

# Southwest Church of the Nazarene

**We Come, O Christ, to You**

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We come O Christ to You  
True Son of God and man  
By Whom all things consist  
In Whom all life began  
In You alone we live and move  
And have our being in Your love  
You are the way to God  
Your blood our ransom paid  
In You we face  
Our Judge and Maker unafraid  
Before the throne absolved we stand  
Your love has met Your law's demand

You are the living truth  
All wisdom dwells in You  
The source of every skill  
The one eternal True  
O great I Am in You we rest  
Sure answer to our every quest

You only are true life  
To know You is to live  
The more abundant life  
That earth can never give  
O risen Lord we live in You  
In us each day Your life renew

We worship You Lord Christ  
Our Savior and our King  
To You our youth and strength  
Adoringly we bring  
So fill our hearts that all may view  
Your life in us and turn to You

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## Church Events:

- Friday, Feb. 7th – 5:00pm – Winter Jam Concert – RIOT Youth will go to Gainbridge Fieldhouse.
- Saturday, Feb. 8th – 10:00am – Children's Quiz Meet at SW Church – Need volunteers
- Sunday, Feb. 9th – After worship service – Southwest Chili Cook Off
- Monday, Feb. 10th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm – Mom Squad Meets
- Sunday, Feb. 16th – Baptisms, Church Memberships, & Children's Church Celebration (ages 3-5th)
- Saturday, Feb. 22nd – 9:00am – District Celebrate Life at Westside COTN
- Sunday, Feb. 23rd – 10:40am – Church Elections & Alabaster Offering
- Saturday, Mar. 1st – 10:00am – Children's Quiz Meet at Second Chance COTN
- Week of Mar. 2nd – LIFE Groups start back up
- Saturday, Mar. 15th – RIOT Youth Italian Dinner Fundraiser

## Praises:

- Praise the Lord for our Youth Group! Pastor Aaron and several of the leaders as well as the youth came to remove all the carpet in the fellowship hall and surrounding rooms. It was a great scene to see everyone working so hard, but at the same time talking and laughing with one another! Well done everyone.
- Praise the Lord that Pastor Aaron was recommended to the General Superintendents for Ordination at this year's District Assembly. Congratulations to him and Alicia! This has been a long journey, but he has done well.

*For those who may not know:*

**502. Theology of Ordination.** While affirming the scriptural tenet of the universal priesthood and ministry of all believers, ordination reflects the biblical belief that God calls and gifts certain men and women for ministerial leadership in the church. Ordination is the authenticating, authorizing act of the Church, which recognizes and confirms God's call to ministerial leadership as stewards and proclaimers of the gospel and the Church of Jesus Christ. Consequently, ordination bears witness to the Church universal and the world at large that this candidate evidences an exemplary life of holiness, possesses gifts and graces for public ministry, and has a thirst for knowledge, especially for the Word of God, and has the capacity to communicate sound doctrine. (2023 Church of the Nazarene Manual)

### **Educational Preparation**

A person called by God into Christian ministry is called to prepare. Your preparation process will include formal education with at least 26 specific classes, ministry experience, yearly interviews before the Board of Ministry, being nominated by your local church for a local minister's license, then recommended by the Board of Ministry for a District License, attending an intensive weekend assessment, and when all this is complete, one last interview to become recommended by the Board of Ministry for Ordination (an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene). At the time of the next District Assembly, the candidate must meet with the General Superintendent in jurisdiction and be approved by them and voted on during the District Assembly. After this approval, they are ordained that evening by the laying on of hands by the laying on of hands by the elders and prayed over. It is an unforgettable experience to receive this confirmation and take up this responsibility.

## Prayer Needs:

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- Pray for our unsaved loved ones & those dealing with addictions.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed and mailed versions of the church newsletter.

# Announcements

## Upcoming Quiz Meets:

**Children's Quizzing**

**Southwest Church**  
Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

**Second Chance COTN**  
149 Vesta Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168  
Saturday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am

**District Quiz at 1st COTN - Shelbyville**  
2315 S Riley Hwy, Shelbyville, IN 46176  
Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

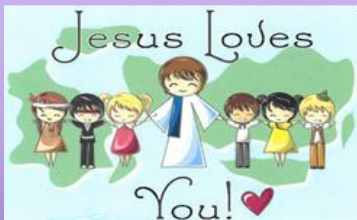
**State Quiz – 5/3/25**

**Regional Quiz – 5/31/25**



## Children's Ministry Envelope Fundraiser

Through Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, check out the foyer bulletin board to simply pick a beautifully decorated envelope or two. The envelopes will have a number on the upper right-hand corner between \$5 - \$50. That is the amount to which you are committing to donate to help support the children's department. You may keep the envelope as a reminder to pray and make the donation online or put into the tithe box at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure it's marked for "Children's Ministry." Thank you for your prayers & support!



Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:40am  
Meet in Children's  
Church

**Children's Church Celebration – Kids ages 3-5th grade, please join us as we celebrate Jesus' love for you! Our celebration will include stories, games, snacks, and crafts. Please bring valentines to share with your friends if you'd like!**

We still need a couple volunteers to help with listening to memory verses, setting up, and cleaning up for Saturday's meet at our church. If you can volunteer, would you contact Sarah Wood or call the church?

### Nehemiah 9:5-7 NIV

“Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.”  
“Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.”  
“You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.”

