

Southwest

Church of the Nazarene

LOOKING FOR SUNSHINE

Some days your mood feels like an Indiana winter day – blah and gray. Motivation is hard to come by. One day, the normally down-in-the-mouth Eeyore, spoke some unusually encouraging words, “It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine.” So true!

One of the ways we can look for “sunshine” is through prayer. Recently I came across a post from the new District Superintendent for Northeast Indiana, Tim Kellerman. It was both truthful and encouraging about prayer. He gave me permission to put this in our newsletter.

“I always wake up on Wednesdays with prayer meeting on my mind. Even though I haven’t actively pastored a church for the last 2 months, my first waking thought on this day is corporate prayer. I can’t honestly say it hasn’t always been a pleasant thought. Prayer meeting is hard work – the hardest ministry to maintain and perpetuate as a pastor – at least for me. I found this note as I was going through some of my past journaling. It’s about a year old. I think it explains the joy and the struggle of leading and establishing a prayer culture: Prayer meeting night is simultaneously the most refreshing service of the week and the most difficult day of the week for me.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together, Jesus is present. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray for one another, love prevails. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together, our faith is increased. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together it nurtures

unity. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together, it puts us in a posture to hear from God. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together, it puts hope in our heart. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together, we are resting in/on God. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together, we are trusting in God’s promises. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It’s refreshing because when we pray together, miracles happen. It’s difficult because Satan works to keep that from happening.

It would seem with the knowledge that corporate prayer is the means to so much divine favor and fruit, the Body of Christ would run to such a rich source of blessing. But Satan works to keep that from happening.

As a pastor and leader, I have adopted a simple strategy: Whatever Satan is trying to keep from happening must be worth happening.”

I agree. If you are in the middle of a “blah” day, blah week, or blah 2020, keep looking for “sunshine” through prayer. Yes, the devil will try to keep it from happening, but remember God is in charge of the sun!

James 5:13

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.

Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. NIV

Pastor Scott & Cindy

Beautiful Things

*by Ellen P. Allerton
1835-1893
Padonia, Kansas*

Beautiful faces are those that wear—
It matters little if dark or fair—
Whole-souled honesty printed there.

Beautiful eyes are those that show,
Like crystal panes where hearth-fires glow,
Beautiful thoughts that burn below.

Beautiful lips are those whose words
Leap from the heart like songs of birds,
Yet whose utterance prudence girds.

Beautiful hands are those that do
Work that is earnest and brave and true,
Moment by moment the long day through.

Beautiful feet are those that go
On kindly ministries to and fro,
Down lowliest ways if God wills it so.

Beautiful shoulders are those that bear
Ceaseless burdens of homely care,
With patient grace and daily prayer.

Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful goal with race well won,
Beautiful rest with work well done.

Beautiful graves where grasses creep,
Where brown leaves fall, where drifts lie deep,
Over worn-out hands! Ah, beautiful sleep.

Barrington, F. H., Kansas Day, Topeka:
Geo. W. Crane & Company. 1892

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for many new members being received this Sunday!
- Praise the Lord for those who have received Christ and are being baptized this Sunday!
- Praise the Lord for our new African Church ministry! Pastor Scott and Dan Duke will be meeting the leaders of this new ministry in the weeks ahead for training and developing a plan for the ministry.
- Praise the Lord for our Livestream Service! Last week we had people watching from around Indiana, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, and Georgia!

Prayer Needs:

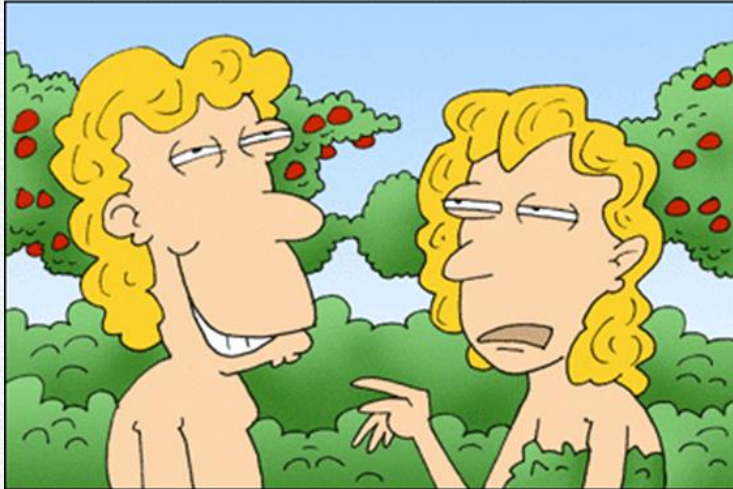
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We could use your help in decorating the church for the Christmas season. Join us on Tuesday, November 24th from 9am to 12pm. Lunch will be provided.



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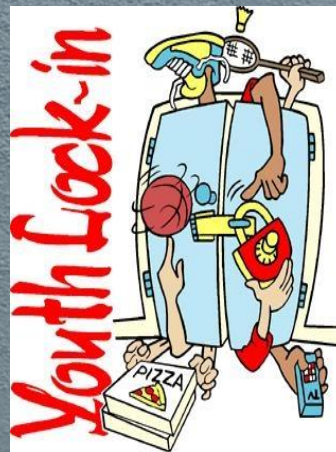
FOR THE LAST TIME, ADAM, YES ... YOU ARE THE MOST HANDSOME MAN ALIVE

BLAKE & JENNA BOLERJACK IN CONCERT SUNDAY, NOV. 22ND AT 10:40AM

As husband and wife, Blake & Jenna meld their voices to create a signature, velvety blend. Their music reflects their personalities, a bubbly mix of classic and modern styles with a big sound that is energetic, happy and inspiring. They also will share their testimonies about how even in dark times God never leaves you. Listen to music clips of them online at: www.blakeandjenna.com and on iTunes, YouTube, Pandora, Amazon, and their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/blakeandjenna.



R!OT Youth Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 12th at 4pm. Ugly Sweater Contest, Progressive Dinner, White Elephant Gift Exchange! See Dave/Dana for details.



Teens, invite your friends for a fun night of unlimited pizza, games, skating, and fun! The cost is \$20 per person. See Dave or Dana Metcalf for details.

R!OT Youth Lock-In
*from 7pm Friday, January 1st
to 7am Saturday, January 2nd*