



Southwest

Church of the Nazarene

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Just A Closer Walk With Thee

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore

*Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be*

- Public Domain, Anonymous Author

Church Events:

- Wednesday, February 22nd – 6:30pm – Discipleship Study – “The DiSC Profile: Know Yourself and Understand Others” Study led by Dr. Thompson.
- Friday, February 24th – 10:00am – 12:00pm SW Church Food Pantry is open. You can also drop off any donations you'd like during this time.
- Friday, February 24th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm Indy District NYI Convention at Shelbyville COTN. NYI Delegates are required to attend, but other teens can, too.
- Sunday, February 26th – Olivet Preaching & Music Ambassadors will be here during morning worship. Please come and support these future church leaders!
- Monday, February 27th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm MOPS & MOMSnext meets led by Renee Plank.
- Sunday, March 12th – Local Annual Reports are due (See announcement for details.)
- Wednesday, March 22nd – Men's & Woman's Bible Studies with Vince Plank & Cindy Hatchett will begin this day.
- Wednesday, May 24th – Study with Ron Hood will begin this day.

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for another great year! The Church year is coming to an end on February 28th, and God has blessed and helped us accomplish more than we could have ever expected! We have had many visitors, new members and baptisms, conversions to Christ, strong finances, wonderful times of giving for others, great youth and children's ministries, many fun and fellowship events, and we accomplished a much-needed remodeling in the sanctuary. Our reports in March will reflect these and many more of the blessings He has granted. To God be the glory!
- Praise the Lord for a good and busy Sunday! We held our annual elections and elected great people to hold positions, take part in councils and boards, and to be delegates to Conventions and the Assembly. Praise the Lord for the wonderful additions this year! We also received our Alabaster Offering. We were hoping to reach \$1,000. We received nearly \$900!! Thank you to everyone who participated!
- Praise the Lord for our Conference Room has new carpet! Thank you Brad Adkins, our Buildings and Grounds Manager; it looks great! Take a peek in the room and tell Brad thanks.

Prayer Needs:

Church:

- Pray for those new to our church, and those who are planning to visit soon. We have several that need Christ in their lives and need a church family to love and encourage them.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in our church as we pray, worship, surrender, give and serve!

Prayer Needs:

Physical:

- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed and mailed versions of the church newsletter.

Announcements:

A Special Request from Olivet Nazarene University...

Center for Faith and Family, Olivet Nazarene University

Olivet received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment for the purpose of helping parents pass their faith to their children. We have created a survey to collect data from parents.

Could you help us by taking this survey?

We'd like responses by Friday, March 10th.

Complete the survey, and a code will be generated that is required for the children's survey. In other words, the children cannot access the survey without the code from their parents. It would be helpful to us to have surveys completed from parents as well as children, but there is no pressure to have the children fill out the survey if they choose not to do so. The parent survey link is below (*just type in search window box*):

<https://surveys.olivet.edu/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167353832311>

Thank you so much for your assistance. We are hopeful that the training that will result from this research will help the parents of your church to effectively pass their faith to their children.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by email or by phone at 815-928-5474.

Leon M. Blanchette, Ed.D.
Chair, Department of Christian Ministry
Director, Center for Faith and Family
School of Theology & Christian Ministry | Burke Administration

Psalm 19:7

*The law of the Lord
is perfect, converting
the soul;*

Annual Church Reports Due:

Our local annual reports are due by March 12th at the latest. We'll need reports from NMI, SDMI, NYI, Church Board Secretary, Church Board Treasurer, and Compassionate Ministry Leader & Treasurer. Please send these to Katrina at

southwest@swnazarene.org.

We appreciate your diligence in getting these reports turned in timely. Thanks!

