

Southwest

Church of the Nazarene

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Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower
In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future
What it holds a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

In our end is our beginning
In our time infinity
In our doubt there is believing
In our life eternity
In our death a resurrection
At the last a victory
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

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Church Events

- **Wednesday, March 22nd – Men's & Woman's Bible Studies with Vince Plank & Cindy Hatchett will begin this day.**
- **Friday, March 24th – 10:00am – 12:00pm SW Church Food Pantry is open. Also, drop off any donations you'd like during this time.**
- **Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday**
- **Thursday, April 6th – 6:30pm – Maundy Thursday Service**
- **Sunday, April 9th – Resurrection Sunday – Join us for our annual Easter breakfast at 9:30am. At 10:40am, we'll have Easter worship service. Following service, a children's egg hunt activity (infant to 5th grade) will occur. (Note: No Sunday School)**
- **Monday, April 10th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm MOPS & MOMSnext meets led by Renee Plank. (See details in newsletter.)**
- **Wednesday, May 24th – Study with Ron Hood will begin this day.**

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for God's grace! Last Saturday Jim Baldwin wanted to recommit his life to the Lord and be sure he was ready for heaven. It was like the songwriter said, "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul."
- Praise the Lord for such a beautiful spirit in the service Sunday! Several have been gathering for prayer at 9:00am, to draw near to God... and He is drawing near to us!
- Praise the Lord for our Church Board! It was a good and productive first meeting for the Church Year, and we're glad to welcome Jim Hanavan to the board. There is a genuine spirit of unity and dedication to the Lord and one another!
- *From Terri G.:* Praise the Lord – to Him goes all the glory! I went up to the altar before church on March 12th to pray for my granddaughter and her children. God knows she is going through an extremely difficult time right now, and I asked Him to help her. Two days later, my granddaughter called all excited. She said she got the job she had applied for. She was honest with them about her situation, and they hired her on the spot. She thought it would take weeks to get through the process, but she was in orientation less than a week later and starts the job this week. I know this is not a coincidence! Jesus hears us and loves us so much and wants to answer our prayers.

Sunday Morning Prayer Time

9:00 am – 9:25 am

at the Sanctuary Altar

Anyone can come and spend this time praying for themselves, family, friends, the church service, or whatever is on their heart!

Prayer Needs:

Church

- Pray for our upcoming Easter and Faith Promise services.
- 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 mailed or emailed versions of the church newsletter.

Announcements

CONVENTIONS (at Indy 1st COTN)

NMI Convention

Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00am - 3:30pm

NDI Convention

Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am - 3:30pm

District Assembly

Sunday, May 7 - 5:00pm &

Monday, May 8 - 8:30am

Indianapolis District Assembly
at Indy 1st COTN

1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Submitted by Renee Plank as one of her favorites!

Saturday, April 1st – The Junior & Senior High School Classes will go to the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton, OH! Students will meet at the church at 7:45am and return around 6:00pm. Don't forget to bring your sack lunch! Also, you can bring money for souvenirs. Questions? Ask Adam or Heather Strain.



Do you have a favorite scripture? It was suggested that we gather your favorite Bible verses. These will be included in future newsletters and the announcement loops before service! There will be little slips of paper at the Welcome Center where you can list out the Scripture reference you would like to submit as one of your favorites! It will be neat to see if others at church share your favorite scripture as their own special verse(s)!

General Assembly Help Needed:

If you would like to be a volunteer for the General Assembly this June, please fill out the form at the Welcome Center. There are people needed in several different areas of interest – all to make this a great success. You will surely find the right opportunity for you! Here are some areas needing help!

- Communion Preparation (June 9-10) – prepping for communion (this is a great group project)
- Registration – Available June 9-11 work with registering GA visitors.
- Technology – Available June 9 -15 to help with delegates to the General Assembly with electronic tablets
- Airport Greeter – Available June 8-10 (possibly 11) greet international delegates/visitors at the Indianapolis Airport.
- Transportation – Available June 9-16. Available to assist with real time needs, i.e. delegate transportation, errands for GMC staff, etc.
- Usher – Available evenings June 9-12 and Sunday AM, June 11
- Welcome Center/Information – Available June 9-16 to assist in two information booths



The Kingdom Men Rising (Men’s Study led by Vince P.) About the study... Our culture is confused about what it means to be a man. Join Tony Evans in an eight-week Bible study for men in an honest and encouraging look at biblical masculinity.

Elijah (Women’s Study led by Cindy H.) About the study... Join Priscilla Shirer in an 8-session video bible study on the life of Elijah. In this faith-building study, you’ll discover how Elijah’s obedience to God kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven’s fire to fall. God is also working in your life today to fashion a fiery, bold faith that will empower you to share the hope of Christ with your family, friends, co-workers, and community.

