



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Great moments are born from great opportunities - Herb Brooks

I love the movie Miracle. The movie is about the 1980 US Olympic Hockey team and pulling the greatest upset in sports history by defeating the Russians at the Olympics. Russia won the gold medal in 1964, 1968, 1972, and 1976 and had done so in style. Most teams were too afraid of the Russians and lost before the game started. The Russian team actually went to the US and beat the NHL all-stars 6-0 in a game; they were good and they knew it. Somehow despite all those advantages a group of college kids who would have very short professional hockey careers, managed to win 4-3 in what is often called the "Miracle on Ice".

Being a youth ministry volunteer can feel like playing against that Russian team. It is a little scary at first and can be very intimidating. I remember the first time I volunteered at a youth group, the whole drive in I was nervous with a lump in my throat. I'm gonna mess this up. I don't know what I'm doing. What if this happens or that, something bad will go on, and there is no way this works out well. Somehow despite all those questions without answers, everything went well and once I got comfortable with the youth group, it was something in my life that kept drawing me back more and more.

If fear is holding you back, remember:

The Bible mentions 365 times "Do not fear", it also talks about verses like Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength". You can do it because Christ is in you!

If pain in the past holds you back:

Maybe the reason you are not interested in volunteering is because you were bullied in school and being around kids again would bring up old hurts. Maybe you have things in your past that if the kids knew they wouldn't listen to you. Remember Philippians 3: 13b-14, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus". When driving, the rear view mirror is pretty small, but the front windshield is much bigger. Your future is much more important than your past, and truthfully some of the past mistakes might help you help the kids not to make them.

If being too busy is holding you back:

I don't really have a Bible verse or a creative slogan for this one. Listen, I get it, I understand being busy with life. Maybe you can't help out all the time, but we still need prayer. No matter what happens, please commit to praying for the youth group from 6-8 on Sunday nights. We need it and it is a valuable way to contribute.

I'll leave you with the story of my friend Peggy Hewett. Peggy was a lady who was older and loved youth ministry. She didn't have any kids of her own, and was never married. Peggy wasn't great at talking with the kids or leading a small group, instead she did what she was good at. Peggy did the first aid whenever it was needed, did dishes, and occasionally helped me by cooking meals. She stayed awake during lock-ins, drove students to laser tag, and took their pictures. They were little things and always behind the scenes. Peggy died because of kidney failure last year. When she died, there was an immediate change in the youth program as the woman who did things behind the scenes for years was no longer there. It might seem really small, but God notices, and the "Well done good and faithful servant" that He gave her as she went to her heavenly home made it worth it. The lives she changed by simply doing what she did, made it worth it. My favorite memory of Peggy was a moment where she shined doing what she does well. There was a night at youth group where a student was in tears and I needed to go talk with her. When I found the crying student, Peggy who was not comfortable talking, had given her a bear hug in a way that as a guy, I cannot hug a student. That "I love you and want to be here for you" hug still makes me tear up just a bit.

In Christ-
Dan Conway

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

3/28	4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25
71	102	75	67	84

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

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

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

Member Directory Update: If you have recently moved or would like to be added to our church directory...please call the church or leave your information on Cindy's desk. (Names, address, phone #'s, email (if wanted to be added), Anniversary, and Birthdays.) Thank you!

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. Please wear your mask, and social distancing is required.

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.

Plan with Dan!: May 10th-13th and May 17th-20th, you're invited to sit down with Dan Conway, our new youth minister, to discuss future events for the Church. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. For more information see Dan or call or text him at (740) 616-7819.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: Grades 6-12 are meeting for youth group on Sunday evenings at 6pm during the month of May. Mask wearing and social distancing is required. Questions, see Dan Conway or Nathan Robinson.

Round Lake Summer Camp: There is a code for half-off tuition for any families interested in enrolling their youth for camp this summer. Further information about the camp can be found online at www.roundlake.org.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 5/22 from 10am to 5pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack or gallon drink to share. Face masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: There are no scheduled events for May, however we are getting closer to resuming!

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.

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.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Honor your father and mother" which is the first commandment with a promise "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:2-3</i></p>						1
2 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	3	4 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>APS Walk for Life</i>
16 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	17	18 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
23	24 <i>Memorial Day</i>	25 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	31	<p><i>"Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You" Psalms 33:20-22</i></p>				

BIRTHDAYS:	
5/1	Eli Giovanni
5/6	Woody Wilson
5/9	Garland Carr
5/10	Chrissy Roy
5/11	Bourne Phy
5/15	Darlana Wise
5/16	Dan Washburn
5/17	Karen Mercer
5/18	Sally Weber
5/20	Tyler Roy
5/20	Ethel Steele
5/23	Cassidy Washburn
5/25	Sue Ross

ANNIVERSARIES:	
5/6	Craig & Debbie Easterday
5/8	Ken & Treasure Kriston
5/25	Aaron & Kayla Elliott

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

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

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.

