



# Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

Love One  
Another...

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## We are God's People

We are God's people the chosen of the Lord  
Born of His Spirit established by His Word  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone  
And strong in Him we stand  
O let us live transparently  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand

We are a body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family – diverse truly one.  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple the Spirit's dwelling place  
Formed in great weakness a cup to hold God's  
grace  
We die alone for on its own  
Each ember loses fire  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on  
To give warmth and light and to inspire

*Bryan Jeffery Leech | Fred Bock |  
Johannes Brahms*

## Church Events

- February 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Eat Your Heart Out Fundraiser for R!OT Youth
- February 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Southwest Kids Valentine's Day Party
- February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, Mondays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm – MOPS meeting
- February 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday - 8:00am – 4:00pm Indy District NYI Celebrate Life tryouts at Westside COTN
- February 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday - Annual Church Elections
- February 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday - Church Year Ends
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday - 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting with New Board
- March 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday - Local Annual Reports due (Need written reports from NMI, SDMI, NYI, Board Sec., Treasurer, Compassionate Ministry Leader and Treasurer).
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday - Ministry Study Board at Southwest Church (\*District Ministerial Licensing)
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday - Dr. Blake, District Superintendent, speaking.
- April 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday - Palm Sunday, and Blake and Jenna Bolerjack in Concert

# Praises:

- ❖ Praise the Lord the COVID numbers are going down! We believe we are going to some light at the end of the pandemic tunnel.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for our 28 Day Prayer and Bible Challenge! The Book of Acts, praying for the Church and our ministry to the unsaved, along with the messages on the "Our Helper the Holy Spirit" have been a great way to inspire us 2022. Thank you, Lord for reminding us of your Spirit's help!
- ❖ Praise the Lord for a great Church Board Planning Day! Last Saturday, from 9:30a.m. to almost 3:00p.m., the Pastor and Church Board members gathered at the District Office to pray, discuss the Church's current reality (2 years into the pandemic), and get re-focused on what are mission is and should be. It was an excellent start to the new church year! Special appreciation to Darci Broce for catering Chick-fil-a and sharing the company's inspiration behind their winning strategy. It was a great day all together!

## **Special Announcement**

*On Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 remember all the family members of our church who are dealing with the COVID virus right now. We continue to have cases but thankfully it seems to be slowing down.
- ❖ 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 emailed and mailed versions of the church newsletter.

**Alabaster Offering** will be on Sundays, February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Let's get out those

Alabaster boxes and jars and start collecting coins and dollars, or you can write a check or give directly online at [www.swnazarene.org](http://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!

# The Body of Christ

## **Ephesians 4:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. NKJV

## **Ephesians 4:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... NKJV

## **Ephesians 4:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. NKJV

## *Scripture*

"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

  
*John 13:34-35*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Attention: Single Ladies & Widows***

Come join us twice a month for fellowship, friendship, games, movies, eating, and purpose of ministry within the church, and learn the art of making cards to be sent out to shut-ins, those who are sick and afflicted, and for birthdays and anniversaries! Meet Reta Steely in the foyer by the Welcome Center after morning worship on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.



## **Annual Elections Time!**

We will be holding our annual church elections during Sunday morning worship on February 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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## Some Additional Dates Ahead:

- February 26 - Indy District NYI Celebrate Life at Westside COTN - See Dave/Dana for details! Share your talents in fun competition and meet new friends!
- February 28 - End of Church Year
- March 1 - Board Meeting with New Board
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- 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

### **Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Eat Your Heart Out Dinner Fundraiser:** Reminder: If you made reservations for our dinner event, bring your appetite and enjoy the amazing meal catered by Chef and Terri Greene and served by our R!OT Youth members! The youth chapel will a 5-star restaurant for this one night a year! We hope you enjoy your evening and know that the teens would appreciate encouragement during this opportunity to serve you! This fundraiser will provide funding that will benefit upcoming R!OT Youth activities. Thanks for your support!



Saturday, April 23, 2022  
9 am–3 pm

heartwarming speakers

SHINE.FM PRESENTS

*Ladies Day*

inspirational music

ALLI WORTHINGTON, speaker

MANDISA with full band

laughing and friends

SHERRI LYNN, host

SARAH FORGRAVE, speaker

TICKETS ON SALE AT [www.Shine.FM](http://www.Shine.FM)

In Centennial Chapel on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University

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

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.

