



# Southwest Church of the Nazarene

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## ***Higher Ground***

I'm pressing on the upward way  
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day  
Still praying as I'm onward bound  
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay  
Tho' some may dwell where these abound  
My pray'r my aim is higher ground

I want to live above the world  
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled  
For faith has caught the joyful sound  
The song of saints on higher ground

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright  
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found  
Lord lead me on to higher ground

*Lord lift me up and let me stand  
By faith on heaven's tableland  
A higher plane than I have found  
Lord plant my feet on higher ground*

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## **Church Events**

- Wednesday, Mar. 13th – 6:00pm – Community Wellness Series – “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Funerals but Were Afraid to Ask” with Mr. Chris Branson & Ms. Jen Gruver.
- Saturday, Mar. 16th – 4:00pm – 8:00pm – R!OT Youth event – Zip City & Waffle House
- Wednesday, Mar. 20th – 6:30pm – Community Wellness Nights – “Mental Health Awareness” with Dr. Dale Wayman
- Sunday, Mar. 24th – 10:40am – Palm Sunday with Blake & Jenna Bolerjack in Concert
- Sunday, Mar. 31st – 9:30am – Resurrection Sunday 9:30am Easter Breakfast by Harry & Terri Greene; 10:40am Easter Worship Service; Egg Hunt follows
- Saturday, Apr. 6th – 8:30am – 3:30pm - NMI Convention – at Indy 1st COTN
- Monday, Apr. 8th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm – Mom Squad meets with Renee Plank
- Saturday, Apr. 13th – 10:00am – 12:00pm Children’s Quiz at Shelbyville COTN
- Saturday, Apr. 13th – R!OT Youth BBQ Dinner Fundraiser
- Saturday, May 4th – 1:00pm – 4:30pm – NDI/NYI Convention – at Shelbyville COTN
- Sunday, May 5th – 5:00pm & Monday, May 6th - 8:30am – District Assembly – at Indy 1st COTN

## Praises:

- Praise the Lord for our Bible Quiz Kids! They all did well in the last quiz at Second Chance Church; they came in 1st place in the District! Woo Hoo!
- Praise the Lord for grant from the District! "WITH" is our District's new initiative to get into our community and bless or help them in a strategic way. Brad Nichols, Daniel Greene, Pastor Aaron and Pastor Scott went to Greenfield with a starter plan for getting involved in our school system. More details will be given later. We received a \$2,500 grant for this initiative. We are excited to see how the Lord is going to open doors for ministry!
- Praise the Lord for our first Community Wellness Night with Dr. Dale Wayman. He spoke on how to keep good mental health, as well as, how to encourage someone who is having a difficult time. It was a great crowd and excellent information.

### Psalm 46:1-3 NIV

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

In an effort to ensure we are including all current prayer needs, we will be starting our prayer needs list anew next week... a fresh start! If you'd like a prayer request to be included next week, please let Pastor Scott or Katrina know (email at [southwest@swnazarene.org](mailto:southwest@swnazarene.org), call the church, or tell one of them at church). 😊 If you are wanting any of the ones currently listed to remain on our list, just let us know that, as well. Thanks so much!

## Praises:

## Prayer Needs:

- Pray for our Community Wellness Nights – that many will attend and receive help and guidance for their lives.
- Pray for our Easter Season – as we invite others to come hear about Christ's death and Resurrection story, for our services to be filled with God's presence, and that the unsaved will come to know Christ.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed or mailed versions of the church newsletter.



# Announcements

It is that time again...

We are going to start to collect plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies (ones that fit in the typical plastic egg). These will be used for the Children's Egg Hunt to be held on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (after morning worship service).



Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

There will be a crate set up in the foyer for individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs donations. We need these by **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>!** **THANK YOU** for making this day a fun one for the children!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE EGG HUNT CANDY/EGGS PURCHASE BUT WOULD RATHER LEAVE THE SHOPPING TO US, SIMPLY MARK YOUR FINANCIAL DONATION AS EGG HUNT ON YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE!

Invite a friend and attend the Community Wellness Nights on Wednesdays. Great information for everyone... 😊

**Children's Quizzings** Our very own SW Church children's quiz teams will next compete at the Indy District Quiz Meet at Shelbyville COTN on **Saturday, Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. If you would like to go out and cheer them on and see how quizzing is helping the children to keep the Lord's Word in their hearts, be there!



**Exciting News!** We will now have a youth group newsletter. If you're interested in signing up for the newsletter, sign up at the Welcome Center. Also, be sure to follow **RIOT Youth Ministries** on Facebook!

**Food Pantry Fridays 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Visit once a calendar month if you could use help with food. Also, donations can be dropped off during this time. Current needs: canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, bars of soap, shampoo, & toothpaste

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**13** APRIL **4-7** PM  
**BBQ**  
FUNDRAISER  
FAITH - FUN - FRIENDS  
**RIOT YOUTH ROOM**  
4797 TINCHER RD  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46221

## Rise & Shine Breakfast Club Schedule

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

- 3/19 - Blueberry Hill Pancake House (460 Town Ctr St, Mooresville, IN 46158)
- 3/26 - Goody's Restaurant (1601 E Main St #2, Plainfield, IN 46168)
- 4/2 - Cracker Barrel (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)
- 4/9 - Morgan's Corner Café (457 Town Ctr St, Mooresville, IN 46158)

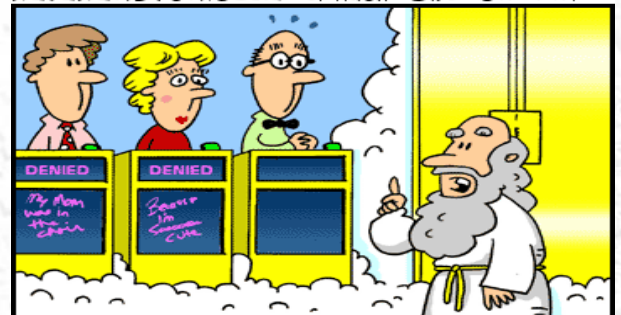
Make your reservation at the welcome center after church service on Sundays!