To keep our prayer needs list current, we are asking you to let us know if you'd like the requests that are currently in the newsletter to remain in future newsletters (or have any changes). With the several prayer needs we receive weekly, we want to be sure we capture them in the our printed prayer needs. Let Katrina know if you'd like your requests to stay or if they can be removed from our weekly newsletter. Thanks!

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> –  
RIOT Youth Italian Dinner  
Fundraiser



Mark  
Your  
calendars!

NEW SERIES  
“WE ARE FREE!  
NOW WHAT?”



**EXODUS**  
13 - 19

40 Days of Prayer and  
Bible Reading  
Exodus 1-40  
STARTING JANUARY 5 -  
FEBRUARY 13

**FAST** once a week

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Thanks to Patricia  
DEAR GOD, PLEASE GIVE ME PATIENCE ...  
AND I NEED IT RIGHT NOW!!!

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## Southwest Church Food Pantry

Can you help us stock the pantry? We have several new families coming each month looking for some assistance with food. Items needed include:

1 lb pkg of ground beef or turkey; whole chickens; chicken nuggets, lunch meat; hot dogs; bacon; peanut butter; jelly; canned tuna, chicken, veggies, soup, and fruit; flour; sugar; toilet paper; soap; toothpaste; shampoo; laundry detergent; deodorant; pasta; pasta sauce; bottled water; boxed cereal; pancake mix; syrup; ramen noodles; etc.



## Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Alabaster Sunday!



Bring your Alabaster boxes, checks, cash, change, or online giving this morning and we'll have the Alabaster march! The Church of the Nazarene website explains where your donations may be used. The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, & convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

### Use of Alabaster funds

Alabaster funds are to be used for new churches to:

- Purchase a property or church building
- Purchase or build a church parsonage
  - Build a church building
- Convert a property into a church gathering space
- Meet initial costs to rent a church meeting space for a limited period

### Alabaster funds may also be used to:

- Purchase or build missionary homes
- Purchase or build regional or field missions facilities
  - Build or repurpose buildings on Bible college campuses

On Sunday,  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
we'll have  
Church  
Elections.



These elections will be for open church board positions, NDI board, NMI council, and NYI council, and delegates for NDI, NYI, and NMI Conventions and District Assembly. We thank you for helping to choose those who represent Southwest Church in these various roles and assemblies.

# Announcements

INDY NYI **CELEBRATE** LIFE '25  
February 22nd  
9am-3pm

**WORSHIP:** The Narrow

**SPEAKER:** Marissa McCrary  
w/ Yeshua Garcia & Libby Fish

**WESTSIDE CHURCH**  
8610 W 10th St | Indianapolis, IN

**REGISTER**

**\$20/ PERSON**

**EVENTS**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US  
INDYCLDIRECTORS@GMAIL.COM

Indy NYI District Celebrate Life - Teens in grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> come together to compete in activities such as basketball, chess, Bible quizzing, singing, playing musical instruments, poetry, photography, and more! Some will advance to the regional Celebrate Life at ONU!

## "UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

You will notice that we are remodeling several rooms, including the Fellowship Hall. Please be careful around these areas. The paint will be new (dry - of course) on the walls and trim pieces. Also, the carpeting will be removed and replaced temporarily with brown paper flooring until we are ready for the new installation of the carpet. We are excited, but we also want everyone to be careful during this transition time.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mom Squad next meets on Monday, February 10th at 6:30pm. We'll meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Women of all ages are welcome – no matter how old your children are! Won't you join us for discussion, snacks, and fellowship? Questions: See Renee Plank.



## Chili Cook Off THIS SUNDAY! (2/9/25)

We hope you join us this Sunday after worship service for the SW Chili Cook Off! If you didn't get a chance to sign up to bring in your favorite chili recipe, sandwiches, sour cream, shredded cheese, or crackers, call the church to let us know!



RIOT Youth trip to Gainbridge Fieldhouse for the annual Winter Jam concert featuring Skillet, Anne Wilson, Colton Dixon, Newsong, Micah Tyler, Zane Black, SEU Worship, The Band Table, & We Are Vessel. Cost: \$15 donation per person paid at the door. We'll leave the church together at 5:00pm.

### Rise & Shine (Men's & Women's) Breakfast Club Schedule (9:00am Tuesdays)

- 2/11 - Metro Diner (302 Dan Jones Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168)
- 2/18 - Flapjacks Pancake House (414 W Main St, Plainfield, IN 46168)
- 2/25 - Bob Evans (25 S High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241)
- 3/4 - Cracker Barrel (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)

### 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

## LIFE Groups

- Start Date: the week of **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
\*Unless your group would like to start sooner.
- Study Choice: continue with sermon-based discussion or use a video or book-based discussion. Your group can each decide!
- Food or no food? That is the question. Your group can choose!
- Create a natural break for your group. No set time to end meeting.  
(For example: start in March and end in May, then start back in July again). Whatever works best for your group!

**IMPORTANT:** Remember the LIFE Groups are smaller discipleship groups focused on BUILDING relationships and strengthening one another in Christ. It's doing LIFE together:

- L – **LEARN ABOUT OTHERS** (Listen and Care)
- I – **INSTRUCTION** (Bible Focused)
- F – **FELLOWSHIP** (Food Time and Conversation)
- E – **ENCOURAGEMENT** (Faith)



## Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

### is Baptism & Church Membership Sunday!

Have you been wondering about potentially being baptized or becoming a member of our church?

Praise the Lord!

To find out more information about either one or both of these, please see Pastor Scott. 😊

Southwest  
Church  
Membership

