



Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

Edmund Hamilton Sears | Richard Storrs Willis

Church Events

- **Wednesday, December 14th – 6:30pm**
Mission Lesson Study begins. Liz Fullom will speak this night. She will speak of her time in missions. Meet in Fellowship Hall.
- **Monday, December 19th – 6:30 – 8:00pm –**
MOPS & MOMSnext meets for a lesson, food, & fellowship. Childcare available (for ages 0 - 5th grade). Note: This is a date change. It's the only December meeting.
- **Sunday, December 18th – 4th Sunday of Advent**
- **Sunday, December 25th – 10:40am –**
Christmas Day Service (*No Sunday School)
- **Sunday, January 1st – 10:40am –**
New Year's Day Service (*No Sunday School)
- **Tuesday, January 24th – 6:00pm –**
Church Board Meeting
- **Sunday, January 29th – 6:00pm –**
ONU Proclamation Gospel Choir will perform a concert for us! It will be great!
- **Sunday, February 5th – 10:40am –**
Dr. Wangler, District Superintendent, will be delivering the message. We'll follow service with our annual chili cook-off! Get your recipes ready!

Praises:

- ❖ Praise the Lord for a fun and inspirational service Sunday! The children's songs and the readings were a joy to watch and listen to. Thank you, Cindy Robinson, for your love for our kids and the work you did to make it all happen.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for more new visitors! Let's continue to pray for our newcomers that they will feel the love of the Lord through the love of our church family!
- ❖ Praise the Lord for a festive and sweet fellowship time! Cookies and Carols Night did not disappoint. We enjoyed so many wonderful, tasty treats, sang familiar carols, drew snowmen on our heads 😊, and watched a great skit by Zach and Rachel! Oh, and yes, the winner of our cookie contest was, none other than, Becky Brown. Her turtle cookie took the show!

Isaiah 53:12 NKJV

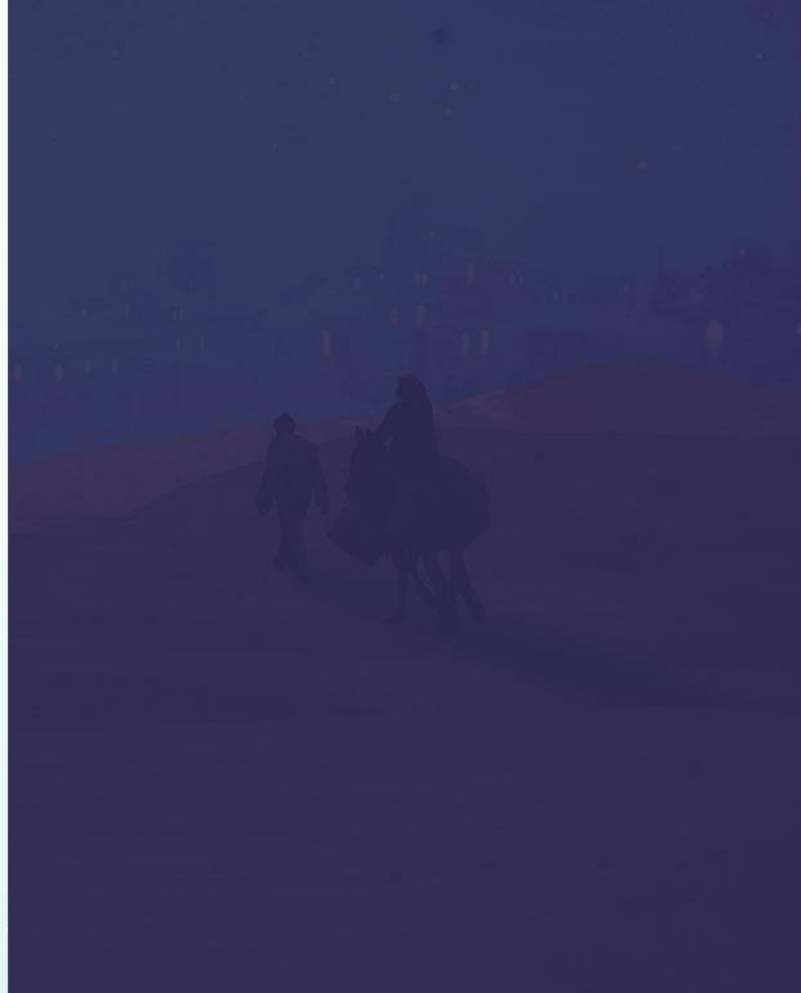
**Because He poured out His
soul unto death,
And He was numbered with
the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for
the transgressors.**

Isaiah 63:9 NKJV

**In all their affliction He was
afflicted, and the Angel of His
Presence saved them; In His love
and in His pity He redeemed
them; And He bore them and
carried them all the days of old.**

Prayer Needs:

- ❖ Pray for those who have been dealing with this cold, flu sickness going around.
- ❖ Pray for those who may be experiencing loneliness or grief during Christmas. May the Lord draw near to them and bring encouragement.
- ❖ Pray for our Swahili Church Family; many of them are in need financially and for other resources during this time.
- ❖ For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed and mailed versions of the church newsletter.



