



Southwest

Church of the Nazarene

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Psalm 146:5-9

⁵ “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶ Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, ⁷ Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners. ⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.” NKJV

Church Events

- December 3rd, Friday – District Christmas Dinner for Pastors & Spouses at Indy First COTN
- December 6th, Monday – MOPS meeting – 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- December 11th, Saturday – Church Board & Staff Christmas Party
- December 12th, Sunday – 6:00pm – Cookies and Carols Night
- December 15th, Wednesday – 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Southwest Kids Christmas Party & Play Dress Rehearsal
- December 17th - 18th, Friday – 7:00pm – Saturday 7:00am – R!OT Youth Lock-In
- December 19th – Sunday – Children’s Christmas Program during worship service
- December 24th, Friday – 6:00pm – Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service
- December 25th, Saturday – Christmas Day
- December 26th, Sunday – No Sunday School
- January 2nd, Sunday – No Sunday School

Praises:

- ❖ Praise the Lord for all our funeral helpers! From the cleaning and set up, to getting funeral music and powerpoint taken care of, to bringing and serving the incredible meal, it was all a great blessing for the family. Thank you for taking care of this family, even though it was the day before Thanksgiving.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for family gatherings at Thanksgiving! This day in November is a continual reminder to take time to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness throughout the year. It is also a blessed time to spend with family and have enjoy some great food! Thank you, Lord, for life's simple blessings.

Romans 15:13

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” NKJV

Psalm 130:5

**“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
And in His word I do hope.”**

Prayer Needs:

- ❖ Please pray for our church family, as we enter the Christmas Season, that the Lord will bring Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love to each home through Christ's presence.
- ❖ Please pray for our country to turn away from their sinful ways and return to the Lord.
- ❖ **For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the mailed and emailed versions of the church newsletter.**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

- Lewis Henry Redner and Phillips Brooks

The Giving Tree campaign

Your donations will help to bless someone in our church family or community with making this Christmas season a little bit brighter! Our Goal this year is \$3,500. Thanks for your generosity and for loving others during this special time of year. If you or someone you know could benefit from a little extra help at this time of year, feel free to complete the request form located at the Welcome Center and place in the inbox on Katrina's desk by Dec. 5th.

*Can you help
us meet our
goal?*



The Giving Tree Campaign



■ Funds Raised ■ Unmet Goal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cookie & Carols – Sunday, Dec. 12th at 6:00pm



Be a part of the fun!
Bake cookies and

Christmas carols while
we find out who is
awarded the 2021
Southwest Cookie
Champion!



Everyone is welcome and any cookies brought in can either be submitted for judging or just put out to be enjoyed. If you'd like to contribute a 2 liter of soft drink or a gallon of tea or lemonade, that would be appreciated as well.

R!OT YOUTH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- Dec. 5th – Youth Group: 5pm – 7pm
- Dec. 12th – No Youth Group
- Dec. 19th – Christmas at the Zoo: 5pm – 8pm
- Dec. 26th – No Youth Group
- Jan. 2nd – Youth Group: 5pm – 7pm



Wednesday, December 15th 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Southwest Kids Christmas Party

and Play Rehearsal (For children ages 3 through 5th grade)
We'll have food, cookies, and lots of fun celebrating Jesus's birthday! Also, we'll have a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play.



We'll get a chance to see them perform their Christmas play during morning worship on Sunday, December 19th.

R!OT YOUTH LOCK-IN:

Friday, December 17th 7 pm
through

Saturday, December 18th 7am

Teens mark your calendars now for this fun-filled 12-hour party! Pizza, breakfast, snacks, games, a cool excursion somewhere and No Sleep! What more could you want? Invite a friend. See Dave/Dana with any questions.

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