

Southwest

Church of the Nazarene

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Did you forget to bring in your Alabaster Offering? There is still time to donate to this ministry! *Bring it this Sunday!*

We'll Work till Jesus Comes

O land of rest, for thee I sigh!
When will the moment come
When I shall lay my armor by
And dwell in peace at home?

To Jesus Christ I fled for rest;
He bade me cease to roam,
And lean for comfort on His breast
Till He conduct me home.

I sought at once my Savior's side;
No more my steps shall roam.
With Him I'll brave death's chilling tide
And reach my heav'nly home.

*We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
And we'll be gathered home.*

- Elizabeth Mills

JAMES 3:18 NKJV
NOW THE *FRUIT* OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
IS SOWN IN PEACE
BY THOSE WHO MAKE PEACE.

Church Events

- February 26th, Saturday - 8:00am – 4:00pm Indy District NYI Celebrate Life tryouts at Westside COTN
- February 27th, Sunday - Annual Church Elections
- February 27th, Sunday – Alabaster Sunday (if you wanted to give and forgot to bring your donation last Sunday)
- February 28th, Monday – The 2021-2022 Church Year Ends
- February 28th, and March 14th & 28th, Mondays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm – MOPS meeting (moms of kids aged 0 – Grade
- March 3rd, Thursday (Date Change) – 6:30pm - 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 the wonderful spirit in the service Sunday! It is evident that people are praying for the services, those leading the worship or playing instruments, and for how the Lord is speaking through the messages. I believe "Our Helper" wants to continue working in and through us! Keep up the prayers!
- Praise the Lord for new visitors! Remember to take a moment and greet someone you don't recognize at church. It may make the difference between them coming back or not. Love speaks any language and makes us all feel more comfortable! Say a prayer for James and Brandon this week and that the Lord will draw them back again.
- Praise the Lord for the Swahili Church! They are growing and have exciting days ahead. It was a wonderful service with lively worship and a great message about being born in Jesus' lineage as a born-again believer, from Pastor Acrame. They had 80 in attendance, and Pastor Scott along with Pastor Acrame took in 3 members, dedicated 1 child, and baptized 2! Praise the Lord!



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 two 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 – (political issues with mandates, inflation, moral issues, etc.)
- Please pray for the situation in Ukraine. Pray for the people living there and the whole situation.
- 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 mailed and emailed versions of the church newsletter.

Ephesians 5:8-10 NKJV

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

Announcements

Alabaster Offering will be collected again this Sunday, February 27th. Here's your chance to bring in you Alabaster boxes and jars, dollar bills and checks 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!



Annual Elections Time!

We will be holding our annual church elections at the very beginning of service this Sunday's morning worship service (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.



Church Board Meeting:

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!

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for mid-week Prayer Meeting! Pray for each other, those in the church, and our community, city, country, and the world!

2 Peter 1:5-8 NKJV

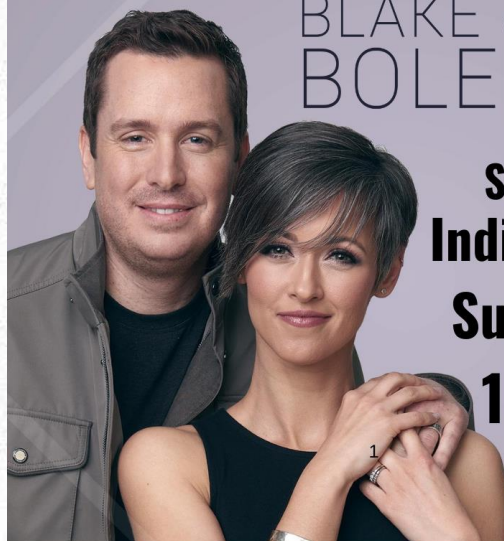
5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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!

IN CONCERT

BLAKE & JENNA
BOLERJACK



**SW Nazarene
Indianapolis, IN
Sun. April 10
10:40 AM**

blakeandjenna.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some Additional Dates Ahead:

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

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
Indy First COTN**

May 15 & 16 - District General Assembly

Single Ladies & Widows Card Ministry

The planning meeting took place on Wednesday, and the upcoming meeting days and times will be posted once provided. If you didn't get a chance to be part of this initial meeting, please be on the lookout for more information!

Saturday, April 23, 2022
9 am–3 pm



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Ladies Day



ALLI WORTHINGTON, speaker



MANDISA with full band



SHERRI LYNN, host



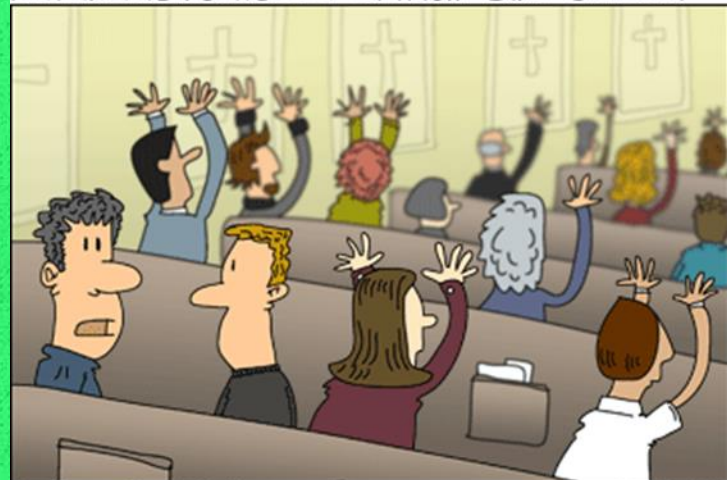
SARAH FORGRAVE, speaker

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In Centennial Chapel on the campus
of Olivet Nazarene University

\$30 event ticket | Optional \$15 lunch ticket available through March 31, 2022

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I THINK THE HAND RAISING IS KINDA
LIKE RABBIT EARS ... BETTER RECEPTION

LADIES DAY

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.