



CHURCH NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 9, 2022 – VOLUME 134

## ***There Shall Be Showers of Blessing***

There shall be showers of blessing  
This is the promise of love  
There shall be seasons refreshing  
Sent from the Savior above

There shall be showers of blessing  
Precious reviving again  
Over the hills and the valleys  
Sound of abundance of rain

There shall be showers of blessing  
Send them upon us O Lord  
Grant to us now a refreshing  
Come and now honor Thy word

*Showers of blessing  
Showers of blessing we need  
Mercy drops round us are falling  
But for the showers we plead*

*Daniel Webster Whittle  
& James McGranahan*

## **Church Events**

- Wednesday, November 9th – 6:30pm Ladies' and Men's Studies session. Study continues through November 16th.
- Monday, November 14th – 6:30 – 8:00pm – MOPS & MOMSnext meets for a lesson, food, & fellowship. Childcare available (for ages 0 - 5th grade).
- 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. Also having a Food Pantry Drive for both SW Church & 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
- Wednesday, November 30th – Mission Lesson Study begins – 6:30pm
- 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:

- Praise the Lord for our Revival Weekend! Each service was anointed, and the Lord used Rev. Richmond, Justin Wells, and our Praise Team, to help us see we need to again, surrender all things to the Lord and receive a renewed passion for serving Christ again! The last service was especially humbling as each person held hands as if to say, "we are going to find lost souls together." It was a moving service.
- Praise the Lord for all the victories around our altars during these services! Let's pray for those who made commitments to the Lord, so they can fulfill them and become all God wants them to be.

### 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."**

Psalm 10:17 nkjv

Lord, You have heard  
desire of the humble; You  
will prepare their heart;

## Prayer Needs:

- Pray for a new and fresh anointing on our church; for unity in the Spirit as we seek to allow the Lord to work more than anything, and get ourselves out of the way!
- Pray for our new people attending. Recently we have had 5 new people (families), and each of them have their own stories and needs. Let's be a church that cares for them in Christ's love.
- Pray for some unspoken requests, concerning those who have substance abuse addictions, and the families they are in.
- 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.



# 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 14<sup>th</sup>).

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.

## Membership & Baptisms

***Do you love your church? Do you love the Lord?***

It's time to join the church and begin making a difference.

***Have you received Christ but haven't been baptized yet?***

This is a command from Christ as well as a symbol of our going from death to life spiritually.

See Pastor Scott if you are ready for either of these important decisions!

## Wednesday Discipleship Studies (6:30pm)

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Last week of Men's and Women's Studies

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – No Studies this week due to Thanksgiving holiday

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – First week of Mission Lessons Study with Phyllis Beavers

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> & Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – No Studies these weeks due to Christmas holiday.

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Mission Lessons Study continues

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Study with Dr. Houston Thompson

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> – Men's and Women's Bible Studies with Vince Plank/Cindy Hatchett

Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> – No Studies this week due to Maundy Thursday Service

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> - Men's and Women's Bible Studies continue

Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – Study with Dr. Ron Hood

**Church Board Meeting  
is Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00pm**

*By Friday, send reports to  
southwest@swnazarene.org.*



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

*Psalm 3:3-4 NKJV*

3 But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. 4 I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill.

## Our Next Wednesday Discipleship Study

Wednesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Missions Lessons Study**

in Fellowship Hall with Phyllis Beavers

***This study is open to everybody!***



***Nursery Workers Wanted!***

***Let Renee Plank know if you  
would like to help in the nursery!***

## The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree Campaign opens November 6th. 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. 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.



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.



# Food Pantry Food Drive



**Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

During this Thanksgiving Food Drive and all year round, we have many families coming to our church food pantry looking for food and personal hygiene items for their families. If you've ever wondered what kind of items that are needed to help these families, please see this list.

Also, financial donations are greatly appreciated and often the easiest and least expensive (due to bulk buying) way for us to stock the pantry. Thanks for your help!

### **Items often needed include:**

1 lb. pkg. ground hamburger or turkey; lunch meat; hot dogs; whole chickens; pork chops; canned tuna, chicken, vegetables, fruits, and soups; boxed cereal; boxed macaroni & cheese; ramen noodles; sugar; vegetable oil; flour; pasta sauce; pasta; bread; pancake mix; hamburger or tuna "helper" type boxes; bottled water (gallons/cases); bar soap; toothpaste; toothbrushes; shampoo; baby wipes; diapers; laundry detergent; toilet paper; cleaning supplies; and deodorant

## What family recipe will you be sharing with our church family on November 20<sup>th</sup>?

We have our Thanksgiving Feast following the morning worship service and it is sure to be a good meal! Are you famous for your sweet potato casserole? Do your grandchildren ask you to make your goey, chocolatey brownies? Does everyone want seconds on your cheesy macaroni dish? We want to see what makes your celebrations great! Sign up at the Welcome Center today! The day is quickly approaching. 😊 Don't forget to invite family and friends and bring enough food to share!

### **2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV**

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.



### **HELP US.... HELP THEM!**



The Life Centers of Indianapolis are always in need of donations for needy families: gently used baby clothes & accessories up to size 5T, baby equipment & toys, and maternity clothes & nursing supplies. Darci Fletcher Broce has recently started assisting with this effort. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate to needy families in the Indianapolis area, this is a great way to help! Drop-off donations to any Life Center location OR if you are near the west side of Indy, text Darci at 567-698-1002 and she may be able to pick-up your donation from your "doorstep." Also, items can be dropped off here at the Southwest Church. Call 317-856-3713 to ensure someone is available to take in these donations at the time you plan to arrive. Please donate no items with holes or stains. Also, they cannot accept car seats or cribs due to possible recalls. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated!