

Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

***Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel***

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Church Events

- Wednesday, Dec. 13th – 6:30pm
Discipleship Study – “Carry the Flame” with Pastor Scott
- Saturday, Dec. 16th – NYI Progressive Dinner
- Wednesday, Dec. 20th – Discipleship Study will NOT meet this night.
- Sunday, Dec. 24th – 10:40am – Morning Worship Only (no Sunday School or evening service)
- Monday, Dec. 25th – Christmas Day
- Wednesday, Dec. 27th – Discipleship Study will NOT meet this night.
- Thursday, Dec. 28th – The Hinsen 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)
- Wednesday, Jan. 3rd – 6:30pm Discipleship Study – “Carry the Flame” with Pastor Scott concludes.
- Sunday, Jan. 7th – 9:30am – Donut Meet & Greet with New Youth Pastor & family on their 1st Sunday.
- Monday, Jan. 8th – 6:30pm - 8:00pm – Mom Squad meets with Renee Plank.
- Saturday, Jan. 20th – 10:00am – Children’s Quiz at Southwest Church

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a wonderful Sunday morning worship service! The Strains did the Advent reading and lit the candles. The Praise Team led the congregational singing, and it was just what was needed to get into the Christmas spirit! The children did such a great job with their Christmas program "Love Came Down." We had the chance to hear about Jesus's birth and the promise to the world! We had everything from angels, animals, and shepherds, to the shining star, wisemen, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus! Cindy R., along with her helpers (Renee, Saralynn, Bonnie, Shilah, Sloane, and Vanessa) and those amazing kids delivered a program that was a joy to watch! Pastor Scott delivered his moving message "The Gift of Grace" from "The Gifts of God" series. It was a good day!
- Praise the Lord for an equally fun evening at Cookies & Carols! We got together and sang Christmas songs, played a game, and enjoyed delicious cookies. Stephen Bechdol provided us with a message, and we had a good evening of fellowship. Our 2023 Southwest Cookie Champion trophy was awarded to Lisa Nichols with runners up being McKinley Fox, Becky Brown, and Terri Greene. It was a close one! Well done ladies!!
- Praise the Lord for those who contributed to the Giving Tree fund. Though we didn't meet our goal of \$3,500 this year, we did bring in \$1,653 and were able to help bless 9 families this season!

Luke 2:12-14 NKJV

And this will be the sign to you:
You will find a Babe wrapped in
swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host praising God and
saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on
earth peace, goodwill toward men!"



Prayer Needs:

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

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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!



Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

Monday, Jan. 8th

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

Children's Quizzing

Southwest Church will host the next Children's Quiz Meet on Saturday, Jan. 20th!

To have a successful event, we'll need lots of volunteers.

If you can help us out in roles such as snack workers, set

up, clean up, greeting, memory verse reviewers, etc., please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

We'll also be asking for snack items donations soon, so be on the lookout for that list. Thanks!



Rise & Shine Breakfast Club Schedule

(9:00am Tuesdays) Men's & Women's Breakfasts - Come be a part of the fellowship!

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)

1/2 - Cracker Barrel (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)

1/9 - Emmy's Pancake House (7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123)

Wednesday Bible Study Schedule

6:30pm - 7:45pm in Fellowship Hall

Childcare is provided.

December

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



Indy District Young Adult Post-Christmas Christmas Party

January 6th @ Noon

Avon Parkside COTN

Lunch, worship, and games

**Bring a "White Elephant" Gift
(Under \$10, meant to be funny,
re-gifting encouraged)**

Donuts & Coffee with the Hinsens! Our new Youth Pastor Aaron, Alicia, and their precious baby girl Raegan will be here for their first Sunday on **Sunday, January 7th!** Instead of Sunday School this day, we'll meet together at **9:30am** for donuts, coffee, and a meet & greet with the Hinsens! Let's welcome them home as part of the Southwest Church family!



Some Upcoming R!OT Youth Events:

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

Food Pantry Fridays

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Can visit once per calendar month.

Donations accepted during this time, as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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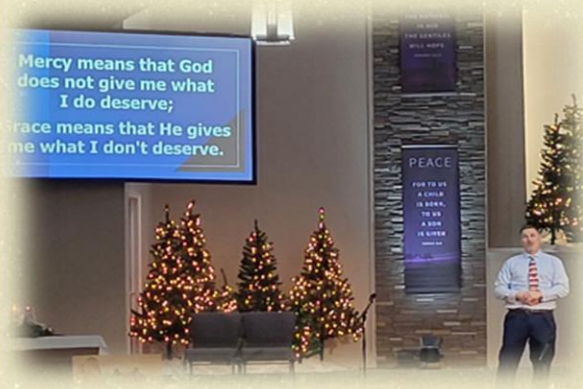


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I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MARY ... THIS IS THE FOURTH ONE OF THESE 'CHRISTMAS CARD' THINGS THAT WE'VE GOT THIS WEEK ALONE, IT MUST BE SOME NEW CRAZE



A glimpse at Cookies & Carols! Our winning game team photo, cookies, fun, and cookie champion Lisa Nichols!



Some photos from Sunday's morning worship service and children's Christmas program... a great service!

