

# Southwest Church of the Nazarene

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## AN ELEMENTARY LESSON

COVID-19, social distancing, facemask, etc.... these are all words we didn't even know before 2020 began. This year has created some new anxieties for many of us through fear of the unknown, loss, disappointment and honestly, not being sure what to believe with so many differences of opinions. As if, every day is not already full of hardships and difficult circumstances, then we add all of this. It can leave us very distracted and wondering where to turn.

How do we face this as a Christian parent, wife, coworker, friend, family member? How do we shine the light that we say we have inside? How does it look in our life if we say we are followers of Jesus?

We go back to what we know and that is God loves us and cares about what we are going through. He wants to hear our hearts and our cry the same way we want our children to come to us. God gave us the gift of grieving and crying to help us heal. So, he understands when we need to pour it all out to Him.

Our kids need to know this about God! They need to feel comfortable with sharing their feelings with Him and us without feeling embarrassed or insignificant.

We all need to know He cares and hears us!

*1 Peter 5:7*

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

*Psalms 34:4*

“I sought the Lord, and he answered me, he delivered me from all my fears.”

We also should always lean on His word for comfort and reassurance. His promises are true. Over and over He will speak to us through His word and use it to get our focus upon Him and Truth. When we fall in love with His word it will become our very breath and our children will see this in our lives.

“Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” *Psalms 119:105*

So, to just say, “pray and read God’s word” may seem a little elementary. After all, we seem to know that answer but sadly, some days it seems so hard to do. When was the last time you spent time doing either? We have to be intentional about these areas. When we are, we will see a big difference in our faith and so will others.

My prayer, “God, help us to become the faith filled followers you have intended us to be. Help us to be thankful for the things in life that help to keep our eyes upon you. Make us a people that fall on our knees and open your word in every situation. Jesus, you are all we need whatever our circumstances of life may be, help us to remember, there are so many watching us at home, work and even at church.”

They need to see You, Lord, in us and we need to get out of the way!

Cindy Robinson

# WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Unuttered or expressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
The falling of a tear,  
The upward glancing of an eye,  
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
That infant lips can try;  
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
The majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,  
Returning from his ways;  
While angels in their songs rejoice,  
And cry—"Behold he prays!"

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
The Christian's native air:  
His watchword at the gates of death—  
He enters heaven with prayer.

The saints in prayer appear as one  
In word, and deed, and mind,  
While with the Father and the Son  
Sweet fellowship they find.

Nor prayer is made by man alone  
The Holy Spirit pleads  
And Jesus, on the eternal throne  
For sinners intercedes.

O Thou, by whom we come to God—  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod;  
Lord! teach us how to pray.

— James Montgomery

# Praise:

- Praise the Lord, for another great Sunday! So many are not able to worship these days, especially in other states. But we were able to sing, pray, hear the Word and see each other... things we have often taken for granted. Thank you Lord for this blessing!
- Praise the Lord, for those finding their way back to the church and the new ones that joined us Sunday!
- Praise the Lord, for the privilege to pray each Wednesday! God is working through this and He will accomplish great things and bless those who draw near to Him each week.

# Prayer:

- Schools - Administrators, teachers, and students.
- Our Government and Country
- COVID-19 to end
- All those affected by unemployment, companies and business laying off or closing, and the continued hardship on those trying to survive financially.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Safety Team help needed:** We want to have a meeting soon with everyone who is interested. This includes security, and/or emergency situations such as tornados, health emergencies, etc. Jim Hanavan is our lead person for this area. See Pastor Scott or Jim Hanavan if you are interested.

**R!OT Youth Meetings** - Sundays, from 5-7pm. We will be meeting outside for now. Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

**Wednesday Prayer** – 6:30pm each week in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome. Bring your cares and concerns to the Lord and pray for one another!

**Church Board Meeting Rescheduled** – Tuesday, August 18, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**See next page for more announcements!**

**Modified Faith Promise for 2020** – August 30<sup>th</sup>: Due to COVID-19, we are scaling back our events for the weekend to just the morning service. However, we will still have an exciting time promoting World Missions through our Faith Promise service. We are excited to have our guest missionaries from a Creative Access Area! Here's a little explanation about Faith Promise:

## What is Faith Promise?

Faith Promise is our way of raising funds to support and fund the spread of the Gospel around the world. We consider Faith Promise a form of worship by stepping out in faith and relying on God to provide the funds that we might not see. We do this by asking you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to faithfully give on a weekly/monthly basis (on top of your regular giving) over the next year. Your pledge is confidential and between you and God. More than ever, our missionaries need our support! So, join us August 30th!

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THEY FALL FOR THIS EVERY TIME

## 1 Peter 5:10-11

***10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.***  
***11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. NIV***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



There is still time! Don't forget about the opportunity to support our church by shopping (online or in person) at Rural King from August 2nd - August 15th. You can submit your receipts online at [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) (choose our church's name) or bring to the church office by September 1st. Rural King will donate 10% of your purchase total to Southwest Church!

*Did you miss reading one of the past few newsletters?*

We are now posting these on our church website (at [sw.nazarene.org](http://sw.nazarene.org)) and on our Facebook page (at Indy Southwest Naz). Catch up on all the articles, news, comics, poems, and more! 😊

We are collecting **School Pal-Paks & Crisis Care Kits** to send out to meet the needs of individuals across the world! If you want to provide 1 or several of these items, please bring them to the church and place in the properly labeled boxes in the foyer. It is important that you purchase new items **EXACTLY** as they are listed, or they cannot be shipped out to help others. Your contribution is needed and appreciated! Thanks! We would love to see how many of these bags we can complete by the end of August.

Questions: See Lisa Fishburn.



- ✓ 1 – Shampoo (12 to 18 oz)
- ✓ 2 – Bars of Soap (Bath size or larger)
- ✓ 1 – Toothpaste (4.0 to 6.4 oz)
- ✓ 3 – Toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- ✓ 1 – Box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
- ✓ 1 – Fingernail Clippers
- ✓ 1 – Sturdy Hair Comb
- ✓ 2 – Hand Towels
- ✓ 4 – Pocket-sized pkgs. Kleenex
- ✓ 1 – Beanie Baby-Sized Stuffed Toy



- ✓ 2 – Composition Notebooks (no larger than 9 ¾ x 7 ½ in.)
- ✓ 1 – Package of 10 to 12 of #2 Pencils
- ✓ 1 – Package of 10 to 12 Ballpoint Black Pens
- ✓ 2 – Pink/White Erasers, 2 to 3 inches long
- ✓ 2 – Rulers with Metric Measurements (6" or 12")
- ✓ 1 – Package of 12 to 15 Colored Pencils
- ✓ 1 – Pair of Blunt Nosed Scissors
- ✓ 1 – Handheld Pencil Sharpener (NOT electric / battery powered)