See Katrina to sign up. We ordered a couple extra books if you hadn’t yet signed up. You’ll need to pay for a book: \$15 for a men’s study book & \$17 for a women’s study book. Studies start Wed., Mar. 22nd at 6:30pm.

Policy for Borrowing Tables & Chairs (Adapted Sept. of 2022):

- Church Participants can borrow folding tables or folding chairs with a one-month advance notice via a completed and approved “Request to Borrow” form.
- An individual may borrow chairs/tables up to two times per church year.
- The plastic folding tables and chairs located in the storage area off the Fellowship Hall are the only ones that may be borrowed.
- Borrowing folding tables or chairs is on a “first come” scheduling basis –managed by the church office manager.
- Tables or chairs will not be loaned out in the event of a scheduling conflict with a church sponsored activity or event. Tables and chairs must be returned in the original condition from when loaned out and to the original location within the church.
- Tables and chairs must be returned on the date agreed upon per the request form. Any damage to the tables or chairs will be the responsibility of the individual borrowing the table(s) or chair(s).
- A \$50.00 deposit for borrowing tables and chairs is required at time of pick up and will be refunded if items returned in same condition as when borrowed.

Announcements

Upcoming Events at Southwest Church

- Saturday, April 22 – 9:00am – 3:30pm**
NMI Convention at Indy 1st COTN
- Sunday, April 23 – 6:00pm - Missionary Dr.**
Jerry Porter will be our guest speaker
- Saturday, April 29 – 9:00am – 3:30pm**
NDI Convention at Indy 1st COTN
- Sunday, May 7 – 5:00pm & Monday, May 8 – 8:30am – Indianapolis District Assembly**
- Thursday, May 11 – Saturday, May 13 – Regional Celebrate Life**
- Sunday, May 14 – Mother’s Day**
- Sunday, May 21 – Graduation Service (evening service)**
- Sunday, May 28 – Memorial Roll Service**
- June 9th – 16th – General Assembly for the Church of the Nazarene**

Isaiah 41:10 NKJV

‘Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

Submitted by Katrina Hanavan as one of her favorites!

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 Apr. 10th). 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.

“The Jesus You May Not Know” Sermon Series
Colossians 1-2

- March 26th: Col. 1:15-18 “The Majesty of Christ”**
- April 2nd Palm Sunday: Col. 1:19-29 “Christ as Savior”**
- April 9th Easter: Col. 2:8-15 “Christ as Lord”**
- April 16th: Col. 2:1-10 “Complete in Christ”**

6:30pm Wednesday Discipleship Studies Schedule:

- Mar. 22nd – Men’s & Women’s Bible Studies with Vince P. & Cindy H. begins
- Apr. 5th – No Study (due to Maundy Thursday Service)
- Apr. 12th – Men’s & Women’s Bible Studies continue
- May 24th – Study with Ron Hood begins

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 the carport entry. We’ll be collecting these until May. Thanks!



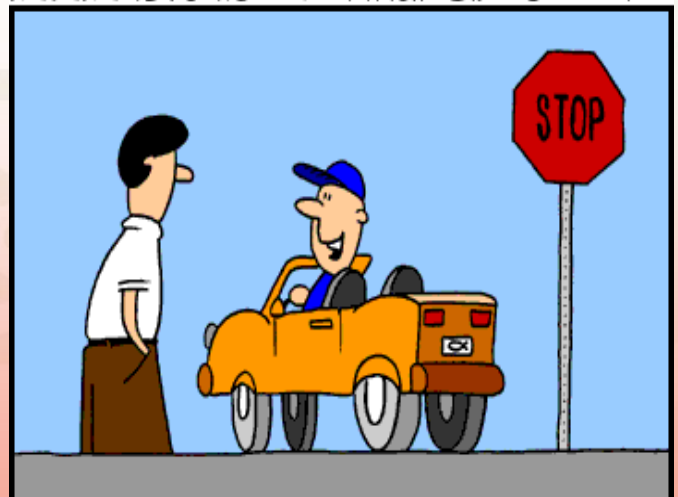
Children’s Egg Hunt (Candy Needed)



(Following the 10:40am Service on April 9th) for all children (birth to 5th grade)
Sponsored by Southwest Children’s Dept.

Also, we need lots of candy to prepare for this fun time! Please bring your individually wrapped candies to the donation crate at the church by April 2nd. Thanks!

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Thanks to Mikel Rice

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SURE MY NEW CAR IS REALLY THIN, BUT I DON'T CARE BECAUSE I PLAN TO TRAVEL THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW