



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Well, the good news is that the results are in. The bad news is that the results aren't so good. According to Lifeway Research's 2018 State of Theology survey, the state of American Christianity's theology is sinking to new lows. In the survey, in which a representative sample of 3,000 Americans were interviewed, evangelicals were asked about their views on a series of theological statements.

Over half, 51 percent of respondents, said they agree with the statement, "God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam", while only 42 percent disagreed. These results are similar to other studies which indicate nearly half of American Christians believe that all religions lead to the same God.

Maybe you are familiar with the story of the blind men and the elephant. While there are a few variations of the story, it essentially tells of a group of blind men who examine different parts of an elephant, with each concluding that they were all analyzing something different. One blind man touched the tail and described the elephant as a rope. The second blind man felt the tusk and described the elephant as something hard and pointy. The third blind man felt the elephant's ear and said it must be a soft creature. The fourth blind man felt the trunk and determined he must be feeling a rubber hose. The point of the story is that each of the men grasped different parts of the same truth. In other words, we all have a grasp on the truth, we merely interpret it differently. And in the end, it will come out in the wash.

Unfortunately, upon closer examination, some obvious points about the illustration fall apart. First of all, there is a very real elephant (or truth, i.e. *the Gospel*). Second, every single blind man was wrong in his assessment! And third, knowing in part is not the same as seeing the whole picture. And the fact is, there is real truth to be grasped about God, salvation, worship and heaven! The Bible teaches something very different than what the majority of American Christians are confessing to believe. In John 14:6 we read, "*Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'*" Jesus himself claims to be the *only* path up the mountain to God. He is not one path of many. He is mutually exclusive. The Apostle Peter limited entrance into heaven through Christ alone when he declared: "*there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12). In direct contradiction to the 51 percent of respondents in the above survey, Christ also proclaimed that God the Father accepts worship only through His Son and by His Spirit, when we worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

Friend, don't miss the elephant in the room! The truth is, when it comes to The Truth, "*there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time*" (1 Timothy 1:5-6). The Gospel is clear: there is only one name in which salvation is found, one person by which we must be saved, and one God to whom we will all give an account. But don't take my word for it, the Lord Jesus Christ was clear: "*this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent*" (John 17:3).

Peace and Goodwill,

Nathan A. Robinson

Monthly Figures

Date	General	Missions	Building	Benevolent	Attendance
9/30	2999	470	165	200	93
10/7	3326	425	45	105	96
10/14	2167	175	105	75	104
10/21	2953	1005	40	105	99
Average:	2861	519	89	121	98

Weekly Need: General: \$3,047

Monthly Need: Missions: \$1,915

Congregational Meeting and Dinner: Our yearly meeting will be on November 11th. Dinner is carry-in style beginning at 5pm. Meeting will begin around 6pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and be informed on what is happening in our church.

“Senior Moment” Group Outing: There will not be an outing for the month of November.

Women’s Bible Study: Tuesday morning and WNL ladies classes will begin a 14-week bible study in November which includes a DVD, “Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out” by Joanna Weaver. Books are \$9 each. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members served at the soup kitchen on October 18th. The next opportunity to join the group will be on November 29th. Thank you for your willingness to serve for Christ’s kingdom!

Scrapbooking: Will be on Saturday November 17th from 10am to 5pm. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Night Live: The WNL program begins at 5:30pm with dinner and fellowship; followed by study groups starting at 6:30pm. All ages are encouraged to attend, as there are classes for Pre-K, grades K to 6, grades 7 to 12, Women’s Study, and Men’s Study.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item for October: canned vegetables (green beans, peas, carrots, corn, tomatoes, etc.)

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.

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.

Would you like The Harvester delivered to you via email instead of a printed copied mailed to you? Send your request to kbusch1@neo.rr.com and you will receive a monthly email of this newsletter.



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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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, 9 for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:8-9</i></p>				1	2	3
4 <i>Deacon's Meeting</i>	5	6 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	7 <i>WNL</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>Congregational Meeting & Dinner</i>	12	13 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	14 <i>WNL</i>	15	16	17 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
18	19	20 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	21	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	28 <i>WNL</i>	29 <i>Soup Kitchen</i>	30	

BIRTHDAYS:	
11/1	Lisa Mitchell
11/1	Chuck Weinsheimer
11/3	Terry Trump
11/3	Todd Yocum
11/4	Gerald Wise
11/6	Rhonda Starcher
11/6	Carter Webb
11/14	Sarah Weinsheimer
11/16	Julie Bradshaw
11/18	Brandy Hamilton
11/29	Linda Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

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 kbusch1@neo.rr.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

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”
 2 Corinthians 9:11

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.

- NOV 1: Psalm 95:1-7
- NOV 2: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
- NOV 3: 2 Corinthians 4:15-18
- NOV 4: Isaiah 12:2-6
- NOV 5: Colossians 3:12-17
- NOV 6: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
- NOV 7: Psalm 107:1-9
- NOV 8: Philippians 4:4-9
- NOV 9: Psalm 100:1-5
- NOV 10: Psalm 136:1-12

- NOV 11: Psalm 136:13-26
- NOV 12: 1 Chronicles 16:8-14
- NOV 13: 1 Chronicles 16:23-26
- NOV 14: Psalm 116:12-19
- NOV 15: Psalm 147:1-7
- NOV 16: 2 Corinthians 9:6-9
- NOV 17: 2 Corinthians 9:10-12
- NOV 18: 2 Corinthians 9:13-15
- NOV 19: Psalm 28:6-9
- NOV 20: Psalm 69:30-36

- NOV 21: Psalm 107:28-32
- NOV 22: Psalm 9:1-2, 7-12
- NOV 23: Lamentations 3:22-27
- NOV 24: James 1:17-18
- NOV 25: Psalm 118:1-7
- NOV 26: Psalm 118:8-14
- NOV 27: Psalm 118:15-21
- NOV 28: Psalm 118:25-29
- NOV 29: Psalm 105:1-7
- NOV 30: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36



Scripture list courtesy of www.swtblessings.com

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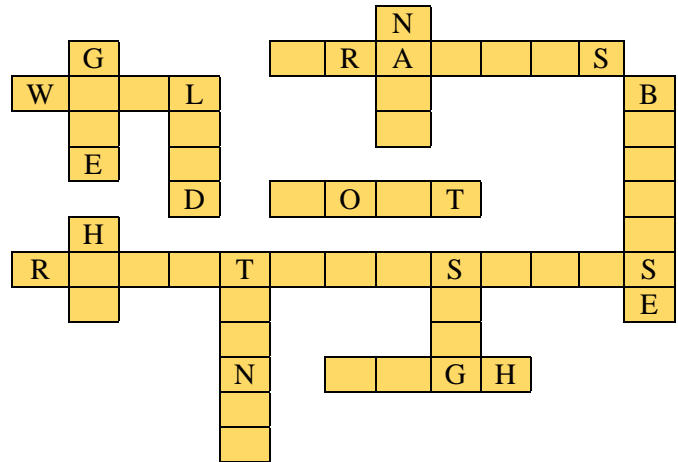


“I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High.” Psalm 7:17

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

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Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from the verse above.



Giving thanks to God in prayer for the blessings he gives to us is one way to worship him. What are some of the blessings you are thankful for from God?
