

Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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A GOOD FUNERAL

Not every funeral is the same.

Believe me, it is a fact. I, along with other ministers, have experienced this throughout our ministries in the funerals we have officiated.

Most recently, I had the honor of overseeing my Aunt Jenni's homegoing service. Every funeral causes me to rethink my own life. What am I living for? Was I faithful to God and my family? Thankfully, my mother's sister, Jenni, was a wonderful follower of Christ and had served the Lord the majority of her life, so saying positive things about her came easy.

What impressed me throughout her service was how so many commented on her smile and laughter in life. This is interesting since she experienced several great difficulties in life: losing her first husband to a tragic accident, enduring crippling rheumatoid arthritis for 50 years, losing her second husband, and also losing her first son. How does someone live with these conditions and still enjoy life?

Her daughter Melinda shared with me Jenni's favorite verse of Scripture she has held to since childhood, Psalm 71:5, "For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth." NIV

This was a fitting verse for her. The three words I used for my eulogy were from that verse:
HOPE, LORD, CONFIDENCE.

Jenni lived with hope. There was a part of her obituary that explained this, "Jenni's positive Christian influence will long be treasured by her 12 grandchildren, 15 great and 4 great great-grandchildren, family and friends." She had a lot of faith to believe that God would provide and take care of her and her family through everything!

Jenni also loved her Lord. My mother would tell that when they were young, how Grandma Ruby, would get the kids up, and they would walk to church (quite a distance, in every season). They would be the first ones there at the Cuba Baptist Church, and Ruby would light the stove for the Church service that day. Oh, how times have changed! It was at this church that Jenni made her profession of faith as a young girl. From then on, she was involved at every church she attended, teaching a Sunday School class, playing the piano, or working with the kid's department. She loved the Lord; she loved the Church.

Jenni lived with confidence in her future. The Hebrew word for confidence can be translated "assurance." It is that feeling you know that no matter what happens today, tomorrow, or the next day, you are in God's care! Your trust, confidence, is in Him. At times, we all struggle in our faith... we listen to the world or to the enemy, and our faith becomes cloudy. Can I reassure you today? God loves you and truly cares about you. You can trust Him with everything!

When I was talking with Melinda, she shared with me how the hospice nurse assigned to her came in and saw that she had passed but said in her 10 years working there as a hospice nurse, she has never seen a person's face so happy when they passed. She was smiling.

We know why... she is now with her Savior!

Psalm 71:5

For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth. NIV

May we live in such a way that everyone knows we are God's children when we leave this earth.

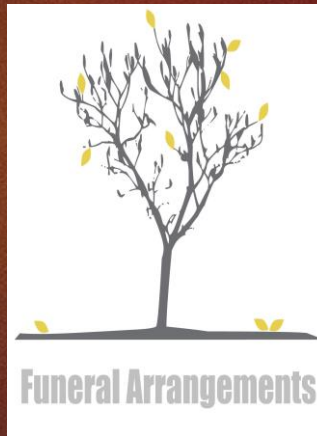
Pastor Scott & Cindy

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for the good service with Pastor Keith! We appreciate his ministry through the years and his message Sunday. He and Teresa are special people to Southwest!
- Praise the Lord for Cindy Robinson's coworker Kylie Owens. She doesn't seem to have any nerve damage, she sat up on the bed, and is able to communicate with the doctors and especially her husband! Let's keep her in our prayers as we believe God is using this as well as a testimony in their workplace. God is good!
- Praise the Lord for Katrina Hanavan's mother Pamela receiving good medical test results!
- Praise the Lord for safe travels and a wonderful time off for Pastor Scott and his family. They were able to get some housework done and enjoy some warm weather in Florida.

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for an end to COVID19.
- Pray for our national elections Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, and for the following days after it.



Beverly Murphy
Funeral
Arrangements:

Visitation:
Monday, Nov. 2nd
11am-1pm

Service:
Monday, Nov. 2nd
1pm

**Conkle Funeral Home,
Speedway Chapel**
4925 W 16th St, Indianapolis, IN 46224

*We will not be having a
dinner afterwards.*

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
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Announcements & Upcoming Events



**Southwest Church's Annual Trunk & Treat
Saturday, October 31st from 4:00pm-6:00pm.**

Due to COVID restrictions, we will be doing the following:

- We will have a limited number of cars providing candy. If you would like to participate, be sure to sign up in the Welcome Center. You can also join with one of the participating cars. Help us continue the Superhero theme by dressing up and decorating your cars as your favorite Superhero! * Not required.
- This will be a drive through event, and everyone attending will stay in their cars. Treats will be passed out to those attending via their car windows.
- There will be a route the cars will follow in and out of the church parking lot.
- Each car from the church will provide prepackaged bags with individually wrapped treats, and our church people will be wearing facemasks and gloves.
- We will need donated candy to provide to the public. All donated candy must be individually wrapped. There is a container near the welcome center to place your donations. If you would like to give money, you may place it in the offering (mark Trunk and Treat on the envelope) or give to Cindy Robinson.*
- Be on the lookout for our Superheroes!
- In case of rain, the event will still happen.