Children's Christmas Program



The children sang and even had a bell choir performance on Sunday during our morning worship service. They did a wonderful job! Check out those talented little ones singing and playing their hearts out while dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, and the various Christmas story animals! 😊 It was a great morning together! Thanks to the wonderful helpers who made sure this was a great success!



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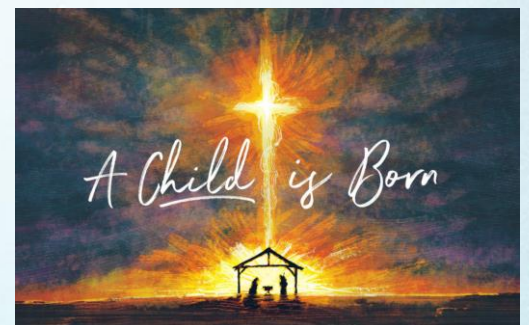
Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16)

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WELCOME TO THE STABLE ... PLEASE
LEAVE ANY KNIVES OR WALKING STICKS
WITH THE HORSE, IF YOU SMOKE WE ASK
THAT YOU PLEASE DO SO OUTSIDE, FLASH
PHOTOGRAPHY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED
INSIDE THE MANGER ROOM ...

For inclement weather (or other potential issues), we must sometimes cancel services or activities. We wanted to remind you of where to check for this information. Due to possible posting delays, please check at least a few of these:

Facebook - at Indy Southwest Naz **WTTV (channel 4 – CBS)**
WTHR (channel 13 – NBC) **WISH (channel 8 – MyIndy)**
WXIN (channel 59 – FOX) **WRTV (channel 6 – ABC)**



Cookies & Carols



Check out snapshots of the fun!

Judges sampling all the delicious cookies; Fellowship, fun, and food with SW cookie consumers; Playing a game where we had to draw a snowman scene on a plate while it was on top of our heads; Judges tallying results; The cookie experts ensuring we had quite the spread of treats to sample; Our first place (Becky Brown) and tied for second place (McKinnley Fox & Dennis Gilman) recipients with Pastor Scott; Becky Brown – Southwest Church Cookie Champion 2022 with her trophy!



We sang songs, played games, watched a skit and enjoyed cookies!



Announcements

New Sermon Series starting January 8:
Trusting God with our Journey,
Genesis 37-50.

This is the story of God's will for a family, Jacob and his twelve sons, especially Joseph. It is a story of dreams, deception, temptation, injustice, forgiveness, and a celebration of the goodness of God.

New Year - New Beginnings

Starting off 2023 right is important. But how? Prayer, planning, and preparation are all great ways to have a good start!

Beginning January 1, you are invited to join a 50 Day Spiritual Challenge to live in the will of God:

1. **50 Days of Praying.** Set aside time each day to pray for God's will for your life, family, and our church.
2. **50 Days of Bible Reading.** Take a slow look at Genesis 1-50 (one chapter per day), looking and listening to what the Lord is saying through His Word.
3. **50 Days of Obedience.** Trusting God's plan for your life, walking in the Light, and yielding up what needs changed in your life.



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 (**This month, our only meeting will be Monday, December 19th**). 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, and snacks. Questions? See Renee Plank.

Wednesday Discipleship Studies – 6:30pm

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

January 4th – Mission Lessons Study continues

January 25th – “The DiSC Profile: Know Yourself and Understand Others” Study with Dr. Houston Thompson
Please bring a Bible, pen, and something to write on.

March 8th – Men's and Women's Bible Studies with Vince Plank and Cindy Hatchett

April 5th – No Studies this week due to Maundy Thursday Service

April 12th – Men's and Women's Bible Studies continue

April 26th – Study with Dr. Ron Hood

RIOT Youth Overnight Spectacular – Dec. 30th 7pm to 7am



Registration is now open! Scan the QR codes below, go to the home page on www.swnazarene.org and click on the scrolling image, or find on Facebook under RIOT Youth Ministries to get more information and/or to register. Please register AND fill out your waiver for SkyZone BEFORE you come. Please have payment in no later than December 28th. If you have any questions, please see Dave or Dana Metcalf.

We'll have: Food, prizes, and giveaways; Blacklight Pool; GaGa Ball; Noodle Hockey; Ping-Pong; Rockband Room; Group Games; SkyZone GLOW; AND MUCH MORE (but not sleep most likely) !!

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