Next meeting is **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - 8:00pm**. Moms of all ages are invited to participate in Southwest's **MOM SQUAD** group. We meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month for snacks  
Question: See Renee Plank.

## R!OT Youth Group:

What are you doing on Saturday, March 16th from 3:45pm to 8pm? I bet I know the answer... **Laser Tag, Trampoline Park, Ropes Course, Zip Line & Rock Wall - AND - Waffle House, Right? 😊 Cost is just \$15 per person (plus Waffle House money). Let Pastor Aaron know if you want to attend!**

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Thanks to Gary Robertson  
I'M SORRY LINDA, "BECAUSE I'M SOOOO CUTE" IS NOT THE ANSWER TO THE BIG QUESTION ... ON TO TOM, WHAT DID YOU HAVE FOR "WHY SHOULD YOU GET INTO HEAVEN?"

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# Announcements

In 2022 God set His people to praying. The Half Million Mobilization called 500,000 Nazarenes across Canada and the USA to pray. We also called those who prayed to share what they heard the Spirit saying to the Church. There were four “heart cries” that emerged from God’s people, regardless of their role or age group.

In 2024 we call this The Cycle of Resurgence. Our first commission is to “Encouraging, Equipping, Engaging and Empowering churches to Impact their Communities in a Holy and Positive Way!”

Will you also help us by praying for our community, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday?

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PRAYER JOURNAL AND DEVOTIONAL AT THE WELCOME DESK. BEGIN READING EASTER SUNDAY AND WE WILL CONCLUDE ON PENTECOST SUNDAY.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Blake and Jenna Bolerjack IN CONCERT



Southwest Nazarene  
Indianapolis, IN

**Sunday  
March 24  
at 10:40 AM**

Free Admission  
blakeandjenna.com

They are coming back to Southwest Church! Blake & Jenna Bolerjack will be in concert on March 24<sup>th</sup> during morning worship. You will want to be here to be a part of this special day. It'll be a wonderful time to get to know a little bit about them and their faith journey. They have a new album out, and you will enjoy their talented singing! See you there.  
Invite a friend!



## Community Wellness Nights

At Southwest Church of the Nazarene  
4797 Tincer Road, Indianapolis, IN 46221  
317-856-3713 [www.swnazarene.org](http://www.swnazarene.org)  
Facebook: Indy Southwest Naz

Everyone is  
welcome.  
No charge.

March 6 - 6:30pm

### Mental Health Awareness - Dr. Dale Wayman

Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Approved Clinical Supervisor, Assoc Professor, Counselor Education and School of Counseling and Human Services, Capella University

March 13 - 6:00pm

### "Everything you wanted to know about funerals but were afraid to ask" - Mr. Chris Branson and Ms. Jen Gruver

Carlisle and Branson Funeral Home, Mooresville, IN.

\*Dinner provided, please RSVP by March 10<sup>th</sup> (call 317-856-3713).

March 20 - 6:30pm

### Understanding Addictions - Dr. Dale Wayman

For those dealing with addiction in their lives or within their family or friend's lives.

April 3 - 6:30pm

### Achieving Financial Stability - Mr. Vince Plank

An introduction to Financial Peace University, a program by Dave Ramsey we will be starting April 10<sup>th</sup>. Topics include: Debt, Savings, Retirement, Insurance and more!

April 10 - 6:30pm

### "Where to go for HELP" - Mr. David Noe,

Director of Neighborhood Engagement, Shepherd Community Center and Dawn Creasey, Decatur Township Trustee's Office.

April 17 - 6:30pm

### "Understanding Wills, Trusts, and Estates"

Mr. Steven Lester, Vice President of Gift Planning, Church of the Nazarene Foundation



**Resurrection Sunday is March 31<sup>st</sup>!** What a glorious day it will be! At 9:30am (no Sunday School this day), we will have our annual Easter breakfast buffet brought to us by Chef Harry and Terri Greene! It will have all the yummy breakfast favorites and for sure something for everyone! Next, we'll move into the sanctuary to have Easter Morning Worship Service at 10:40am. Our worship team will lead us in singing praises to our Savior. We'll hear the Word from Pastor Scott, bring our offerings & prayer requests to the Lord. We'll fellowship together as we celebrate that He is Risen Indeed! Following the service, we'll have the Children's Egg Hunt for those infants through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Invite someone to come with you!

The \$26 for 26 fundraiser has begun! If you are interested in donating to this worthwhile fund to help our cover some costs for our teens to NYC in 2026, please note that you can either pay \$26/mo. for 26 months or make a one-time gift of \$676. Gifts can be given either in person or online under the NYC '26 option. Thanks!

*This Sunday is the final weigh in for the Biggest Loser Challenge! See Renee after church. Way to go Everyone!*

