



Southwest

Church of the Nazarene

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Welcome to Our World

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking
How we need to hear from God
You've been promised, we've been waiting
Welcome Holy Child
Welcome Holy Child

Hope that you don't mind our manger
How I wish we would have known
But long awaited Holy Stranger
Make yourself at home
Please make yourself at home

Bring your peace into our violence
Bid our hungry souls be filled
Word now breaking Heaven's silence
Welcome to our world
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Fragile finger sent to heal us
Tender brow prepared for thorn
Tiny heart whose blood will save us
Unto us is born
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So wrap our injured flesh around You
Breathe our air and walk our sod
Rob our sin and make us holy
Perfect Son of God
Perfect Son of Go
Welcome to our world

Performed by Michael W. Smith
Words and Music by Chris Rice

Church Events

- Wednesday, Dec. 6th – 6:30pm Discipleship Study – “Carry the Flame” with Pastor Scott
- Wednesday, Dec. 6th – 6:30-7:45pm – Children’s Christmas Program Practice and Party - Games, Prizes & Pizza!
- Sunday, Dec. 10th – 9:30am – Children’s Program final practice & dress rehearsal; 10:40am – Children’s Christmas Service & 2nd Sunday of Advent; 6:00pm – Cookies & Carols in R!OT Youth Room
- Monday, Dec. 11th – 6:30pm - 8:00pm – Mom Squad meets with Renee Plank.
- 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 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)
- Sunday, Jan. 7th – 9:30am – Donut Meet & Greet with New Youth Pastor & family on their 1st Sunday. (This replaces Sunday School this day.)

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a blessed Advent Sunday! We began with our Advent reading, followed by an enthusiastic song from our Swahili Congregation. We received 3 new members, Sloane Winders and John and Coleen Hambrick. Pastor Scott began a new series on "The Gifts of God" and preached on the passage of James 1, "Every good and perfect gift comes from above." At the end of the service, we baptized 4 people, Lukas Nichols, Christopher Jarvis, Matthew Winkle, and McKenzie Plank. Pastor Acrame also baptized one from the Swahili congregation. It was truly a blessed day in the Lord!
- Praise the Lord for the work at the parsonage! Everything is progressing nicely. The interior is painted, the flooring is being installed and a lot of electrical work is being done. Also, the bathroom vanities are being installed. Special thanks to Sam Robinson, Brad Nichols for the electrical work, and Ken and Bonnie Fox for the flooring installation! See Photos of new flooring and painting updates in the announcements.

Isaiah 19:20 NKJV

And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of the oppressors, and He will send them a **Savior** and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them.

Prayer Needs:

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

Luke 1:46-48 NKJV

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my **Savior**. ⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Announcements



Wednesday, Dec. 6th
6:30-7:45pm



Children's Christmas Program
Practice and Party (*new date*) - Games,
Prizes & Pizza!



Christmas Party



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MY MOM MADE THIS FOR ME FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY AND NOW SHE IS SO PROUD OF IT THAT I AM NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE IT OFF

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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!



Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

Monday, Dec. 11th

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.

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!



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

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

Children's Christmas Program
Love Came Down
Sunday, December 10th at 10:40am



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out these new floors going in at the parsonage! How about that wonderful paint job? So many updates!! We can't wait to see it all finished!



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 10th.



Update on the Giving Tree Campaign. As of today, we've received in \$560 in donations. We are still quite shy of our \$3,500 goal. Would you like to help brighten up the Christmas season for someone? Thanks for your gift! Mark gifts as "Giving Tree."

Rise & Shine Breakfast Club Schedule (9:00am Tuesdays)

Men's & Women's Breakfasts
Come be a part of the fellowship!



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

Food Pantry Fridays – 10am to 12pm
Can visit once per calendar month. Donations accepted during this time, as well. Thank you!

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!

Luke 2:11 NKJV

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.