

Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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“I Shall Not Pass Again This Way”

The bread that giveth strength I want to give,
The water pure that bids the thirsty live;
I want to help the fainting day by day,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

I want to give the oil of joy for tears,
The faith to conquer crowding doubts and fears;
Beauty for ashes may I give away,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

I want to give good measure, running o'er,
And into angry hearts I want to pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath away,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

I want to give to others hope and faith;
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day by day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

- W.S. Weeden, J.R. Clements

Church Events

- February 20th & 27th, Sundays – Alabaster Sundays
- February 26th, Saturday - 8:00am – 4:00pm Indy District NYI Celebrate Life tryouts at Westside COTN
- February 28th, and March 14th & 28th, Mondays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm – MOPS meeting
- February 27th, Sunday - Annual Church Elections
- February 28th, Monday - Church Year Ends
- March 1st, Tuesday - 1st Board Meeting with New Board
- March 4th, Friday - Local Annual Reports due (Need written reports from NMI, SDMI, NYI, Board Sec., Treasurer, Compassionate Ministry Leader and Treasurer).
- March 5th, Saturday - Ministry Study Board at Southwest Church (*District Ministerial Licensing)
- March 6th, Sunday - Dr. Blake, District Superintendent, speaking.
- April 10th, Sunday - Palm Sunday and Blake and Jenna Bolerjack in Concert

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for our Youth Valentine Dinner! The annual "Eat Your Heart Out" Dinner was a great success thanks to Dave and Dana Metcalf and the youth who helped served. It was the best attended dinner to date and raised the most for the youth ministry. Praise the Lord! Also, we are so blessed to have Chef Harry and Terri Greene who donated their time, and the amazing food for this evening. May the Lord pour out a blessing upon them!!
- Praise the Lord for our Swahili Church! This coming Sunday, they will be receiving new members, having a baby dedication, and having two baptisms! We praise the Lord for Pastor Acrame and their ministry.
- Praise the Lord for Reta Steeley and her new ministry! Focusing on the single ladies and widows, they seek to have great times of fellowship, Bible Study, and send out cards to those who could use some encouragement in our congregation. Be watching the bulletin and newsletter for dates ahead!



Special Announcement

On Sunday, March 6th, Dr. Ron Blake, Indianapolis District Superintendent will be

preaching. This will be his last time to visit our church before his retirement in May. We would like to collect cards for the Blakes, to show our appreciation for his years of serving the district with excellence. You may also write an encouragement note in your card for his wife. Susanne's cancer is back, and she will be having surgery in the days ahead. Let's wish them well in their retirement and pray the Lord would bring the healing Susanne needs. There will be a place to put cards on the foyer Welcome Desk for the next few Sundays.

Let's be a blessing to them!

Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for our Annual Church Elections, and for the Lord's guidance and blessing on those who would be elected to serve positions and as delegates.
- Please pray for the Church Board and Pastor, as they seek the Lord's guidance for this new church year.
- Pray for our Country – (situation with the Ukraine, political issues with mandates, inflation, moral issues)
- Pray for those out of church today – those who have fallen away, our friends and neighbors who have never been or never known Christ, and those who choose to put off turning to Christ.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed or mailed versions of the newsletter.

Alabaster Offering will be on Sundays, February 20th and 27th. Let's get out those Alabaster boxes & jars and start collecting coins and dollars, or you can write a check or give directly online at www.swnazarene.org under the Giving tab. Be in prayer for what to give for this special ministry. Alabaster funds are used to help build churches, schools, hospitals, and cover building costs and other needs in areas worldwide! Help spread the Good News with your donation from the heart!



Announcements

Annual Elections Time!



We will be holding our annual church elections during Sunday morning worship on February 27th. Please be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend for this important process in our church. Elections will be for church board, SDMI board, NMI board, NYI council and for delegates to NYI, NMI, and SDMI conventions and district assembly.

John 15:7

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." NIV



Church Board Meeting Date Change:

The first church board meeting with the new board will be now be on Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30pm. For this meeting, we'll need the January and February financials and written updates from current board members and ministry leaders. Please send your reports to Katrina by noon on Monday, March 1st at southwest@swnazarene.org. Thanks!

