



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

One of my favorite places in our home is a little corner nook next to our wood burning stove. For six months of the year I spend a lot of time in this nook, soaking up the fire's radiant warmth, often nuzzled by our dog, Charlie, with my nose buried in a good book. It's also a place where I sit to study, to work on Sunday's sermon, or simply think and plan things I need to do. It was in this spot that, as the wood burning season drew to a close, I sat dreaming, making goals and grand plans for the upcoming summer, of all the things I wanted to do with my kids. I was intent on establishing routines for the summer. All too often, when summertime hits, summer merely becomes a time to kick back, relax and coast. But this summer would be different. Because now I was planning for more investment: structuring our family's summer with reading goals, memorable activities, spiritual growth and more.

Well, here's the thing: During the other half of the year, when the hearth isn't the nucleus of our home, the stove standing dark and lifeless, I spend almost no time in the nook. Without the fire's blaze, the nook simply isn't inviting. Consequently, it was due to the necessity of finding a misplaced library book that I was driven to the lonely corner to rummage through a stack of papers and books I hadn't touched in quite some time. However, rather than finding the library book, and with only two weeks left of summer vacation, I discovered hidden in the forgotten stack my grand summer plans. Darn.

My suspicion though, is that I am not the only one who has their daily routines and plans for summer go out the window when Memorial Day hits. That's why, with school being back in session, it's a great time to step back and assess our routines and plans. Even if you don't have kids at home, reassessing your routine and evaluating your plans and goals is something we should all do on occasion. Here are three suggestions for your consideration.

- 1. Schedule Your Day.** I know if I don't schedule my day very well, it gets filled up by itself. Menial tasks can distract me from meeting important goals. Often, if I don't schedule my day, others will schedule it for me! We all need structure. That's why taking a few moments in the evening or early in the morning to plan our days will help us be more successful. Scheduling our day for Kingdom living will help us *"grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 1:8 LB).
- 2. Have Personal Quiet Time.** Devotional time in the Scriptures and in prayer will start your day in the right direction. I know my sinful nature is disposed to selfishness and sin, so the wisest thing I can do is seek the Lord before I seek anything else. John Bunyan wrote that "He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day." So, if having a devotional time is not a part of daily schedule, make it one. *"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:6 ESV).
- 3. Plan to Serve Others.** Set out with the plan to be a blessing to someone every day. It could be as simple as offering a word of encouragement or sending a card to a friend. It might be generously blessing your waitress after breakfast. It may be planning to visit a widow or someone in the hospital. It could be mowing your busy neighbor's yard or inviting someone to dinner. Remember, in serving we are modeling Christ to others, who said his plan was not to *"be served, but to serve"* (Mark 10:45 NIV).

So, whether you've failed to make plans, or you've forgotten them in some nook, it's never too late to establish new plans and routines for the future. We only have so much time, so let's wisely make the most of the time the Lord has given us.

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson

Monthly Figures

Date	General	Missions	Building	Benevolent	Attendance
7/29	1705	305	25	75	107
8/5	2996	565	45	85	109
8/12	3363	415	145	215	100
8/19	3072	455	55	190	104
Average:	2784	435	68	141	105

Weekly Need:

General: \$3,046.75

Monthly Need:

Missions: \$1,915

Wednesday Night Live: The time is upon us to restart our WNL program for all members of Southwest! To kick-off this occasion, we will be having a cookout on September 5th and regular classes will begin on September 12th. All ages are encouraged to attend, as there will be classes for Pre-K, grades K to 6, grades 7 to 12, Women's Study, and Men's Study. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your friends, family, or neighbors and get them plugged into learning God's Word.