*This
Sunday,
February
26th*



Music Ambassador

Courtney Lewis - Class of 2026
from Greeley, Colorado
Music Education Major

Olivet Preaching and Music Ambassadors

*Come
Support
these
future
church
leaders!*



Preaching Ambassador

Brayden Fuoss - Class of 2024
from Chatsworth, Illinois
Pastoral Ministry Major



Church Elections Voting Results

2023-2024 Church Year

Boards & Councils

Church Board

- Pastor Scott, Senior Pastor
- Phyllis Beavers, NMI President
- Rachel Greene, NYI President
- Steve Miller, NDI Chair
- Jim Beavers (24)
- Jamie Broce (25)
- John Greene (25)
- *Terri Greene (26)
- *Jim Hanavan (26)
- Brad Nichols (25)
- Vince Plank (25)
- Sam Robinson (25)
- Adam Strain (25) **Elected this year.*

NDI Board

- **NDI Chair:** Steve Miller
- **Board Members:**
 - Darci Broce
 - Terri Greene
 - Lisa Nichols
 - Renee Plank
 - Cindy Robinson

NMI Council

- **President:** Phyllis Beavers
- **Vice President:** Crystal Reed
- **Treasurer:** Brad Nichols
- **Secretary:** Becky Rackley

NYI Council

- **President:** Rachel Greene
- **Vice President:** Lara Hoaglan
- **Treasurer:** Vince Plank
- **Secretary:** Dana Metcalf
- **College & Career Rep.:** Victoria Moon
- **Council Members:**
 - Yeshua Garcia
 - Madison Greene
 - Steven Jarvis
 - Caleb Plank

Convention & Assembly Delegates

NMI Convention

Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00am – 3:30pm
(TBD)

- Jim Beavers
- Allen Brown
- Lara Hoaglan
- Ron Hood
- Brad Nichols
- Sara Sturgeon
- **Alternates:** (1) Judy James
(2) Liz Fullom

NDI Convention

Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am – 3:30pm
At Indianapolis First Church of the Nazarene

NDI Delegates:

- Terri Greene
- Bonnie Fox
- Lisa Nichols
- Cindy Robinson
- **Alternates:** (1) Jim Beavers
(2) Victoria Moon

NYI Convention

Friday, February 24th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm
At Shelbyville Church of the Nazarene

NYI Delegates:

- Yeshua Garcia
- Madison Greene
- Jade Jarvis
- Steven Jarvis
- **Alternates:** (1) Christopher Jarvis
(2) Ally Adkins

District Assembly

Sunday, May 7th, 5:00pm & Monday, May 8th, 8:30
(TBD)

- Jim Beavers
- Lisa Fishburn
- Judy James
- David Metcalf
- Brad Nichols
- **Alternates:** (1) Katrina Hanavan
(2) Liz Fullom

Announcements:

Shepherd Community is collecting good used suits, dresses, & suitcases for our brothers & sisters coming to the General Assembly from other countries! If you have any suits, men's dress shirts, ties, dresses, or suitcases to donate, please bring those and place in the in the crate at carport entry. We'll be collecting these until May.



PSALM 19:8

THE STATUTES OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT,
REJOICING THE HEART; THE COMMANDMENT OF
THE LORD IS PURE, ENLIGHTENING THE EYES;



Did you forget to bring in your Alabaster offering? Good news! We'll have the Little Church set up in the back of the sanctuary this Sunday, and you can place your Alabaster offering in there! We are so close to our \$1,000 goal! 😊

Life Centers HELP US HELP THEM!

The Life Centers of Indianapolis are always in need of donations for needy families: gently used baby clothes up to size 5T and accessories, baby equipment & toys, and maternity clothes & nursing supplies. Darci Broce is assisting with this effort. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate to needy families in the Indy 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!

Wednesday Discipleship Studies – 6:30pm

Feb. 22nd – “The DiSC Profile: Know Yourself and Understand Others” Study with Dr. Houston Thompson *(Please bring a Bible, pen, and something to write on.)*

Mar. 22nd – 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

May 24th – Study with Dr. Ron Hood



Hello Moms!

We invite Moms of children ages infant through 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 (next meeting is Feb. 27th). The meeting is from 6:30-8:00pm. 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.

Psalm 19:9-10

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; NKJV

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Thanks to Park Hunter (See 1Corinthians 13:11) 02-05-2007

LARRY PUTS AWAY HIS CHILDISH THINGS