



Southwest

Church of the Nazarene

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“Ford. It’s built to last.”

That was the famous slogan from Ford Motor Company for many years. It was their key point in selling their most popular truck, the F150. As you may have heard, I am not a Ford fan. Thinking about their catchy slogan I, however, wondered if anything is really built to last today? We get a little nervous about our vehicles after they hit 100,000 miles. We start putting money aside when the water heater or furnace starts turning the age of 10. And now that I am over 50, I clearly understand this body is getting creakier and more worn each year.

So, what does last today?

Like the continual current of the stream against the soil, much of what we have held true in the past, is now being eroded. The foundations to our faith, the traditional values of the home, and even any conservative thinking is being challenged considerably. They want to replace these with a “new narrative” broadcasted through federal and local politicians, university professors, and TV channels. However, this isn’t new, and it will not last. From the beginning, Satan has tried to undermine the foundations of God’s truths by creating doubt and mistrust – leaving humanity “unstable in all our ways” as James writes. God knew we needed something that could not be altered by humanity, time, or evil. Peter shares this with us in his epistle:

1 Peter 1:23-25

²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever.”

Today, those who are “born again” are founded on the “living and enduring word of God” that “stands forever.” When our life is built upon His unchanging word, we can remain steadfast and secure... not just today, but for eternity!

Several years ago, my grandfather Arthur Robinson, passed away. Out of his belongings happened to be a book I curiously wanted. It was entitled “Your Dream Home: How to Build It for Less Than \$3500.” As you can imagine, it was not written recently, but in 1950. In Chapter 2, “Selecting the Site and Buying the Plot,” they shared illustrations with captions about thinking long term for where you should or shouldn’t build your home. One example mentioned not building next to “old homes... being turned into rooming houses... as property values will decline.” Makes sense. Instead they said to build near a shopping center, or local schools “that are suitable for the children.” I thought that was interesting, as I wasn’t sure there were schools that weren’t “suitable for children.” But then in this secular DIY home-builders book, Fig.4 stated, “While looking over the neighborhood; do not forget to find out where there is a church of your denomination near-by.” Bingo! If we are going to build something, something that will last, it is important to have the Church “near-by.” The Word of the Lord is the only thing that is truly “built to last.”

Matthew 24:35 (Jesus speaking)

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

Pastor Scott and Cindy

Have You Lost Faith?

When faith in God goes,
man the thinker, loses his greatest thought.
When faith in God goes,
man the worker, loses his greatest motive.
When faith in God goes,
man the sinner, loses his strongest help.
When faith in God goes,
man the sufferer, loses his securest refuge.
When faith in God goes,
man the lover, loses his fairest vision.
When faith in God goes,
man the mortal, loses his only hope.

- Anonymous

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for the revival services! What a blessing Rev. Mark Murphy's music has been, as well as the preaching from Rev. Billy Huddleston. God genuinely has been touching lives!
- Praise the Lord for our best attendance yet! Sunday morning, we had 127 in attendance, the most since we have been having in-person services. Thank you, Lord for the opportunity to come together again!
- Praise the Lord for the newest little blessing to our church family! Christina Dorton and Marco Ramirez have a new baby girl. Gabriella Kai Josephine arrived very early on Tuesday, October 6th! Mom, Dad, Big Sister and Gabriella are home and resting.



- Praise the Lord for a young lady in our congregation who gave her heart to Christ last week! Let's pray for her in this new walk of life!
- Praise the Lord for a special visit with Bev Murphy and Rev. Mark Murphy, her favorite gospel singer. Pastor Scott and Rev. Murphy visited Bev and surprised her... she was in tears, especially when he sang her favorite song "Balm in Gilead."
- Praise the Lord for Brad Adkins installing new lights for the outside of the church! Take a look next time you are there in the evening... much brighter for everyone in the parking lot!
- Praise the Lord for our Alabaster offering of \$434 as of Sunday's services. We'll be collecting again this Sunday.



Prayer Needs:

- Pray for the R!OT Youth Retreat in October. May it be a time for our teens to unplug, rest, refresh, and fellowship together!
- Pray for our President, Government, First Responders, Military, and our Nation – For the Lord to bring peace and guidance for the elections, the Supreme Court nomination, and the continual unrest.
- Pray for the those impacted by the wildfires in California – for their safety and their homes to be spared.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

If you have found more change in your couch cushions or a \$20 bill in that jacket you last wore in the spring, bring it to church this coming Sunday. We're still collecting for the Alabaster offering to help fund the building of churches, hospitals, schools, and other projects all around the world. Thanks for your donations!



Join us for Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Everyone Welcome!

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!

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.

TRUNK AND TREAT
SAFE SUPER HERO FUN FOR THE FAMILY!

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." NIV



Time is quickly approaching for the upcoming youth event - the REFRESH Weekend Retreat! 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! See Dave/Dana with questions. Hope you can join us!



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