

Southwest Church of the Nazarene

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PERFECT HARMONY

Can you imagine perfect harmony in our world? Where purity, peace, and love for your neighbor are shown between all races and nations. Sounds like a dream-world, right? Maybe not.

Sunday, we experienced a few glimpses of what this could be like during our annual Faith Promise service for giving to World Missions. It is what church is supposed to be like – all working together for Christ, all across the world, bringing praise and glory to God our Father.

Our theme this year is "Follow Me," based on Matthew 16:24-25. Jesus' disciples are called to be "followers" – wherever He may lead, next door, across our nation, or to the other side of the world. In our service, Lisa Fishburn, our local Nazarene Missions International President began by inviting us to help create School Pal Packs, and Crisis Care Kits to be sent around the world. Martha Bean, our District NMI President led us in prayer for the 6 World Regions and the 163 countries we have missionaries in. We were then led in worship by Lara Hoaglan, Preston Broce, and Saralynn Vawter, with songs that helped us focus on the Lord and His plan to use our lives for His kingdom work.

We then heard the testimonies of two men who have literally followed Jesus around the world: Dan Duke, Wycliffe Translator to Cameroon, Africa, and Acrame Alaki Charles, from Democratic Republic of the Congo. He and his family are now refugees in America. Each shared powerful stories of how God has led them through the years of their lives doing kingdom work. Acrame is a member in the Church of the Nazarene and has held a local minister's license. He feels led to unite with Southwest Church to have a ministry focusing on the Swahili speaking refugees in our area. We are very excited to see how God will work in this!

To cap off our missions service, we were taken to China while we listened to our guest missionary's journey in an anti-Christian, communist society. Challenging and inspiring! God truly has a plan to win this whole world!

So, as you can see, we experienced a small picture of the work of God around our world. What will it be like one day, when all tribes, tongues, and nations of believers, will assemble around the throne of our Lord in Heaven... forever worshipping our King? PERFECT HARMONY.

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Let us pray, give, and serve to this end, as we continue to "follow" wherever Christ may lead, spreading the Good News to those who have never heard.

Revelation 22:1-5

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. **And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.** ³ **No longer will there be any curse.** The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. NIV



What a day that will be.

hiyo itakuwa siku gani (Swahili)

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Jiāng huì shì nǎ yītiān (Chinese)

Quelle journée (French)

Pastor Scott and Cindy



"A passion for souls grows out of a passion for Christ. A passion for missions builds upon a passion for Christ. When Hudson Taylor (missionary to China) was once asked what was the greatest incentive to missionary work, he instantly replied, 'Love of Christ.' William Booth's (leader of Salvation Army) passion for helping the underprivileged, the derelicts of society, and for world evangelism was built upon his passion for Christ. The most crucial danger to a Christian leader, whatever his role, is to lack a passion for Christ."

- Wesley L. Duewel, Abaze for God, p.103

Upcoming Events:

- **September 19th – Security Training with Officer Tom Kinman:** 9am-11am in the Fellowship Hall. For those interested in the security team for Southwest Church.
- **September 20th – Back to Church Sunday**
Invite a friend for this special day. There will be no tailgate party this year, but we will still have a great service!
- **September 22nd – New Board Meeting Date,** Tuesday @ 6:30pm.
- **October 4th-7th – Revival with Rev. Billy Huddleston:** Please take time to pray for this time of renewal in the Lord!

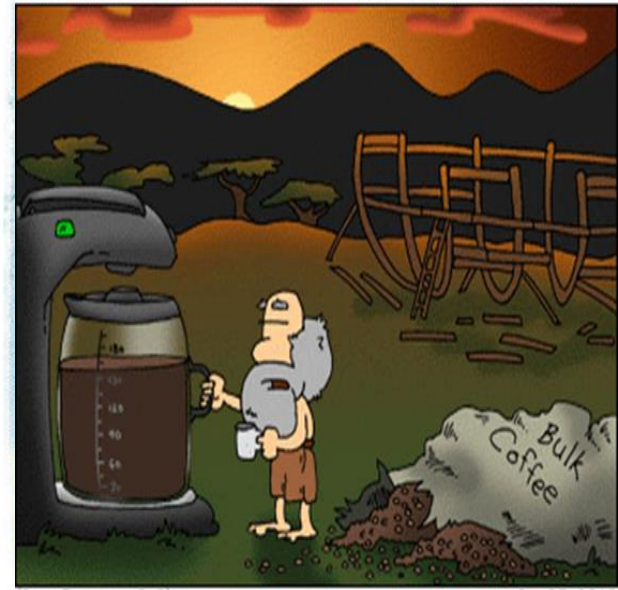
Come Join Us at Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 6:30pm! See you there!

Praises:

- Praise the Lord and special thanks for everyone who helped make our Faith Promise Day a wonderful day! It was a beautiful display of our church's love for missions. We received \$815 for our missionary... Praise the Lord! We also received \$28,850 so far for our Faith Promise Giving... Praise the Lord! Let's reach our goal of \$35,000 in the next few weeks! You can give online or fill out a card next Sunday and put it in the Faith Promise Church.
- Praise the Lord for another visiting family! Pray the Lord will draw them to Himself this week.
- Praise the Lord for our new work with Acrame Charles! He has a beautiful family and a heart for serving the Lord!

Prayer Needs:

- Our government leaders, country, and the upcoming elections.
- COVID – 19 to end.
- Those with anxiety, depression, and other related mental health issues during this time.
- All those affected by the virus – unemployment, companies, and business laying off or closing, and the continued hardship on those trying to survive financially.



(See Genesis 6-8)

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NOAH PREPARES FOR ANOTHER HUGE DAY

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 hope to send several of these kits out in September. 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