

# Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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## ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

What a fellowship what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What have I to dread what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

***Leaning (leaning on Jesus)***

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***Safe and secure from all alarms***

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***Leaning on the everlasting arms***

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Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with  
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Church Events**

- Saturday, Feb. 10th – R!OT Youth Pizza & Duckpin Bowling with ONU Ambassadors
- Sunday, Feb. 11th – ONU Ambassadors will be preaching and leading worship during our morning worship service. Following service, it'll be our Southwest Annual Chili Cook-Off!
- Sunday, Feb. 11th – 5:00pm – R!OT Youth Super Bowl watch party at Parsonage
- Monday, Feb. 12th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm – Mom Squad meets with Renee Plank
- Wednesday, Feb. 14th – 6:30pm – Children's Valentine's Day Party
- Wednesday, Feb. 14th – 6:30pm Discipleship Study – Generational Differences & the Church – Led by Dr. Houston Thompson
- Saturday, Feb. 17th – 10:00am – 12:00pm Children's Quiz at Southside COTN
- Sunday, Feb. 18th – Annual Church Elections during morning worship service and our Volunteer Fair!
- Sunday, Feb. 25th – Alabaster Sunday. Bring your Alabaster donations to help fund church buildings around the globe.

*Please see the announcements for more information.*

# Praises:

- Praise the Lord for our youth group! Pastor Aaron and some of the youth leaders took the kids to Celebrate Life, and the kids were qualified to go to Regional Celebrate Life at Olivet in May. Then they scurried off to a Christian concert downtown Indy and had a great time. Exciting days!
- Praise the Lord for the incredible prayer support from everyone for the families going through so much, and for Pastor Scott and Cindy! God's Spirit is giving beautiful strength and guidance through these challenges days. God truly answers prayer!
- Praise the Lord for our church family pulling together to serve three funeral dinners! The gifts of generosity and hospitality have greatly been shown through those who planned, cooked, baked, bought, brought, served, and cleaned up for each meal. Christ's love has been shown in a beautiful way! Thank you everyone.



A Big THANK YOU goes out to all those who baked and supported the children's department for last Sunday's Valentine's Bake Sale! It was a great fundraiser and will be a blessing this year for the children's ministry.



# Prayer Needs:

- For personal prayer needs, please see the emailed or mailed versions of the church newsletter.



# Announcements:



## Chili Cook Off

*Sunday February 11th  
after morning worship*

Sign up for our Chili Cook Off. Please sign up with what you are bringing, even if you will not enter the contest. You can bring crackers, sour cream, shredded cheese, small sandwiches, desserts, etc. If you plan on entering a chili in the cook off, please mark it down on the sign up. We will award the winning chili!!

### Questions?

*Ask Lisa Nichols!*



### Meeting 6:30-8:00pm, Mon., Feb. 12

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

**Exciting News!** We will now have a youth group newsletter. If you are interested in signing up for the newsletter, please see Pastor Aaron. Also, be sure to follow RIOT Youth Ministries on Facebook!



This Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, during morning worship service, we will be blessed with a visit from the ONU Ambassadors who will be preaching and leading us in worship. Be here to support this part of their ministry... and the next generation of church leaders!



**Logan Stine**  
ONU Preaching Ambassador



**Juliete Herrarte**  
ONU Music Ambassador

## **Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**RIOT Youth Super Bowl Watch Party at the Parsonage!** Arrive at 5:00pm, wear your Favorite team's jersey, & prepare for football, food and fun!



Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we'll get together and welcome to our ONU preaching and music ambassadors for a fun night of pizza and duckpin bowling! Meet at the church at 5:00pm for pizza. Then, we'll head to Fountain Square for duckpin bowling. See Pastor Aaron with any questions! Cost will be \$10.00/person.



## ***Children's Quizzing***

Our children's quiz teams will next compete at Southside COTN on Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. If you would like to go out and cheer them on and see how quizzing is helping children to keep the Lord's Word in their hearts, be at their next quiz meet at Southside COTN!



## **Sidewalk Snow Removal Help**

Would you be able to help remove snow from our church sidewalks and put down salt? We have several sidewalks that need to be done each time it snows. The church has a snowblower, salt, and 2 shovels. Let Katrina know in the church office, and we will notify you when there is an accumulation on the walks. Thank you for supporting your church!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT 6:30PM**

**Children's Valentine's Party will be a fun time for those ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be games, food, and fun.**



It's that time of year again! **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> will be the day for our Alabaster Offering!** Bring in those boxes, jars, etc. of change, dollar bills, and checks you want to give to help build and repair churches and related buildings around the world! All this helps to spread the Good News!

## Biggest Loser Event!

If you didn't have a chance to start on the health journey with our group, it's not too late to join us! A group of folks would like to come together and hold a Biggest Loser event. This event is FREE and open to everyone! Participants will weigh in every week through March 17th after morning worship service is over on Sundays. Again, this is just a way to support one another on a health journey while helping us be accountable to each other. The woman and man who have lost the largest percentage of their starting weight through this journey is up will be the declared winners!



Come join us for the **Discipleship Study** led by Dr. Houston Thompson on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

### ***Generational Differences & the Church***

Every generation has their own perspectives of the Church. There are different expectations for worship. There are diverse opinions about conducting ministry. This Bible Study looks at generational differences to better understand worship, engagement, & ministry in the church.

- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Who are Generation X?
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – Who are the Millennials?
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – Who are Generation Z?
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – How does the church engage all the generations?

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Church Meeting and Elections** during the morning service. We also will have our first Volunteer Fair! Be sure to be here this important day! See more information below regarding the Volunteer Fair. Elections will be for open church board positions, NDI board, NMI council, and NYI council, and delegates for NDI, NYI, and NMI Conventions and District Assembly.



## **VOLUNTEER FAIR – Sun., Feb. 18th**

Are you thinking about taking a next step? Feel like God is leading you to be more involved? We are planning a "Volunteer Fair" to share opportunities to be involved at Southwest Church. You can make a difference... there is a place for you to serve!

### ***Why Volunteer?***

Every member of Christ's Church should be involved in Christ's Mission. Everyone who attends Southwest Church can contribute to create a healthy, organized, and caring church.

### ***Areas in Which to Volunteer***

NYI, NMI, NDI, Children's Ministry (including Nursery), Safety Team, Security, Food Pantry, Media Team (Sound, Power Point, Livestream)

### ***What to Expect***

Following morning worship service, we'll have tables lining the foyer. Each table will represent an area in which you can learn more about the ministries and opportunities to utilize your skills to serve. Representatives will share with you about the ministry.



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

**Men's & Women's Breakfasts - Come be a part of the fellowship!**  
2/13 - Bob Evans (25 S High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241)  
2/20 - Flapjacks Pancake House (414 W Main St, Plainfield, IN 46168)  
2/27 - Metro Diner (302 Dan Jones Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168)  
3/5 - Cracker Barrel (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)