Change in Schedule:

We will not be having an Olivet Preaching Ambassador or Music Ambassador this year due to COVID concerns at the University. We will try to reschedule this for the spring. This was originally scheduled for Nov. 15th.

**DON'T FORGET TO
PRAY AND VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!**

“The sanctity of human life and the freedom to believe and live your faith should be our top priorities. If people cannot have life and liberty, hardly anything else matters.”

- Jerry A. Johnson, president of the National Religious Broadcasters.

“We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.”

– Thomas Jefferson

Attention: If you have received Christ but have not yet been baptized, or if you are wanting to look into church membership (as a new member, or transfer) to Southwest Church, please see Pastor Scott. We are planning to include these in our November 22nd Thanksgiving Service.



Come out and join us for this chance to worship with this amazing, talented couple as they minister to us in song and in testimony!

**Blake & Jenna Bolerjack
In Concert - Sunday,
November 22, 2020
at 10:40am**



White Ribbon Against Pornography

WRAP Week ♦ Starts last Sunday in October

White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week is intended to educate the public about the extent of our society's pornography problem. WRAP also creates a unique opportunity to raise the issue of pornography within faith communities and to call all congregants to lives of sexual wellbeing and freedom.



10 ways you can help raise awareness about the devastating influences of pornography during WRAP week and throughout the year:

1. Wear a white ribbon; it's a great conversation starter.
2. Talk to your children and grandchildren about pornography and its harms.
3. Use social media to promote WRAP Week.
(see: EndSexualExploitation.org/wrap).
4. Politely make complaints to businesses that distribute or advertise pornography and obscene material.
5. Share a lesson on the harms of pornography with your community of faith.
6. Share a list of resources for sexual addiction treatment services
(see: EndSexualExploitation.org/resources).
7. Show the film *Somebody's Daughter* or *The Price of Pleasure* and host a discussion about pornography's impact on individuals and society.
8. Inform your community by organizing a public event featuring an expert speaker on pornography's harms.
9. Ask your state legislators or city executives to pass a WRAP Week Proclamation.
10. Pray and fast that God would heal those harmed by pornography and struggling with compulsive pornography use.

For additional information and resources, see:

endsexualexploitation.org
covenanteyes.com
culturereframed.org
dirtygirlsministries.com
educateempowerkids.org
enough.org
fightthenewdrug.org
nofap.com
protectyoungminds.org
rebootnation.org
setfreesummit.org
stoptraffickingdemand.com
shesomebodysdaughter.com
utahcoalition.org
yourbrainonporn.com

Facts about the Harms of Pornography

Pornography is a social toxin that destroys relationships, steals innocence, erodes compassion, breeds violence, and kills love. The issue of pornography is ground zero for all those concerned for the sexual health and wellbeing of our loved ones, communities, and society as a whole. As the following points* illustrate, the breadth and depth of pornography's influence on popular culture has created an intolerable situation that impinges on the freedoms and welfare of countless individuals.

Young Age of First Exposure

A study of university students found that **93% of boys** and **62% of girls** had seen Internet pornography during adolescence. Research has shown that **children are more susceptible than adults** to addictions and to developmental effects on the brain.

Negative Impact on Marriages

A longitudinal study of married couples found that **those who used pornography more often reported lower satisfaction** with their sex life and decision-making as a couple. Pornography use was strongly and negatively related to marital quality over time.

Detrimental Impacts on the Brain

Since 2011, there have been **30 peer-reviewed, neurological studies** which reveal pornography use has negative and detrimental impacts on the brain.

Higher Divorce Rates

In a nationally representative longitudinal study, researchers found the **probability of divorce roughly doubles** for men and women who begin viewing pornography.

Hijacks the Brain's Reward System

Growing evidence suggests that pornography use hijacks the brain's reward system **in the same way that drug use does**.

Sexual Offenses and Rape Myths

A meta-analysis of 46 studies reported that the effects of exposure to pornographic material are "clear and consistent," and that pornography use puts people at increased risk for **committing sexual offenses** and **accepting rape myths**.

Desensitization

A 2015 study from Cambridge found that compulsive sexual behavior is characterized by novelty-seeking, conditioning, and habituation to sexual stimuli in males—meaning **users need more extreme content over time** in order to achieve the same level of arousal.

**For citations and an extensive Research Summary see endsexualexploitation.org/publichealth.*

If you or someone you love is struggling with a pornography addiction, resources to help can be found at endsexualexploitation.org/resources.



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