



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

C.S. Lewis put it so well: “Forgiveness is a beautiful word, until you have something to forgive.”

That’s why forgiveness is a choice. Of course, it’s often a challenging and sometimes a painful choice, nevertheless it’s a choice that followers of the Lord Jesus must make. We don’t merely wait until the pain numbs or goes away. We don’t flippantly offer lip service, nor do we pretend as if we were not sinned against. Forgiveness is a servant of the will, not a prisoner of the emotions. The truth of the matter is that forgiving someone who has hurt you may be the hardest thing you ever have to do! But in the end, forgiveness is not an option; it is God’s will for your life!

In the Sermon on the Mount, the Master gave us this instruction: “. . . *if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift*” (Matthew 5:23-24 NIV’11).

How much torture could we spare ourselves if we would only be quick to forgive! There are so many consequences to living with unforgiving spirits. Relationships are torn asunder, marriages collapse, business partnerships are strained, churches are split, families are ripped apart, lives are spent in bitterness and guilt all because we refuse to forgive.

Beloved, the worst prison in the world is the prison of an unforgiving heart!

I’m not talking about somebody that struggles to forgive yet keeps on trying. I’m not talking about someone who knows he or she needs to forgive, even wants to, but finds it very difficult. The reality is that some of us may need the help of godly believers or a Christian counselor who can guide us down a path of forgiving someone who has deeply wounded us. What I am talking about is an attitude, a spirit that doesn’t care or that refuses to forgive.

Beloved, is there somebody in your life today that you need to extend forgiveness to? If you are honest with yourself, and realize that there is someone in your life you need to forgive, I pray that you would also realize there is an urgency to do it. If you search your heart, and you realize that you need to forgive someone, then realize there is a great urgency to do it. As Jesus said, if you “*remember that your brother or sister has something against you . . . First go and be reconciled to them.*”

The worst prison in the world is the prison of an unforgiving heart. Break free from the shackles of un-forgiveness and be liberated! As God has commanded, “*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave (us)*” (Eph. 4:32).

Beloved, it’s only at the cross of Calvary that we receive forgiveness and where we learn to extend it. So come to the cross; come and receive the forgiveness He has for you. Come to the cross; come and receive the power to forgive, just as you have been forgiven.

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan A. Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

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| August 30 | 65 |
| September 6 | 55 |
| September 13 | 59 |
| September 20 | 71 |

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! If we include those dozens of you who are faithfully worshipping with us remotely, our attendance is easily higher than ever before! And we praise God for that! Stay faithful Church!

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!

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

Youth Group WNL: Grades 6th to 12th are meeting on Wednesdays from 6-8pm to delve into God's Word through a 6-week series called "Lenses". Questions, contact Josh Powell.

Church Directory: Updates are being made to our church directory and we need your help. Please check the main directory in the foyer for your information and verify that it is current. Any changes can be made directly on that paper copy, or you can call the office with any corrections or additions. This is the last reminder, as printing of the new directory will begin soon. Thank you!

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: Spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles

Scrapbooking: The meeting is cancelled for the month of October. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members served our community on 3/5. Currently there is not a schedule for the month of October. Information in regards to the next opportunity to serve will be announced at a later date.

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.

GROUP MEETINGS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: The group will not be meeting for the month of October. Thank you for understanding.

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.

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

October

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>"...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2</i> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Youth Group</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Youth Group</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 <i>Youth Group</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Youth Group</i> | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| BIRTHDAYS: | |
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| 10/5 | Dave Hodge |
| 10/17 | Carol Newhouse |
| 10/19 | Terry Hoover |
| 10/19 | Meredith Wilson |
| 10/24 | Tina Caracciolo |
| 10/28 | Katie Geimer |
| 10/31 | Genia Krunich |

| ANNIVERSARIES: | |
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| 10/3 | Gerald & Lora Vukmanovich |
| 10/4 | Ben & Cindy Weaver |

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

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" John 14:3

The bible readings for the 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, His children.

- OCT 1: Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
 OCT 2: Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
 OCT 3: Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
 OCT 4: Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
 OCT 5: John 2-4
 OCT 6: Mark 2
 OCT 7: John 5
 OCT 8: Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
 OCT 9: Matthew 5-7
 OCT 10: Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
- OCT 11: Matthew 11
 OCT 12: Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11
 OCT 13: Matthew 13; Luke 8
 OCT 14: Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5
 OCT 15: Matthew 9-10
 OCT 16: Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
 OCT 17: John 6
 OCT 18: Matthew 15; Mark 7
 OCT 19: Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
 OCT 20: Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62
- OCT 21: Matthew 18
 OCT 22: John 7-8
 OCT 23: John 9:1-41; John 10:1-21
 OCT 24: Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
 OCT 25: Luke 12-13
 OCT 26: Luke 14-15
 OCT 27: Luke 16; Luke 17:1-10
 OCT 28: John 11
 OCT 29: Luke 17:11-37; Luke 18:1-14
 OCT 30: Matthew 19; Mark 10
 OCT 31: Matthew 20-21

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

Kids Korner

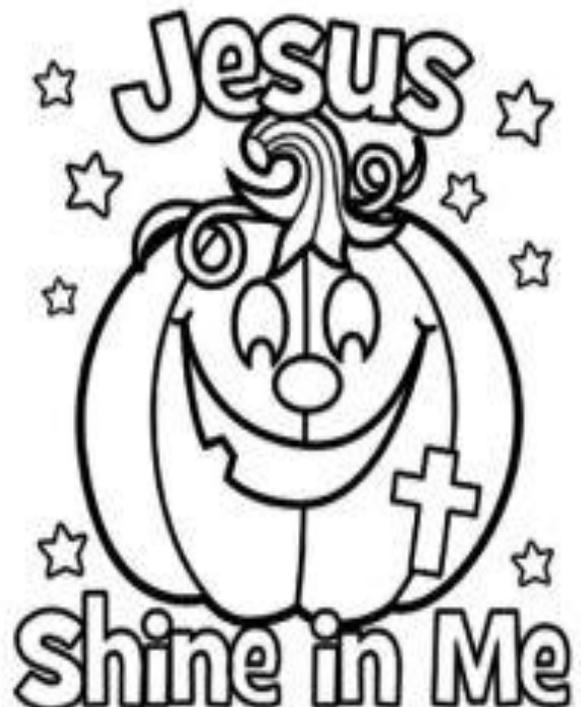


For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

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

Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

