



# Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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## *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

And ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow  
Look now for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing

- Edmund Hamilton Sears and Richard Storrs Willis

## Church Events:

- Through December 24th – Church Week at Rural King – See Information in Announcements!
- 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 our Staff and Church Board! Pastor Scott and Cindy wanted to share their appreciation for our team on Saturday with a dinner and some fun. And fun was certainly had! Each of them is important and valued for their friendship, ministry, and support. It was a blessed evening.
- Praise the Lord for our Cookies and Carols Evening! It was such a blessed evening to be together as a church family to share in song and food and enjoy each other's fellowship again. This evening takes many helpers! Thank you to: everyone who participated in bringing the cookies (probably around 20 different kinds), the cookie judges (tough job but someone has to do it), the food and drink preparer Lisa Nichols, Cindy Robinson for the decorations, Vince Plank and Saralynn for leading us in some Christmas Songs, Dave Metcalf and Zach Adkins - along with a few others - who put on a great skit, and Dana Metcalf for helping us to have some fun with a couple of games. As well, thanks to those who helped set up and breakdown everything. Thank you and praise the Lord for a great time!
- Praise the Lord for Paul Wood receiving Christ! Paul is Brandon Wood's dad, and had been very ill, but through prayer and Brandon and his relatives' effort, Paul decided to give his heart to the Lord before he passed. Thank you, Lord, for your grace and for using Brandon and his family!
- Praise the Lord for his help with Lori Ferryman! She came through her surgery great last week and is now recovering. She also hasn't had a fever or cough for some time now - which were plaguing her for quite a while. Praise the Lord for his healing help!

## Prayer Needs:

- Please remember all the family members of our church who are dealing with the COVID virus right now.
- Please pray for the towns, especially in Kentucky, who were devastated by the tornadoes. Pray for the community leaders, response teams, the supplies, the families who have lost loved ones, and those who are simply trying to put their lives back together.
- Please pray for our unsaved children, family, and friends.
- 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.

# Announcements:



It's that time again... Church Week at Rural King! Here is your chance to help raise funds for Southwest Church by merely shopping for anything they sell. They have items for your home, pantry, yard, animals, and more! Rural King will give the church 10% of the total (after tax) of your purchases made between Dec. 9th and Dec. 24th. Just turn in your receipt to Katrina in the office by January 7<sup>th</sup> and she'll submit it online. Thank you for supporting the church in this way! Happy shopping!



## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR KENNETH NICHOLS:

### Visitation:

Friday, December 17, 2021  
from 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
Daniel F. O' Riley Funeral Home  
6107 S. East St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46227

### Funeral:

Friday, December 17, 2021  
at 7:00PM  
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Isaiah 7:14 NKJV

*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."*

### ***A note of appreciation –***

"Thank you so very much for the beautiful service for Ralph; it was very sweet and so special. I know he was smiling. Thank you to all who made and served food for us the day before Thanksgiving. Thank you, thank you."

- *Kathy, Jena, Jody and the Ralph Mier Family*

# Announcements:

Just an FYI... December 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
we will not have Wednesday Night  
Prayer Meeting.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

*Candlelight*  
SERVICE

Friday  
December 24  
6:00pm



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Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005  
AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS  
BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME

## ISAIAH 9:6 NKJV

“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN;  
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE  
UPON HIS SHOULDER.  
AND HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR,  
MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE  
OF PEACE.”

### RIOT YOUTH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 18<sup>th</sup>, 7am – RIOT Lock-In  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas at the Zoo: 5pm – 8pm  
Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Youth Group  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Group: 5pm – 7pm

### RIOT YOUTH LOCK-IN:

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
through  
Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7am

Are you ready to stay up all  
night and have a fun-filled  
12-hour party filled with  
food and fun? Be sure to  
invite a friend. You'll need  
to fill out a form and bring  
\$35 to cover all the costs.

## RIOT YOUTH OVERNIGHT Spectacular

INDY SOUTHWEST NAZ  
DECEMBER 17-18  
7PM-7AM  
\$35/STUDENT  
GAMES, FOOD, PRIZES  
AND MUCH MORE!

\*Doors open at 6:30pm  
Pick-up at 7am