- MAY 1:** Num. 8; Psa. 44; S. O. S. 6; Heb. 6
MAY 2: Num. 9; Psa. 45; S. O. S. 7; Heb. 7
MAY 3: Num. 10; Psa. 46-47; S. O. S. 8; Heb. 8
MAY 4: Num. 11; Psa. 48; Isa. 1; Heb. 9
MAY 5: Num. 12-13; Psa. 49; Isa. 2; Heb. 10
MAY 6: Num. 14; Psa. 50; Isa. 3-4; Heb. 11
MAY 7: Num. 15; Psa. 51; Isa. 5; Heb. 12
MAY 8: Num. 16; Psa. 52-54; Isa. 6; Heb. 13
MAY 9: Num. 17-18; Psa. 55; Isa. 7; Jam. 1
MAY 10: Num. 19; Psa. 56-57; Isa. 8:1-9:7; Jam. 2
- MAY 11:** Num. 20; Psa. 58-59; Isa. 9:8-10:4; Jam 3
MAY 12: Num. 21; Psa. 60-61; Isa. 10:5-34; Jam. 4
MAY 13: Num. 22; Psa. 62-63; Isa. 11-12; Jam. 5
MAY 14: Num. 23; Psa. 64-65; Isa. 13; 1 Pet. 1
MAY 15: Num. 24; Psa. 66-67; Isa. 14; 1 Pet. 2
MAY 16: Num. 25; Psa. 68; Isa. 15; 1 Pet. 3
MAY 17: Num. 26; Psa. 69; Isa. 16; 1 Pet. 4
MAY 18: Num. 27; Psa. 70-71; Isa. 17-18; 1 Pet. 5
MAY 19: Num. 28; Psa. 72; Isa. 19-20; 2 Pet. 1
MAY 20: Num. 29; Psa. 73; Isa. 21; 2 Pet. 2
- MAY 21:** Num. 30; Psa. 74; Isa. 22; 2 Pet. 3
MAY 22: Num. 31; Psa. 75-76; Isa. 23; 1 John 1
MAY 23: Num. 32; Psa. 77; Isa. 24; 1 John 2
MAY 24: Num. 33; Psa. 78:1-37; Isa. 25; 1 John 3
MAY 25: Num. 34; Psa. 78:38-72; Isa. 26; 1 John 4
MAY 26: Num. 35; Psa. 79; Isa. 27; 1 John 5
MAY 27: Num. 36; Psa. 80; Isa. 28; 2 John 1
MAY 28: Deut. 1; Psa. 81-82; Isa. 29; 3 John 1
MAY 29: Deut. 2; Psa. 83-84; Isa. 30; Jude 1
MAY 30: Deut. 3; Psa. 85; Isa. 31; Rev. 1
MAY 31: Deut. 4; Psa. 86-87; Isa. 32; Rev. 2

Scripture list courtesy of
<http://www.edginet.org/mcheyne/info.html>

Kids Korner

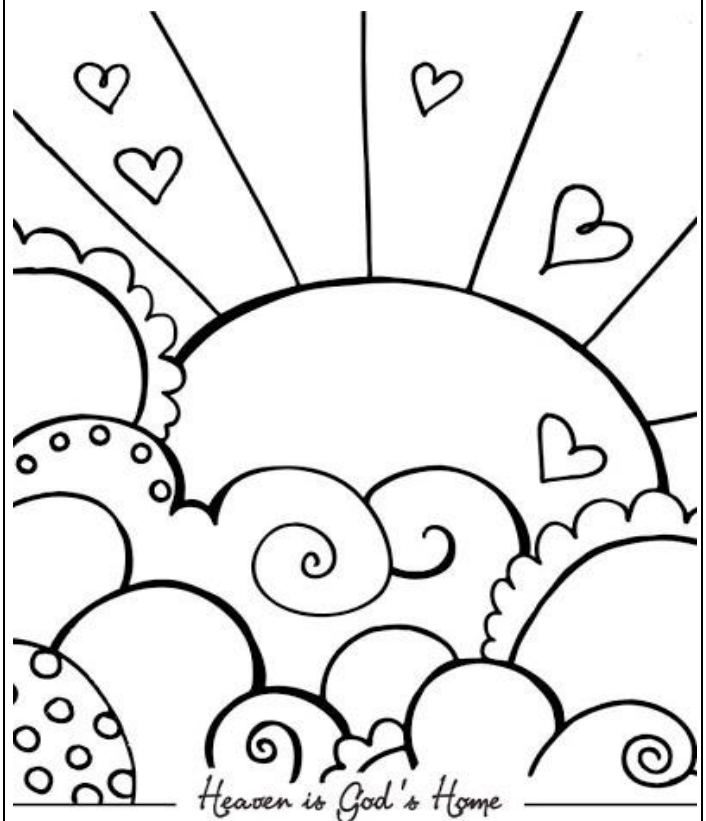


“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:9

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: 11am

Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus