

# Southwest



## *Church of the Nazarene*

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### LIFE GOES ON...

Like water flowing down the stream, life goes on. You can sit for hours and watch it go over the rocks and around the debris in its way. It always finds a way to continue flowing downstream emptying into a larger river and eventually into the ocean.

This week we celebrated a wonderful church member's homegoing... life goes on. We participated in a record-breaking national election... life goes on. We watch the COVID numbers continue to rise, wondering will we be shut down again, confined to homes or not... life goes on.

It's easy to succumb to worry and stress during these days, to feel a sense of loneliness or despair. In the NBC News, one headline read, "On election eve, this country is just unbelievably stressed out." One psychologist referred to what he's seeing as a pervasive "sense of dread and isolation."

([www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/election-eve-country-just-unbelievably-stressed-out-n1245841](http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/election-eve-country-just-unbelievably-stressed-out-n1245841))

At times, you may wonder "Will life go on?" I hope you are finding ways to cope with all the changes of life. If not, please know you are not alone, and there are many who are available to walk with you through this time, including our church family. Life can go on.

What can we do to mitigate these worries and concerns? One simple trick is to look back over our life, old photographs, and reminisce of how many times God has already seen us through. We are where we are today, because "life went on." God has seen us through it all... the births of your children, the challenges of your job changes, the financial strains, and the health problems you have faced.

Don't forget - today, if your candidate wins or loses, He will be there. If you are mourning a friend or loved one, He will be there. If you are worried about the virus or a family member with underlying health conditions, He will be there. Whatever it is in life that concerns you today, know that our God will be there.

Allow Psalm 46 to sink in today.

*Psalm 46:1-7 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

At the end of Beverly Murphy's funeral, standing at the gravesite, the funeral director said, "This concludes our service today; you are dismissed." After a few minutes of hugs and sharing, the family begins planning on meeting for a late lunch. They were deciding which way to go, how soon they will arrive, and even what they will eat. It's not disrespectful. It is just a reality, that life truly does go on. Just remember, God goes with you. He promises to be an "ever-present help in times of trouble." And "His river" will flow into our life, making His children continually glad. He is with you today... and tomorrow... and the next day, as life continues to go on. You are in His care.

Pastor Scott & Cindy



# I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

I don't know about tomorrow  
I just live from day to day  
I don't borrow from its sunshine  
For its skies may turn to gray  
I don't worry o'er the future  
For I know what Jesus said  
And today I'll walk beside Him  
For He knows what is ahead

I don't know about tomorrow  
It may bring me poverty  
But the One who feeds the sparrow  
Is the One who stands by me  
And the path that is my portion  
May be through the flame or flood  
But His presence goes before me  
And I'm covered with His blood

## Chorus

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand

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## Psalm 94:19

When anxiety was great  
within me, your consolation  
brought me joy.

# Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a great Sunday! We had our highest attendance (120) since we've been meeting in person. So good to see so many coming out to worship!
- Praise the Lord for a blessed homegoing service for Beverly Murphy! Pastor Keith and Pastor Scott shared about her love for her family and friends, but mostly for her Lord. She will be greatly missed, but it makes our longing for Heaven so much greater!
- Praise the Lord for the Pastor Appreciation gifts and cards for Pastor Scott and his family! They feel very blessed to be a part of this loving church family, and are thankful for your kindness, support, and encouragement.

# Prayer Needs:

- Pray for an end to COVID19.
- Pray for our national elections and the country following these.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 considerations, we will not be having the ministry of the preaching and music ambassadors from Olivet at our church on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Also, we will be unable to have our traditional Thanksgiving Feast dinner following our morning worship service on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for understanding. God bless you and yours during this upcoming Thanksgiving season!



## **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 transferred member) to Southwest Church, please see Pastor Scott. We are planning to include these in our November 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Service.

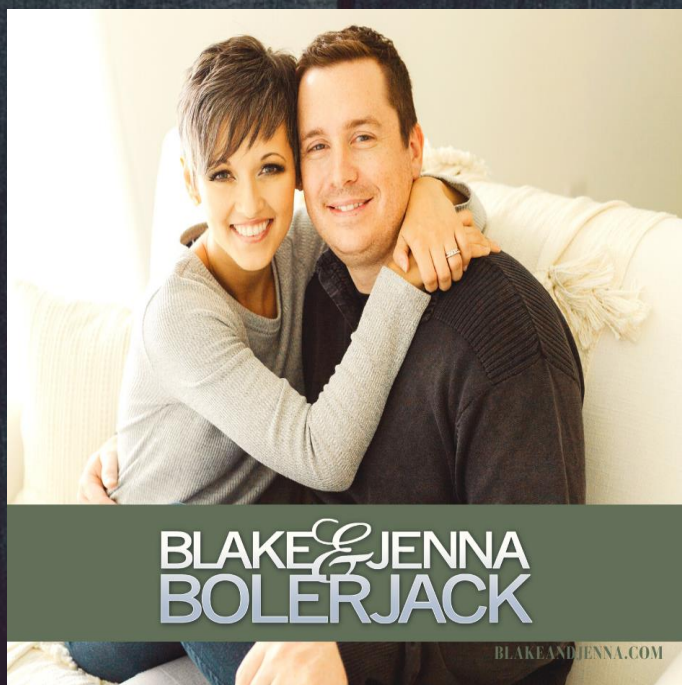


The Church Board Meeting is coming up next week! The meeting is Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please have your board reports to Katrina Hanavan by Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Email them to [southwest@swnazarene.org](mailto:southwest@swnazarene.org).



*R!OT Youth Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. More details coming soon!*

**Mark your calendars: R!OT Youth Lock-In from Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm to Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7am. Stay tuned for more information!**



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BOLERJACK**

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## **BLAKE & JENNA BOLERJACK IN CONCERT SUNDAY, NOV. 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://www.blakeandjenna.com) and on iTunes, YouTube, Pandora, Amazon, and their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/blakeandjenna](http://www.facebook.com/blakeandjenna).