

Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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Need of Loving

Folk need a lot of loving in the morning;
The day is all before, with cares beset —
The cares we know, and they that give no warning;
For love is God's own antidote for fret.

Folk need a heap of loving at the noontime —
In the battle lull, the moment snatched from strife —
Halfway between the waking and the croontime,
While bickering and worriment are rife.

Folk hunger so for loving at the nighttime,
When wearily they take them home to rest —
At slumber song and turning-out-the-light time —
Of all the times for loving, that's the best.

Folk want a lot of loving every minute —
The sympathy of others and their smile!
Till life's end, from the moment they begin it,
Folks need a lot of loving all the while.

- *By Strickland Gillilan*

Church Events:

- March 23rd, April 13th & 27th, May 11th & 25th, Wednesdays from 9:30am – 11:30am – Single Ladies & Widows Card Ministry
- March 28th, April 11th & 25th, May 9th & 23rd, Mondays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm – MOPS meeting (moms of kids aged 0 – Grade Kindergarten)
- April 9th, Saturday – RIOT Youth Park Day – Leaving church at 10:00am.
- April 10th, Sunday - Palm Sunday and Blake & Jenna Bolerjack in Concert
- April 14th, Thursday – Maundy Thursday Service
- April 17th, Sunday – Easter, Morning Breakfast
- April 23rd, Saturday – District NMI Convention (Indy 1st COTN – 8:30am – 3:30pm)
- April 30th, Saturday – District SDMI/NYI Convention (Indy 1st COTN – 9:00am – 3:30pm)
- May 12th, Thursday – May 14th, Saturday – Regional Celebrate Life (at Olivet Nazarene University)
- May 15th & 16th – District Assembly at Indy 1st COTN. 5:00pm on Sunday the 15th and 8:30am on Monday the 16th.

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a great Sunday! Dave Metcalf preached a challenging and encouraging message, attendance was strong (117), and even the tithes and offerings were up. Praise the Lord for his blessings on Southwest Church!
- Praise the Lord that Pastor Scott and Cindy had safe and enjoyable trip! It was a 30-year anniversary celebration. We are so blessed and thankful for how God has kept us through 6 churches, raising two daughters, and many highs and some lows. We are trusting the Lord for the next 30 years!
- Praise the Lord for some kitchen updates! Yes, it is good to praise the Lord for even the blessing of two new stoves for our fellowship hall. I know we will put them to good use; our Easter Pancake Breakfast is coming up!
- Praise the Lord that seven of our children read four or more missionary books and were treated to a pizza party at Cindy Robinson's house. We are so proud of them!

Kado & Elizabeth Kapinga welcomed their new baby boy Sunday! Dieu Jaysen Kado was born weighing 6 lbs and 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Both mom and baby are doing well! Welcome to the Southwest Swahili church family!



Prayer Needs:

- Pray for our Country – (President and Governing Leaders)
- Please pray for the people in Ukraine and Russia. Many lives are being impacted greatly due to the military conflict. Pray also for the many Christians in both countries who are trying to know how to handle everything, care for others, and remain strong in their faith.
- Pray for the Church of the Nazarene – They are asking church leaders now (and eventually the congregations) to pray for our denomination. You can find this on their website www.usacanadaregion.org/pray.
- 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 and mailed versions of the church newsletter.

Announcements:

Nursing Home Ministry

We are looking to start our Nursing Home Ministry, again, now that they have opened up for visitors! This is a great place to care for the “shut-ins” of life who may not receive any visits from friends or family. We would like to have a time of singing, prayer, and a devotion (10-15 minutes) each Sunday at 9:30am. Please pray and ask the Lord if He would like you involved in this needed ministry. Christ’s love through you can make a world of difference for them! See Pastor Scott if you are interested.

Join us for Midweek Prayer Meetings

6:30pm every Wednesday

Pray for one another and those in our community, country, and world!

Fast Facts:

How Long is “Long Enough?”

How long is a typical sermon?

Less than 20 minutes -	31%
20 minutes to less than 40 -	54%
More than 40 minutes -	14%

Source: *Lifeway Research*

Colossians 3:14-15

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. NKJV

Colossians 3:12-13

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. NKJV

Fast Facts:

How important is the smaller church?

Churches in the U.S.:

<u>Size</u>		<u>Size</u>	
50 or less	(39.9%)	51-100	(27.4%)
101-250	(20.1%)	251-1,000	(9.9%)
1,000+	(2.6%)		

Source: *Association of Religion Data Archives*

New Sermon Series &

Easter Services

CHRIST: OUR HIGH PRIEST - HEBREWS 10

March 20 – No More Guilt

March 27 – Entering God’s Presence

April 3 – Does Grace Ever Run Out?

April 10 – Palm Sunday and
Bolerjacks in Concert

April 17 – Easter Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Saturday, April 9th - R!OT Youth Park Day – Teens will meet at the church and leave by 10:00am to go to a park to hike and have an adventure! Please bring a sack lunch (completely disposable one is probably best), water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, extra shoes, socks and clothes. Invite a friend along and get out and enjoy nature. More details are coming from Dave/Dana.

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Single Ladies and Widows Card Ministry – They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month from 9:30am to about 11:30am. Bring your Bible and favorite beverage and be ready to be part of the fun in the Fellowship Hall. See Reta Steely for details. Some upcoming meetings are March 23rd, April 13th & 27th, May 11th & 25th, June 8th & 22nd, and July 13th & 27th.

On Palm Sunday (April 10th), we will once again be blessed with the musical talents of Blake & Jenna Bolerjack! You won't want to miss it!



From their website...

Award winning Christian Music Duo, Blake & Jenna Bolerjack, travel full time with concert ministry together. As husband and wife, Blake & Jenna meld their voices to create a signature, velvety blend. Their music reflects their personalities, a bubbly mix of classic and modern styles with a big sound that is energetic, happy and inspiring. They also will share their testimonies about how even in dark times God never leaves you.

Check out their music on YouTube by searching for Blake and Jenna Bolerjack.

R!OT YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE!

Saturday, June 4th from 8:00am to 3:00pm
Donate items to help raise funds for R!OT Youth activities or set up your own table to sell your items for a small fee. Mark your calendars, and start bringing in donated items to the room in the children's hall with the sign! Thanks for supporting our Youth!



It's that time of year...

TREASURE HUNT TIME

We are beginning to collect candy and small treats (little erasers, stickers, stampers, etc.). Can you help us out? We'll have a collection crate in the foyer for donations (through Palm Sunday, April 10th).

😊 Due to chocolate melting in the past, preferred candies would be non-chocolate ones. Also, be sure your items can easily fit in a closed in a plastic egg. Thank you so much for helping make this event one that the children really enjoy!

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 add-on lunch for an additional \$15.00. Lunch option only available until March 31st.

Saturday, April 23, 2022
9 am–3 pm

heartwarming
speakers

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Ladies Day

inspirational
music



ALLI WORTHINGTON, speaker



MANDISA with full band



SHERRI LYNN, host

laughter
and friends



SARAH FORGRAVE, speaker

TICKETS
ON SALE AT
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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