



# Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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## WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION

Got a daunting task? Start small.

Whether you are wanting to declutter your home, change your eating habits, or becoming a stronger Christian (at home and in the world), baby steps are best at first. The old saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Great things happen generally over great time and great dedication.

One day there was a group of tourists in a quaint village, and they asked one of the natives sitting on a bench, "Were there any great leaders born here?" The man replied, "No, only babies."

The esteemed Apostle Paul was once himself a baby named Saul. His father was of the strictest sect of the Jews, a Pharisee, of the tribe of Benjamin, of pure and unmixed Jewish blood (Acts 23:6; Phil 3:5). Saul grew up a citizen of Rome and was educated at the Jewish school of sacred learning in Jerusalem as a student of the law. Who was his teacher? It was none other than the famed rabbi Gamaliel. Saul was an avid pursuer of what was right according to the law – so much to the point that he persecuted those who didn't follow it – as he was part of the Sanhedrin, the supreme Jewish Court of Justice in Jerusalem. However, on his way on the road to Damascus to persecute Christians, he was miraculously converted, and the Savior changed his direction and his name. He was now Paul, but he had a lot of growing to do.

One day, this well-educated and disciplined scholar with a dark past wrote to a church in Philippi while he was in chains for preaching the Gospel. He said, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my

presence only, but now much more in my absence, ***work out your own salvation with fear and trembling***; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Phil 2:12-13, NKJV). This seasoned leader now spoke like a young schoolboy learning his ABC's again. He didn't have life or his faith all figured out. In fact, on another occasion he transparently shared with them, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:12-14 NKJV). Paul was human and recognized he (and all of us) have room to grow... if we want to.

His encouragement concludes, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6-7 NKJV). His point, work with the Lord on your faith, your praying, your attitude, your witness, for "if the Lord can work in and through me, He can certainly work in your life as well!"

Saul of Tarsus was a powerful lawyer in Rome's eyes, but even better, Paul the Apostle grew to become the greatest leader and apologist for the Kingdom of Christ. How? He and the Lord "worked" at it. Let's also "work" at it.

Pastor Scott and Cindy

# Upcoming Events:

- February 14th, Sunday – 10:40am Worship Service – Special Swahili Service (Children’s Valentine’s Party)
- February 21st, Sunday – 10:40am Worship Service: New Members, Baptisms.
- February 22nd, Monday – 6:30pm to 8:00pm MOPS Meeting
- February 28th, Sunday - 10:40am Worship Service: District Superintendent Dr. Ron Blake will be speaking.
- February 28th, End of Church Year
- March 4th, Thursday - End of Church Year: Reports Due (SDMI, NMI, NYI, Treasurers, Etc.)
- March 7th, Sunday – 10:40am Worship Service: Annual Church Elections
- March 8th, Monday – 6:30pm to 8:00pm MOPS Meeting
- March 14th, Sunday – 10:40am Worship Service
- March 21st, Sunday – 10:30am Worship Service: Olivet Music & Preaching Ambassadors
- March 22nd, Monday – 6:30pm to 8:00pm MOPS Meeting
- March 28th, Sunday – 10:40am Worship Service

**Join us for Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm! Let’s bring our petitions to the Lord and pray for one another!**

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
10:40am  
Special Swahili  
Service  
Introducing our  
new Swahili Ministry!  
We hope you can  
join us!**



## Mission Donation Opportunity

With missions overseas greatly impacted by COVID-19, Allen Brown has a vision to do more mission work here in the United States with a project very near to his heart. He would like to purchase a “Jesus Film Backpack” and use this equipment to go and show the Jesus Film to many others – sharing the Good News with fellow Americans who haven’t yet seen this important film. His cost to purchase the backpack is \$2,000. He has already managed to raise \$700. If you would like to help provide a donation to his project, please see Allen Brown. If he receives more than the \$1,300 needed, he’ll apply that to the next Jesus Film project. Thank you from Allen!

**Baptisms & Memberships:** If you have received Christ in your life and have not been baptized or if you are a believer and want to go through our membership class, please see Pastor Scott.

- **Baptism** is a symbol of our leaving the old life and rising to new life in Christ. It is our testimony to the world that we are a Christ follower and desire to belong to the family of God.
- **Membership** is when a believer makes a commitment to their local church, to support it with their attendance, tithes and offerings, and to use their talents and gifts to help accomplish Christ’s Great Commission. It is agreeing with the doctrines and polity of the Church of the Nazarene as they have outlined from the Scriptures guidelines for the church. With membership you have the right to be a part of the Annual Elections, voting, and even being a candidate for a position.
- *If the Lord is leading you to either of these areas, please contact Pastor Scott, and we will set up a class time for you.*

# “I Am Thine O Lord”

I am Thine O Lord I have heard Thy voice  
And it told Thy love to me  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee

Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord  
By the pow'r of grace divine  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend  
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee my God  
I commune as friend with friend

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord  
To the cross where Thou hast died  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord  
To Thy precious bleeding side

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(See Acts 7:30-34)

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MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?

# Praises:

- Praise the Lord for Liz Fullom and Karen Novak's successful surgeries! So thankful the Lord is helping each of them on the road to recovery. Thank you, our Great Physician!
- Praise the Lord Ms. Cleo Boyles is home from the hospital! Thankful she is at home now and that the doctor has a plan to help her.
- Praise the Lord there are only 40 more days till spring! Unfortunately, we had the power outage last week, but hopefully we can make it the rest of the winter. Even so, spring, come quickly!

# Prayer Needs:

**Personal Prayer Needs can be found in the e-mailed and mailed copies of the church newsletter.**

- Swahili Ministry in our church
- Our Church: pray for God's anointing and direction for ministry through
- COVID and beyond. That we would remain strong and focused on the Great Commission of Christ.
- Our Country – for a spiritual renewal and revival in our land.

## CHURCH CLOSING OR DELAY NOTIFICATIONS:

Well, our weather has been interesting lately, and each week brings a new possibility of a new adventure! We wanted to send out another reminder of our notifications for any closing/delay procedures for Southwest Church of the Nazarene services and activities.

If we make the decision to cancel or delay a planned church service or activity, we will be sure to put this information out there (typically by 8:00am for morning service or as soon as we know for any service) on our Facebook page (at Indy Southwest Naz), website ([www.swnazarene.org](http://www.swnazarene.org)), and on several local new stations (both can be found on the television channels or on the websites). Please check more than one – as sometimes they are potentially slower to get updated due to the high volume of changes/calls submitted.

[www.wthr.com](http://www.wthr.com) (WTHR, local 13/NBC)

[www.theindychannel.com](http://www.theindychannel.com) (WRTV, local 6/ABC)

[www.fox59.com](http://www.fox59.com) (WXIN, local 59/FOX)

[www.wishtv.com](http://www.wishtv.com) (WISH, local 8/The CW)

[www.cbs4indy.com](http://www.cbs4indy.com) (WTTV, local 4/CBS)

**“MY THEOLOGY IS FOUND IN FOUR LITTLE WORDS. JESUS DIED FOR ME.”**

**– CHARLES SPURGEON**

### *Year End Help with Missions*

We are wrapping up the church year but are a little short on meeting our goals for Missions. If you made a pledge for Faith Promise and got behind on your giving, or if you would like to help take care of the final amounts we want to give, please send it via online giving, regular mail, or bring it with you this Sunday. We appreciate your giving! We love supporting our missionaries, as well as being a ten percent giving church each year! Thanks in advance, and may the Kingdom of God increase!

Your gift makes the regional ministries of

