

# Southwest

## *Church of the Nazarene*

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### ***A Message of Peace***

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,  
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,  
Given to redeem the human mind from error  
There were no need of arsenals or forts!

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred!  
And every nation, that should lift again  
Its hand against a brother, on its forehead  
Would wear forevermore the curse of Cain!

Down the dark future, through long generations,  
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease;  
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,  
I hear once more the voice of Christ say, "Peace!"

Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals  
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies!  
But beautiful as songs of the immortals,  
The holy melodies of love arise.

- by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

#### **1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6**

**"5 FOR THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE  
MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE  
MAN CHRIST JESUS, 6 WHO GAVE HIMSELF  
A RANSOM FOR ALL..." NKJV**

### **Church Events**

- March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mondays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm MOPS meeting (moms of kids aged 0 – Grade Kindergarten)
- April 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am Single Ladies & Widows Card Ministry
- April 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – R!OT Youth Park Day Leaving church at 10:00am.
- April 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday - Palm Sunday and Blake & Jenna Bolerjack in Concert
- April 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Maundy Thursday Service
- April 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Easter, Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast (no Sunday School)
- April 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Children's Egg Hunt following morning worship service
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday – District NMI Convention (Indy 1st COTN – 8:30am – 3:30pm)
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – District SDMI/NYI Convention (Indy 1st COTN – 9:00am – 3:30pm)
- May 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – May 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Regional Celebrate Life (at Olivet Nazarene University)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – District Assembly at Indy 1st COTN. 5:00pm on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> and 8:30am on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.



# Praises:

- Praise the Lord for the Whiteley Family! We want to welcome our newest members who have transferred to Southwest Church: Josh and Rebekah Whiteley. They have four beautiful children - Jonah, Kaylin, Abigail, and Ezekiel. Josh is also pursuing the ministry and has a local minister's license.
- Praise the Lord for our Swahili Congregation! Last Sunday, they celebrated their 1-year anniversary as a congregation. They had a great crowd and enjoyed a wonderful fellowship dinner afterwards. Praise the Lord for all He has done!

## **Sermon Series and Easter Services**

### **CHRIST: OUR HIGH PRIEST - HEBREWS 10**

**March 20 – No More Guilt (If you missed this one, check it out on Facebook or our website!)**

**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**

**Join us for Midweek Prayer Meetings  
6:30pm every Wednesday**

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

# Prayer Needs:

- Pray for our Country – (President & Governing Leaders)
- Please pray for the people in Ukraine and Russia. Many lives are being impacted greatly due to the military conflict.
- Pray for the Church of the Nazarene – They are asking churches to pray for our denomination. You can find this on their website [www.usacanadaregion.org/pray](http://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.
- Pray for a Leader for our Nursing Home Ministry. They are open and ready and would love to have us visiting and holding a service there each Sunday again.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the mailed and emailed versions of the church newsletter.



# Announcements:



It's that time of year...

## EGG 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 10<sup>th</sup>). 😊 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. If you'd rather give money than candy, see Cindy Robinson. Thank you so much for helping make this event one that the children really enjoy!

## Hebrews 4:14-16

14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. NLT

Easter Sunday (April 17<sup>th</sup>, we'll be treated to a Biscuits & Gravy breakfast prepared by Chef Harry & Terri Greene! Breakfast starts at 9:30am and there will not be Sunday School this day. Then, we'll have Easter worship service and celebrate for He has risen indeed! After service is over, we'll have the Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 23, 2022  
9 am–3 pm

heartwarming speakers



ALLI WORTHINGTON, speaker

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# Ladies Day

inspirational music



MANDISA with full band



SHERRI LYNN, host

laughter and friends



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

## Helping Ukraine Refugees

Beginning this Sunday and going through April 17<sup>th</sup>, we'll



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be collecting donations that will go toward emergency support associated with transportation, shelter, food, water, and essential supplies. Also, funds will support churches as they care for people within Ukraine and those traveling from Ukraine to neighboring countries.

We'll have the "little church" right beside our normal offering box for the next few weeks for contributions to send to NCM Ministries Ukraine Crisis Response Fund – Eurasia Region.

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 9<sup>th</sup> - 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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.*

*Also visit <https://blakeandjenna.com/> to find out more information about this duo!*

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## **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.**

## **R!OT YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE!**

***Date to Be Determined***

**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!**



### **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 April 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, and July 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.