

Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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Tired? Exhausted? Drained?

While different this season, in baseball late August and early September are referred to as 'the dog days of summer' because they are the

hottest days of the calendar and the home stretch of the regular season. These are the days where it becomes more difficult to go to the ballpark and play a game.

In life, the 'the dog days of summer' might refer to the middle of September or the middle of January. Like in baseball, these are the times we just get exhausted - physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

With the pandemic continuing for six months now - with no way of knowing when it will slow down or end - it's understandable that we might be exhausted. I don't know about you, but the day in, day out monotony of 2020 has been very draining. I took a vacation a few weeks ago and this past week, I found myself wishing I could take another vacation!

David knew a thing or two about being exhausted. After the great victory of defeating Goliath in the Valley of Elah, the women of Israel made King Saul



jealous of David by chanting, "Saul has killed his thousands, David has killed tens of thousands."¹

In his jealousy, King Saul forced David to go on the run for many years. Dozens of the Psalms David wrote were written during this time - after he was anointed to be the next king of Israel, but while Saul was still king.

Even though Isaiah nor Paul had been born yet, David was able to channel their God's sufficient grace² and soaring on eagles' wings³ when he wrote Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8, 11-12. Let his words give you hope and strength for the days when you are weary and weak.

¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him. ² Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will never be shaken. ⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. ⁶ Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will not be shaken. ⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. ⁸ Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge. ¹¹ One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God, ¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."

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David knew the only real place to find rest in his weariness was found in the God of his hope. In our day, the source remains the same. Our hope and rest for our weary souls are found not in elections, jobs, or whatever the next national fad may be; our hope is, and always will be, found in God alone.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we live in days full of uncertainty, fear, and hopelessness and we are tired. We are tired of the divisiveness of Washington, DC, we are tired of riots and violent protests, we are tired of restrictions on life, and we are tired of Coronavirus. We ask for Your rest in these weary days. Amen.

Finding Rest in Christ,

Stephen

¹ I Samuel 18:7

² II Corinthians 12:10

³ Isaiah 40:29-31

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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.

Feel Worn Out?

When you feel
that you have nothing left,
when you feel
that you have gone
as far as you can go,

TURN TO JESUS!

For Jesus is the
Giver of Life,
Sustainer of All, and the
Source of Power
that will not fail you.

Rely upon His strength,
not your own.
Join up with the Source of Power that never fails!

When you've gone as far as you can go,
ask Jesus for the strength to keep going,
and you will!

JESUS WILL NOT FAIL YOU!

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Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a great service Sunday, even with all the technology issues! God is good... all the time!
- Praise the Lord for more visiting families! Let's continue being a caring congregation and take new people under our wing so to speak. Everyone wants to feel like they belong!
- Praise the Lord for new entry doors being installed in the fellowship hall and the main office hallway! We appreciate Brad Adkins' hard work on these!
- Praise the Lord for a good time of food and fellowship for the Sojourners Class at Jim and Phyllis Beavers' home! Had a great turn out and lots of fun chatter!

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!

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THE GUY I'M GUARDIANING JUST SWITCHED TO THIRD SHIFT

TEAM CHALLENGE COURSE-GAGA BALL-HUMAN FOOSBALL

R!OT YOUTH PRESENTS

REFRESH

UNPLUG-REST-DISCIPLINE-FOLLOW

OCTOBER 16-18, 2020
WOODLAND LAKES RETREAT CENTER
AMELIA, OH

AXE THROWING-

ROPES COURSE-ZIPLINE-CLIMBING WALL-VERTICAL MATRIX

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

We wanted to remind you about this great opportunity for teens to attend the REFRESH Weekend! It'll be a great time doing fun activities like axe throwing, ropes courses, connecting with friends and spending time learning about how important it is for us to rest and refresh in Christ. For more information about the event & necessary registration forms, please visit www.swnazarene.org and look for the banner scrolling across that looks similar to the image within this post! Hope you can join us!