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: There will be a picnic at the Pheasant Run Shelter at Silver Creek Metro Park in Norton at 12 noon on Thursday, September 20th. Enter the park from Hametown Road and make the first right to go to the shelter. Burgers and dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

Women's Bible Study: The women of Southwest had a very successful summer devotional series on Tuesdays at 10am! Beginning September 4th, we will be returning to studying books in the bible. The WNL study will also be bible based, as we jump back into learning what God has to teach us by reading His Word. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members served at the soup kitchen on July 26th. The next opportunity to join the group will be September 6th. Thank you for your willingness to serve for Christ's kingdom!

Scrapbooking: Next meeting will be September 22nd, 9am until 4pm.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item for September: macaroni and cheese

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>"1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding— 3 indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:1-6</i></p>						1
2	3 Labor Day	4 Women's Bible Study	5 WNL Cookout & Kick-off	6	7	8
9 Deacon's Meeting	10	11 Women's Bible Study	12 WNL	13	14	15
16	17	18 Women's Bible Study	19 WNL	20 "Senior Moment"	21	22 Scrapbooking
23	24	25 Women's Bible Study	26 WNL	27	28	29
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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
9/16	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 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

*“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of
understanding, the Spirit of counsel and
of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and
fear of the LORD—” Isaiah 11:2*

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.

- SEPT 1: Psalm 121:1-4
- SEPT 2: Psalm 121:5-8
- SEPT 3: Psalm 62:1-4
- SEPT 4: Psalm 62:5-8
- SEPT 5: Psalm 62:9-12
- SEPT 6: Amos 4:13
- SEPT 7: Psalm 93:1-5
- SEPT 8: Matthew 22:34-40
- SEPT 9: Matthew 11:25-27
- SEPT 10: Matthew 11:28-30

- SEPT 11: Isaiah 53:1-4
- SEPT 12: Isaiah 53:5-8
- SEPT 13: Isaiah 53:9-12
- SEPT 14: Psalm 32:4-6
- SEPT 15: 2 Timothy 1:6-8
- SEPT 16: 2 Timothy 1:9-11
- SEPT 17: 2 Timothy 1:12-14
- SEPT 18: Colossians 3:1-4
- SEPT 19: Colossians 3:5-10
- SEPT 20: Colossians 3:11-14

- SEPT 21: Colossians 3:15-17
- SEPT 22: Colossians 3:18-21
- SEPT 23: Colossians 3:22-25
- SEPT 24: Matthew 7:1-3
- SEPT 25: Matthew 7:4-6
- SEPT 26: Matthew 7:7-12
- SEPT 27: Matthew 7:13-20
- SEPT 28: Matthew 7:21-23
- SEPT 29: Matthew 7:24-29
- SEPT 30: I Thessalonians 5:19-24



Scripture list courtesy of www.swtblessings.com

Kids Korner



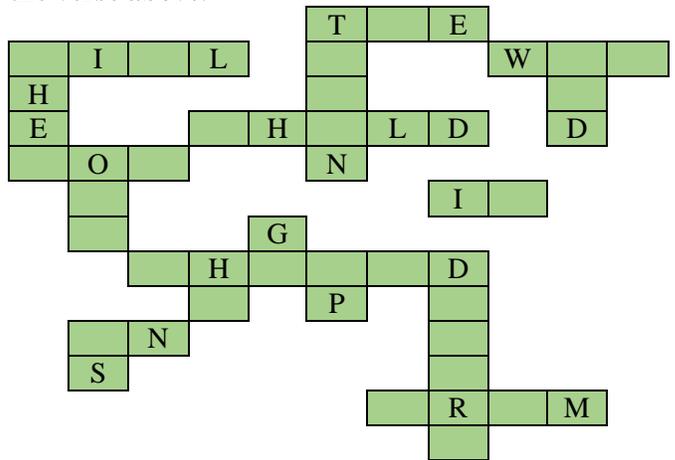
“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

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

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C	Q	H	S	N	A	E	I	W	Y	O
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Q	D	P	O	W	I	L	L	J	K	B

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



What is your favorite bible verse, or story from the bible? What has it taught you about being a Christian?



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