vegetables. Place items in the kitchen inside the BACM box.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 3/19 from 10am to 5pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a gallon drink and/or snack to share.

“Senior Moment”: Potluck at the church at 12noon on March 15. Bring a dish to share. Fun, food and fellowship! Let Karen Rummer know if you are able to attend.

Wednesday Night Live: Coffee and fellowship begins at 6pm, and studies at 6:30pm. All ages are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your friends, family, or neighbors and get them plugged into learning God's Word. Our current series for the adult group is “The Prayers of Paul” led by Nathan Robinson.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: Tuesday mornings at 10 am. We are using Jean E. Syswerda's book “Women of the Bible”. Cost of the book is \$12. 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.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1		1 Women's Bible Study	2 WNL	3	4	5
6 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	7	8 Women's Bible Study	9 WNL	10	11	12
13 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	14	15 Women's Bible Study "Senior Moment"	16 WNL	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	21	22 Women's Bible Study	23 WNL	24	25	26 Scrapbooking
27 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	28	29	30 WNL	31	"And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Galatians 4:6	

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	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

“These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

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.

- MAR 1: Joel 2:12-14
- MAR 2: Joshua 1:5-9
- MAR 3: James 1:2-8
- MAR 4: James 1:9-12
- MAR 5: James 1:13-18
- MAR 6: Ephesians 2:4-10
- MAR 7: Ephesians 4:22-28
- MAR 8: Ephesians 4:29-32
- MAR 9: Romans 15:1-6
- MAR 10: Psalm 91:1-4

- MAR 11: Psalm 91:5-8
- MAR 12: Psalm 91:9-13
- MAR 13: Psalm 91:14-16
- MAR 14: Galatians 5:13-15
- MAR 15: Galatians 6:1-6
- MAR 16: Galatians 6:7-10
- MAR 17: Psalm 62:1-5
- MAR 18: Psalm 62:6-10
- MAR 19: Psalm 20:1-5
- MAR 20: Psalm 61:1-5

- MAR 21: Isaiah 43:1-7
- MAR 22: Hebrews 6:13-16
- MAR 23: Hebrews 6:17-20
- MAR 24: Matthew 5:13-16
- MAR 25: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15
- MAR 26: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22
- MAR 27: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28
- MAR 28: Matthew 21:21-22
- MAR 29: James 3:13-15
- MAR 30: James 3:16-18
- MAR 31: Jeremiah 29:11

Scripture list courtesy of www.swtblessings.com

Kids Korner

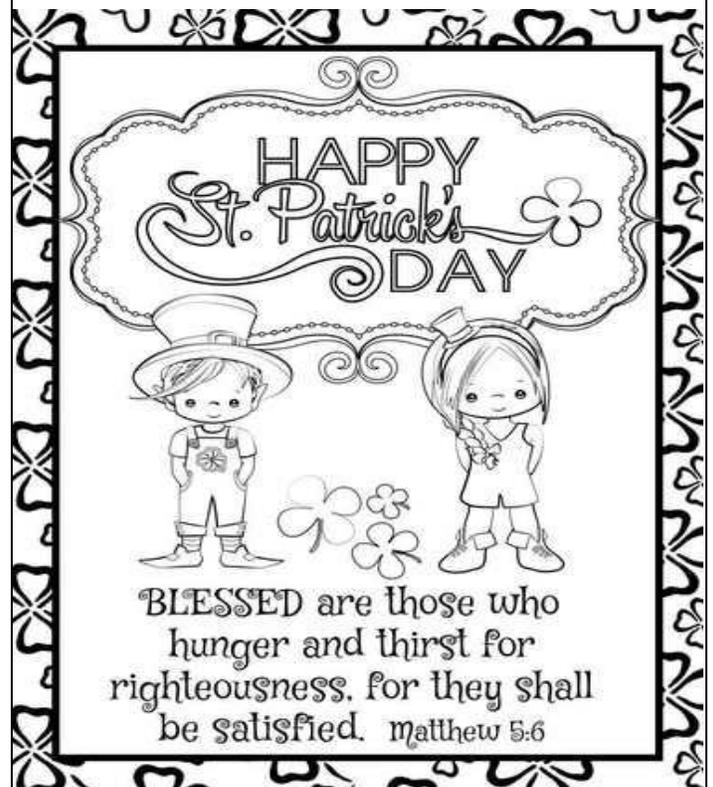


“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all”. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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For you to color:



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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

Ohio Teens for Christ: Friday and Saturday, April 15-16 in Columbus. Cost of \$50 due by March 16th for the trip. Attendees have to be signed up and paid in full by that night.

St. Patrick's Day: Remember to wear orange on St. Patrick's Day, not green. You are Protestant. If someone asks you why are you wearing orange, use it as an excuse to talk about Jesus. If they pinch you, it is okay tell them about Jesus afterwards.

Prayer Walk: On Sunday, March 20th we will have a prayer walk (weather permitting) during youth group.

Message from Dan:

Funny thing- as I am writing this, we are getting ready for a random event at the youth group on Sunday, (since I'm writing this on Friday beforehand) we are going to duct tape Will Robinson to the wall. Some of you might be saying, "why?", others are saying, "how fun!", and others are saying "dude, Dan what are you thinking?". The thing is duct taping someone to the wall is actually pretty safe. At camp one year, we duct taped a student to the wall and he loved it! So feeling pretty confident about it, my job is to make sure everyone has fun, but also that Will feels safe and doesn't get stuck up there forever.

Speaking of being stuck forever, Isaiah 43: 18-19 *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."* One of the things we'll talk about is not dwelling on the past. Sometimes our past becomes so dominate that we, like Will Robinson will on Sunday, feel trapped by it. Becoming a prisoner to something that happened a long time ago, a life sentence for a bad decision or bad set of moments. The thing is God wants to do something new in our lives, something like Ephesians 3:20 is *"Better than we can imagine"*. I love the movie the Lion King and there is a quote that goes like this: "You gotta leave your behind in the past".

Another crazy youth event we did when I was younger involved ankle weights. We had a race between two people and one was wearing ankle weights, the other was not. Shockingly, the bodybuilder who was running with ankle weights won the race, but the point was still made. When asked afterwards what it was like to run in ankle weights, Anthony mentioned it was a struggle, but it was something he knew he could do. I love crazy youth stuff like that, and as long as it is safe, go for it. Hebrews 12: 1-2 talks about it like this: *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Don't let past sins entangle you and slow you down, don't let current sins, do the same. Focus on Christ, follow Him. When things inevitably get in your way, either past or present, remember Christ is bigger and His forgiveness is forever.