Annual Church Reports Due:

Our local annual reports are due by March 4th at the latest. We'll need reports from NMI, SDMI, NYI, Church Board Secretary, Church Board Treasurer, and Compassionate Ministry Leader & Treasurer. Please send these to Katrina at southwest@swnazarene.org. We appreciate your diligence in getting these reports turned in timely. Thanks!

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. NIV

Monday, February 28th 6:30pm – 8:00pm -

MOPS Meeting: If you are a mother of children who from birth through kindergarten, please join us at a MOPS Meeting. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) connects moms to one another and Jesus through quality, small group gatherings. Crafts, devotions, snacks, and opportunities to socialize with other women in the same stage as you are in right now! Share stories, experiences, and your faith journey! Questions: See Renee Plank.

NYI Celebrate Life

February 26th - Indy District
NYI Celebrate Life
at Westside COTN

Share your talents in fun competition and meet new friends! Categories you can compete in are in areas such as sports (volleyball, bowling, basketball, etc.), arts (painting, drawing, photography, etc.), Bible quizzing, music (choirs, musical instruments, solos/ensembles, etc.) and many more! Fill out a form available on the RIOT Youth board. There is a \$25 fee to enter (1 or multiple areas) and to cover lunch. See Dave or Dana Metcalf with any questions.

JOHN 15:9

"AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, SO HAVE I LOVED YOU. NOW REMAIN IN MY LOVE." NIV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some Additional Dates Ahead:

February 26 - Indy District NYI

Celebrate Life at Westside COTN - Share your talents in fun competition and meet new friends! See Dave/Dana for details!

February 27 - Annual Church Elections

February 28 - End of Church Year

March 1 - Board Meeting with New Board

March 4 - Local Annual Reports due

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March 5 - Ministry Study Board at Southwest Church (*District Ministerial Licensing)

March 6 - Dr. Blake, District Superintendent, speaking.

April 10 - Palm Sunday, and Blake and Jenna Bolerjack in Concert

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 16 - Treasure Hunt

April 17 - Easter, Morning Breakfast

April 23 - District NMI Convention at Indy First COTN

April 30 - District NYI/SDMI Convention

Saturday, April 23, 2022

9 am-3 pm



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Ladies Day



ALLI WORTHINGTON, speaker



MANDISA with full band



SHERRI LYNN, host



SARAH FORGRAVE, speaker

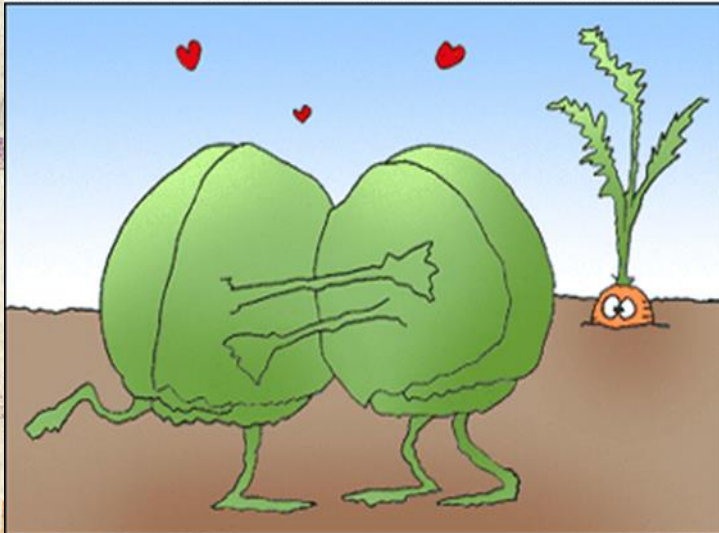
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BELOVED LETTUCE, LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Ladies Day is back!! Join in a great day with 2 great speakers (Alli Worthington & Sarah Forgrave) and Mandisa and band as musical guest! For more information or to order tickets, call 815-939-5330 or go directly to the website at <https://www.itickets.com/events/459291.html>.

Tickets are \$30.00 each with an optional delicious add-on lunch for an additional \$15.00.