

Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost
Count your many blessings name them one by one
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done

Are you ever burdened with a load of care
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear
Count your many blessings every doubt will fly
And you will be singing as the days go by

When you look at others with their lands and gold
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold
Count your many blessings money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high

So amid the conflict whether great or small
Do not be discouraged God is over all
Count your many blessings angels will attend
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end

*Count your blessings name them one by one
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- Edwin Othello Excell, Johnson Oatman Jr.

Church Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 22nd – No Discipleship Study
- Thursday, Nov. 23rd – Thanksgiving Day
- Monday, November 27th – 9:00am – Decorate the Church for Christmas
- Monday, Nov. 27th – 6:30pm - 8:00pm – Mom Squad meets with Renee Plank. Come be a part of this group of Moms.
- Sunday, Dec. 3rd – 1st Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 10th – 10:40am – Children's Christmas Service & 2nd Sunday of Advent; 6:00pm – Cookies and Carols in R!OT Youth Room
- Saturday, Dec. 16th – NYI Progressive Dinner
- Sunday, Dec. 24th – 10:40am – Morning Worship Only (no Sunday School or evening service)
- Monday, Dec. 25th – Christmas Day
- Thursday, Dec. 28th – The Hinsin Family moves into the parsonage!
- Friday, Dec. 29th – 5:30pm – 12:00am – R!OT Youth Late Night Game Night
- Sunday, Dec. 31st – 10:40am – Morning Worship Only (No Sunday School)
- Sunday, Jan. 7th – 9:30am – Donut Meet & Greet with New Youth Pastor & family on their 1st Sunday. (This will replace Sunday School this day.)
- Saturday, Jan. 20th – 10:00am – Children's Quiz Meet at Southwest Church

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a “blessed” Sunday! Our church was blessed by the music of the Needham Family, and then we enjoyed a wonderful meal. Thank you to the Greenes for their excellent cooking, as well as organizing the meal. Also, a special thanks to so many helpers who brought the food and those who put out the food and served it. What a great effort by so many!
- Praise the Lord for the work at the parsonage! The painting will be done this week, and the flooring will start soon. It is looking amazing, and there is much more to come!
- Praise the Lord for blessing our Church with great people! We are blessed with so many who are using their talents and gifts to make our church ministry strong... from our nursery help, to children’s church, teaching classes, the food pantry, to the cleaning, administration, food pantry, youth group and so much more. Thank you, Lord, for our great church family!

Prayer Needs:

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

Baptisms and Membership

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!

Announcements

Christmas Season Orchestra

Would you like to play in an orchestra during the Christmas season at church?

 Daniel Greene is calling all instrumentalists together to play at different times during the services. See Daniel Greene or text him at 317-752-2032 if you are interested! 
 Let's celebrate Christ's birth! 

Psalm 67:1-2

*1 God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us, Selah
2 That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations. NKJV*

The **Giving Tree** Campaign has begun. 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 \$3,500. 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 it in the inbox on Katrina's desk by December 9th.



Mom Squad



**Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
Monday, Nov. 27th**

Moms of all ages are invited to participate in Southwest's MOM SQUAD group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 6:30pm-8:00pm for snacks and fellowship. If you're interested, please see Renee Plank.

**Decorate the Church
for Christmas**

**Monday, Nov. 27th
at 9:00am**

Let's string the lights,
put up the trees and
wrap God's House in
Christmas Cheer!

Can you help us decorate?



Carols & Cookies

Sunday, December 10th at 6:00pm



Bake cookies using your best recipes and bring to share. Then, see if the judges award you with the Southwest Church Cookie Champion 2023! We'll enjoy cookies together & sing Christmas songs in this wonderful time of fellowship! Sign up at the Welcome Center if you'll be bringing cookies to enter or just share. If baking isn't your talent, then bring a drink or just come and join in the fun! All are invited to this fun activity!

Sunday, December 10th at 10:40am

Children's Christmas Program
You won't want to miss seeing what they've been working on!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Rise & Shine Breakfast Club Schedule](#) (9am Tuesdays)

Men's & Women's Breakfasts

Come be a part of the fellowship!

11/28 - Goody's Restaurant (1601 E Main St #2, Plainfield, IN 46168)

12/5 - Cracker Barrel (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)

12/12 - Morgan's Corner Café (457 Town Ctr St, Mooresville, IN 46158)

12/19 - First Watch (8814 E US Hwy 36, Avon, IN 46123) *Changed from original schedule.*

12/26 - Emmy's Pancake House (7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123)

Wednesday Bible Study Schedule 6:30pm – 7:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided.

November

22nd **No Wednesday Bible Study**
(Thanksgiving Week)

29th Carry the Flame – Pastor Scott Week 3

December

6th Carry the Flame – Pastor Scott Week 4

13th Carry the Flame – Pastor Scott Week 5

20th **No Wednesday Bible Study**

27th **No Wednesday Bible Study**

January

3rd Week 6 Carry the Flame / How Jesus Interacted with People – Pastor Scott

10th Missions – Phyllis Beavers

17th Missions – Phyllis Beavers

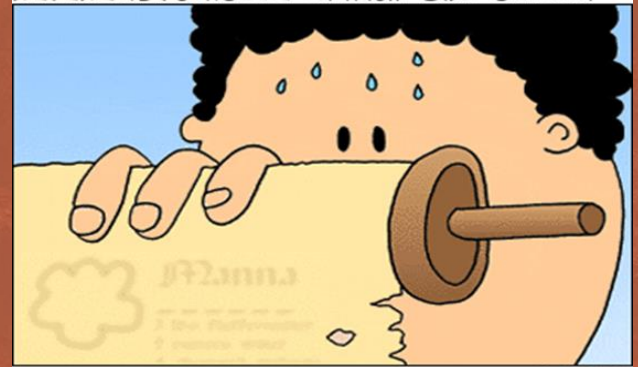
Some Upcoming R!OT Youth Events:

- ❖ Saturday, Dec. 16th – NYI Progressive Dinner
(Teens will go to multiple locations to eat the various courses of the dinner – Sure to be filled with lots of fun and yummy food!)
- ❖ Saturday, Dec. 29th – NYI Late Night Game Night from 5:30pm – 12:00am!

PSALM 32:1-2

¹ BLESSED IS HE WHOSE TRANSGRESSIONS ARE FORGIVEN, WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED.
² BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST HIM AND IN WHOSE SPIRIT IS NO DECEIT. NIV

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THIS WAS NO ORDINARY DEAD-SEA SCROLL
... IT WAS THE RECIPE FOR MANNA

Food Pantry Fridays – 10am to 12pm

Can visit once per calendar month. Donations accepted during this time, as well. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Note: Pantry closed Friday, Nov. 24th.