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## *Church of the Nazarene*



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### “Follow Me...” To Chick-Fil-A?

Why are Chick-Fil-A drive-through's so busy?

Most everyone I know likes to stop at Chick-Fil-A every so often... for several reasons. One, they always have great, fresh food. Second, their service is always classy, speedy, and they get it right. And then of course, who does not like to hear the words, “It’s my pleasure,” from those serving you? They have created a culture! So, whenever our family asks the question “Where do you want to eat,” our youngest daughter will always say, “Chick-Fil-A.” We are hooked.

Wouldn't it be nice if the church were “busy?” Not necessarily with things to do, but rather “busy” with a sense of excitement, a buzz! Today, in internet language, this is called “trending.” You want to invite others because you want them to experience what you have experienced. Staying home is simply not as enjoyable.

Following Jesus is exciting, but it is also appealing. When Jesus was beginning his ministry, starting “the Family Business” of the Church, he started seeking helpers. He didn't make it easy on them, but rather said in Matthew 16:24-25, “...If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and

follow me” (NIV). One by one, the twelve chose to follow, and Christ spent the next three years teaching them, training them, and laying out the vision for the Church. He was creating a culture. So much so, that when someone experienced one of His disciples, they would be drawn to the Christ of Christianity, and the word began to spread. Word of mouth is still the best form of advertisement!

Many people go to Chick-Fil-A because they offer a menu other places simply don't have. It's different. Quality. You leave feeling good about your experience. In the same note, people are attracted to Christ through the Church, because we offer something the world doesn't have. Kindness. Purity. Grace. Patience. Hope. Love. These are the best items on our menu!

Now I am sure, Chick-Fil-A as a company, is not without its share of problems, just like the church world. Yet, their corporate purpose continues to be their driving force: “To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come into contact with Chick-fil-A.” May this be said of the church as well.

Pastor Scott and Cindy

## A Home Without a Bible (Abridged) By C.D. Meigs

What is home without a Bible?  
'Tis a home where day is night,  
Starless night, for o'er life's pathway  
Heaven can shed no kindly light.

What is home without a Bible?  
'Tis a home where daily bread  
For the body is provided,  
But the soul is never fed.

What is home without the Bible?  
'Tis a family out at sea,  
Compass lost and rudder broken,  
Drifting, drifting, thoughtlessly.

## Prayers:

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

## Praises:

- Praise the Lord for our visitors! It is so good to see new people coming to hear the message. Let's continue to reach out and welcome them each week!
- Praise the Lord for return of Children's Church this past Sunday. The kids were really excited to be back and so were the teachers! 😊



TO BE HONEST I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT SERMON WAS ABOUT, BUT BOY WAS HE EXCITING

## Faith Promise Sunday, August 30th

**Theme: "Follow Me..." Matthew 16:24**

Jesus asks all those who would be His disciples to "follow Him" wherever that may lead!

On Sunday, we will watch a passionate video about why we have Faith Promise in the Church of the Nazarene. We will also hear from two people connected to our church as they share how they have "followed" the Lord around the world.

We will enjoy inspirational music, have a time for prayer for our missionaries across the globe, and hear from our guest missionaries! To conclude, we will receive an offering for our missionaries and fill out our annual Faith Promise cards for raising funds for World Evangelism. Our Goal this year is: \$35,000. I know with God's help we can accomplish this! We are excited to see where the Lord will lead this year, as we "follow Him."

# Announcements & Upcoming Events:

**Teen Bible Quizzing** – Sundays, from 3-5pm. Come join the team and learn about God's Word, Compete with other teams, and Have Fun!

**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.

**Children's Church is coming back.** We had a great kick-off last Sunday and will resume on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> after a couple week break! We'll be studying the Lord's Prayer. Please note: Drop children off in the Youth Room no earlier than 10:30am. All children must wear masks, and we will abide by all safety measures. We can't wait to see you there! 😊

We wanted to say **"Thank You"** for your continued financial support!

*Just a reminder...*

Your tithe and offering contributions can be given in the following ways:

- 1.) Mail in your donation to the church at 4797 Tincher Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46221.
- 2.) Place your donation in the wooden box at the back of the church before or after church worship services on Sunday mornings.
- 3.) Give online at our website at [www.swnazarene.org](http://www.swnazarene.org) by selecting the Giving tab and clicking on the Online Giving button.

We are collecting **School Pal-Paks** and **Crisis Care Kits** to send out to meet the needs of individuals across the world! If you want to provide one 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.



- ✓ 2 – Composition Notebooks (no larger than 9 ¾" x 7 ½")
- ✓ 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)



- ✓ 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