

This coming Sunday, Nov. 20th is Thanksgiving Service with Jay Height from Shepherd Community! There will be NO Sunday School. We'll have a Food Drive for both SW Church and Shepherd Community – bring an item or two for each location. The Thanksgiving Feast will follow. Don't forget to bring the side dish/dessert you signed up to bring.

Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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Thanks for Everything

For all that God in mercy sends;
For health and children, home and friends,
For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk,
FOR EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!

For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For song of birds, for hum of bees,
For refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood,
FOR EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!

For sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning morning's light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky,
For these and everything we see,
O Lord, our hearts we lift to thee.
FOR EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!

- Miss Helen Isabella Tupper

Church Events

- Wednesday, November 16th – 6:30pm
Ladies' and Men's Studies last session.
- Sunday, November 20th – Thanksgiving Service with Special Guest: Rev. Jay Height, Shepherd Community Center. Combined service with the Southwest Swahili Church. Thanksgiving Dinner to follow service. Bring food items for both SW Church Food Pantry & Shepherd Community.
- Tuesday, November 22nd – 9:00am – Church Decorating for the Christmas Season
- Wednesday, November 23rd – There will be no Wednesday Discipleship Studies
- Thursday, November 24th – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Sunday, November 27th – 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday, November 28th – 6:30 – 8:00pm – MOPS & MOMSnext meets for a lesson, food, & fellowship. Childcare available (for ages 0 - 5th grade).
- Wednesday, November 30th – 6:30pm – Mission Lesson Study begins – Led by Phyllis Beavers
- Sunday, December 11th – 6:00pm – Cookies and Carols Night
- Sunday, December 25th – 10:40am – Christmas Day Service (*No Sunday School)
- Sunday, January 1st – 10:40am – New Year's Day Service (*No Sunday School)

Praises:

- Praising the Lord for the little and big things! On Sunday, we recognized Aubrey and Riley Wood for their Gold Medals for Bible Quizzing! We also recognized and took a moment to thank our veterans and those actively serving in the nation's military. It was a touching scene during a folding of the flag and the playing of Taps. We praise the Lord for our freedoms to worship, study the Bible, and honor our service men and women!

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for our Swahili Church, many of them are in need financially and for other resources during this time. Pray also for Pastor Acrame Charles as he leads them each week.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the mailed and emailed versions of the church newsletter.

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for a new and fresh anointing on our church, for our finances to grow stronger, and for new souls to be brought into the kingdom!
- Pray for our new people attending. They will find Christ or continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and bond with our church family.
- Pray for some unspoken requests, concerning those who have substance abuse addictions, and the families they are in.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Announcements:

Hello Moms! We invite Moms of children ages infant to 18 years old to come and be a part of Southwest's **MOPS & MOMSnext** groups. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month (will next meet Monday, November 28th). The meeting is from 6:30-8:00pm and childcare will be provided for children ages infant-5th grade. Please come for a good time of fellowship with other Moms, video lesson, snacks & sometimes a craft. Questions? See Renee Plank.

**Children's
Bible Quizzing
Meets at
5:00pm on
Sundays. See
Renee Plank
with
questions.**


Can you help us decorate the church for the Christmas Season on **Tuesday, November 22nd?** Join us at **9:00am** as we put up the tree, string some lights, and add some garland everywhere we can! Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Psalm 75:1

*We give thanks to You,
O God, we give thanks!*

*For Your wondrous works declare that
Your name is near. NKJV*

Wednesday Discipleship Nights – 6:30pm

Nov. 16th – Last week of Men's and Women's Studies
Nov. 23rd – No Studies this week due to Thanksgiving holiday
Nov. 30th – First week of Mission Lessons Study with Phyllis Beavers
Dec. 21st & Dec. 28th – No Studies these weeks due to Christmas holiday.
Jan. 4th – Mission Lessons Study continues
Jan. 25th – Study with Dr. Houston Thompson
Mar. 8th – Men's and Women's Bible Studies with Vince Plank and Cindy Hatchett
Apr. 5th – No Studies this week due to Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 12th – Men's and Women's Bible Studies continue
Apr. 26th – Study with Dr. Ron Hood

Our Next Wednesday Discipleship Study

Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 6:30pm
Missions Lessons Study

in Fellowship Hall with Phyllis Beavers
Mike and Julie Shalley will be speaking to us this night. They are former missionaries to Namibia, Africa – where they served for 39 years! They currently live in Fort Wayne and are directors of Christian Literature for Africa. We'll take up a love offering for them. **Dessert will be served this evening.** Please come and hear about their ministry!

Announcements:

Psalm 107:1 NKJV

Oh, give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good! For His
mercy endures forever.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree Campaign is open. Your donations will help to bless someone in our church family or community with making this Christmas season a little bit brighter! Our Goal this year is \$5,000. To donate, please mark your envelope as "Giving Tree" or choose "Giving Tree" when giving online. Thanks for your generosity and for loving others during this special time of year. If you or someone you know could benefit from a little extra help at this time of year, feel free to complete the request form located at the Welcome Center and place in the inbox on Katrina's desk by December 4th.



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HEAVEN FOR SURE AS THE NEWSPAPER HAD
NOTHING BUT GOOD NEWS TO REPORT

This is a request from Acrame.

Pastor Acrame's home church was in a refugee camp in Tanzania before he came to the United States. The church was called Nyarugusu Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Ngoy Lupawa. They had raised money to build a church building and had it 80% completed when a tornado came and completely destroyed the building. They took their remaining money and built up what they could but do not have enough to finish now and don't know what else to do except ask the family of God for help. Pastor Acrame is saddened by this and is asking everyone to pray for them and if you are able, give any amount to financially that would be such a blessing. Thank you.

For Southwest Church: if you want to help them financially, please put on your envelope "Tanzania Church Help."

**Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday,
November 20th. ~~NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!~~**

Our Special Guest that day will be Rev. Jay Height from Shepherd Community Center. We'll have a Thanksgiving Dinner after the service. It will be a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together as we give Thanks for all of God's Goodness! Starting in November, we'll have two crates for receiving food items at the carport entrance.

**Bring one item for Southwest Church and
another one for Shepherd Community!**

Here are some items that are always helpful.

Cereal (Bagged & Boxed)

Sugar (4 lb bags)

Flour (5 lb bags)

Jelly

Peanut Butter

Canned Goods

Food Pantry Food Drive



Sunday, there will be people being baptized or becoming a member of the Southwest Church! Please come and celebrate with them and be part of this special day! There are so many things to be thankful for this year at Southwest Church! Don't forget to bring your side dish, dessert, or food contribution you signed up to bring. Any questions, please contact Terri Greene (or call the church).