



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

Did you know that believers are commanded not to worry or be anxious about anything?

“Not worry about anything,” you say! “But there is so much to be worried about!” “What about COVID-19, it paralyzes me with fear?” “What about the future of our country? If the right candidate isn’t elected, it will be the end of America as we know it!” “And then there’s the rioting and looting, the social unrest and socialistic ideology spreading across the nation!” “What about my family – you don’t understand what my family is going through – job loss, financial struggles, relational strife, straying kids – there’s so much going on, I feel like the only thing I can do is worry!”

I know, it sounds ludicrous, even impossible. Nevertheless, the Scriptures tell us, *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV).

There it is: *“Do not be anxious about anything . . .”* Now I’ll confess, knowing I’m not supposed to worry is one thing, actually not worrying is another matter entirely! But, if you’re tempted to be worried sick during these chaotic days we’re living in, I’d like to offer you a biblical prescription.

In the 23rd Psalm, King David gives us the antidote to our anxiety. He writes, *“The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need . . . Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me”* (Psalm 23:1, 4 NLT). Herein lies the truth: *God does not promise exemption from trouble. He promises protection through trouble. He may not bring peace to your circumstance, but he will bring peace to your spirit.* God’s promise is that He, in and of himself, has everything we need for peace during troubled times. That peace comes from His abiding presence. He promises that, even in the darkest valley of life, He will be present with us.

In Psalm 46, the Psalmist assures us that even if life feels like it is crashing down around us, God is with us. *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging . . . the Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress”* (Psalm 46:1-3, 7 NIV).

In the middle of chaotic circumstances, even in personal struggles and trials, we can have a calm in our spirit and peace in our hearts because *“the God of Jacob is our fortress.”* I love that plaque that reads: ‘Lord, help me to remember that there is nothing that is going to happen to me today that you and I can’t handle together.’

So the next time the news begins to cause your anxiety to increase, turn it off. The next time your blood pressure skyrockets because your friend brings up politics, change the subject. The next time you become worried about COVID-19, change your focus. And in each of these situations I want to challenge you to open the Scriptures to Psalm 23, Psalm 46, Philippians 4, or a plethora of others and allow God to speak to you over the chaos. Listen as He reminds you that He alone is your *“refuge and strength;”* and let it settle deep down that He alone is *“an ever-present help in trouble.”*

Beloved, God is with you. His Word assures us: *“God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid”* (Hebrews 13:5-6 NIV).

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan A. Robinson

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

July 26	60
August 2	58
August 9	56
August 16	60
August 23	76

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!

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

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

All-Church Golf Scramble: Come have fun and fellowship with your fellow golfers on Saturday, 9/12 at Barberton Brookside Golf Course. Tee time is at 12 o'clock noon, and cost is \$30 per person. Sign-up sheet will be in the main foyer, or see Nathan with any questions.

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. Thank you!

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting this month on Saturday, 9/26 from 10am until 6pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the main foyer so we can plan accordingly for safe distancing for everyone in attendance.

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members served our community on 3/5. Currently there is not a schedule for the month of September. 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 September. 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ...</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Golf Scramble</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
27	28	29	30	<i>... for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.</i> <i>Galatians 3:26-27</i>		

BIRTHDAYS:	
9/2	Lynda Hoover
9/6	Erica Brink
9/6	Shanon Webb
9/7	Jeannie Cool
9/7	Karen Rummer
9/14	Danny Hodge
9/14	Deanna Hodge
9/15	Eric Geimer
9/16	Sandy Mitchell
9/19	Gary Easterday
9/20	James Friedrichsen
9/22	Chris Hounshel
9/22	Cherie Mitchell
9/22	Angie Sapper
9/27	Kathy Rummer

ANNIVERSARIES:	
9/2	Paul & Garland Carr
9/29	Jared & Caroline Friedrichsen

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

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:11

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.

- SEPT 1: Ezekiel 20-21
- SEPT 2: Ezekiel 22-23
- SEPT 3: Ezekiel 24-27
- SEPT 4: Ezekiel 28-31
- SEPT 5: Ezekiel 32-34
- SEPT 6: Ezekiel 35-37
- SEPT 7: Ezekiel 38-39
- SEPT 8: Ezekiel 40-41
- SEPT 9: Ezekiel 42-43
- SEPT 10: Ezekiel 44-45

- SEPT 11: Ezekiel 46-48
- SEPT 12: Joel 1-3
- SEPT 13: Daniel 1-3
- SEPT 14: Daniel 4-6
- SEPT 15: Daniel 7-9
- SEPT 16: Daniel 10-12
- SEPT 17: Ezra 1-3
- SEPT 18: Ezra 4-6; Psalm 137
- SEPT 19: Haggai 1-2
- SEPT 20: Zechariah 1-7

- SEPT 21: Zechariah 8-14
- SEPT 22: Esther 1-5
- SEPT 23: Esther 6-10
- SEPT 24: Ezra 7-10
- SEPT 25: Nehemiah 1-5
- SEPT 26: Nehemiah 6-7
- SEPT 27: Nehemiah 8-10
- SEPT 28: Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126
- SEPT 29: Malachi 1-4
- SEPT 30: Luke 1; John 1:1-14

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

Kids Korner

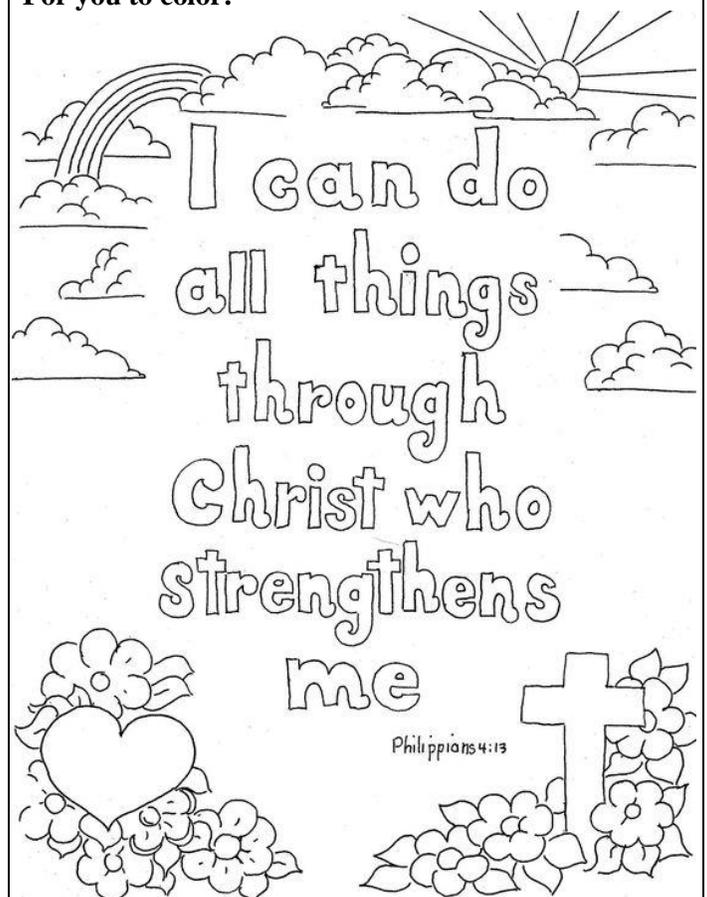


Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

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

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For you to color:



Philippians 4:13

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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

