



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

I love my country. I love the U.S. Constitution, I love Old Glory, and I love the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this great and blessed nation. That's why I love celebrating Independence Day. This Fourth of July will be marked like so many throughout my life: gathering with loved ones, grilling burgers in the backyard, swimming in the pool, playing games in the yard, and my personal favorite pastime: shooting fireworks. However, this Independence Day will also be marked by the solemn reminder of the great cost that has been paid for us to enjoy all the benefits we have as Americans. On July the 4th, like so many other patriotic men and women, I will spend time contemplating the blessings and responsibilities I have to live as a good citizen and Patriot.

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian." - George Washington, First President of the United States of America

Therefore, as Independence Day approaches, my encouragement to you is to heed President Washington's admonition in your own life. The most patriotic thing you can do for your country is to live a godly life in Christ. The most important patriotism is not saluting the flag properly, standing at attention and singing the national anthem with gusto, or voting wisely at every election. Those things are good, but the most vital thing you can do for your country is to honor Jesus Christ every day of your life.

"The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you." (Psalm 33:10-22 NIV)

Do you want to help make this country strong? Live a life of integrity. Go to work on time and do an honest day's labor. Be faithful to your mate. Love and discipline your children. Live within your means. Pay your bills on time. File your taxes honestly. Be kind to your neighbor. Guard your speech. Attend church. Give generously to the needy. Honor God.

American Statesman Daniel Webster said, "Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens." When we live Godly lives, God will bless the nation. The Bible promises, *"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."* (Proverbs 14:34) Above all, this Independence Day, remember what a blessing it is to live in a nation where we can freely say that there is no King but King Jesus! *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord!"*

Peace and Goodwill,
Nathan Robinson



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Women's Bible Study	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8 Deacon's Meeting	9	10 Women's Bible Study	11	12	13	14 Jr. & Sr. High Event
15	16	17 Women's Bible Study	18	19	20	21 Scrapbooking
22	23	24 Women's Bible Study	25 Youth Group Get-together	26 Soup Kitchen	27	28
29	30	31	<p><i>"38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses."</i> Acts 13:38-39</p>			

BIRTHDAYS:	
7/8	Larry Bradford
7/9	Melissa Zenner
7/12	Christopher Leiby
7/13	Darlene Scott
7/14	Russ Mercer
7/14	Kevin Weaver
7/15	Debbie Easterday
7/17	Delaney Robinson
7/18	Alexis Zenner
7/25	Dan Hughey
7/28	Julia Friedrichsen
7/29	Matthew Robinson
7/30	Lynn Hounshel
7/30	Rodney Webb

ANNIVERSARIES:	
7/3	Russ & Karen Mercer
7/12	Dick & Linda Smith
7/17	Jim & Karen Rummer
7/22	Nathan & Crystal Robinson
7/24	Joel & Deb Martin
7/26	Billi & Mindie Cromer
7/30	Kevin & Angie Sapper

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.

Monthly Figures

Date	General	Missions	Building	Benevolent	Attendance
5/27	1591	340	55	85	89
6/3	2708	1035	45	115	79
6/10	2998	715	60	85	108
6/17	3833	690	75	150	125
Average:	2782	695	59	109	100

Weekly Need: **Monthly Need:**
General: \$3,046.75 Missions: \$1,915

CHURCH DIRECTORY: It's that time again for Southwest to update our church directory! Please check the foyer for information to verify, change, or add: your name, address, birthday, anniversary, phone number, etc. We have new members that are not in our current directory and this is the main source we use to send out communications.

Jr. / Sr. High Youth Groups: Youth group event ages 12 and older. High Ropes Course at Elkhorn Valley Christian Camp on July 14th. We will leave the church at 10:30am and return about 5:30pm. Pack a lunch. See Caroline Friedrichsen for sign ups and release papers. \$15 per person.

All Youth Group Event: Wednesday Night Live youth groups will be meeting July 25th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Robinson's house for a time of devotion, fellowship and fun! The address is: 200 Vineyard Way, Doylestown.

Women's Bible Study: The women of Southwest are meeting weekly during the time of Tuesdays at 10am, throughout the summer for a DEVOTION AND PRAYER TIME to help us stay connected. ??'s please see Karen Rummer.

Scrapbooking: Next meeting will be on Saturday July 21 from 10am until 5pm. Join us for crafty fun and fellowship!

Soup Kitchen: Southwest members helped at the soup kitchen on June 14th. The next opportunity to serve will be on July 26th. Thank you for your continued willingness to serve for Christ's kingdom!

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item for June: cold breakfast items (cereal, breakfast bars, pop-tarts)

"Senior Moment" Group Outing: We will not be meeting this month.

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, toilet paper, ground coffee, kitchen-size trash bags, laundry detergent, liquid fabric softener, and body lotion.

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.



Love God Love People Lead People to Jesus

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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

Growing Your Faith

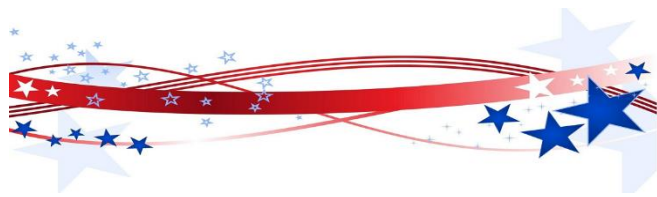
*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."
Galatians 5:1*

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.

JULY 1: Psalm 33:6-12
 JULY 2: 1 Peter 2:9-17
 JULY 3: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18
 JULY 4: Galatians 5:1-15
 JULY 5: John 8:31-42
 JULY 6: John 8:43-59
 JULY 7: Romans 6:1-11
 JULY 8: Romans 6:12-23
 JULY 9: Romans 8:1-11
 JULY 10: Romans 8:12-18

JULY 11: Romans 8:19-30
 JULY 12: Isaiah 61:1-6
 JULY 13: Isaiah 61:7-11
 JULY 14: Luke 4:14-21
 JULY 15: Acts 1:1-11
 JULY 16: Acts 1:12-26
 JULY 17: Acts 2:1-13
 JULY 18: Acts 2:14-21
 JULY 19: Acts 2:22-35
 JULY 20: Acts 2:36-47

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 JULY 26: Acts 4:32-37
 JULY 27: Acts 5:1-11
 JULY 28: Acts 5:12-26
 JULY 29: Acts 5:27-42
 JULY 30: Acts 6:1-7
 JULY 31: Acts 6:8-15



Scripture list courtesy of www.littlefaithblog.com

Kids Korner



"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17

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

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15	V	W	Y	A	R	C	R	E	D	N
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How does Jesus set us free from sin?

Why is freedom from sin so important?



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

