



# Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

## “An Independence Day Prayer”

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Lord, on July fourth we'll celebrate  
Independence Day in our nation.  
You gave us the truth to set us free.  
You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.

We thank you for the precious freedom  
That we have in our nation today.  
We know this country's not perfect,  
But we honor our nation, the USA.

We thank you for the Founding Fathers,  
Who for freedom took a brave stand.  
Many placed their very lives in peril  
To start a free country in a new land.

I thank you for the brave soldiers,  
Who gave their lives to keep us free.  
They gave their ultimate sacrifice  
For freedom for Americans like me.

As we shoot fireworks and celebrate  
With patriotic concerts and parades,  
We thank you for all your blessings  
And your great love that never fades.

As we gather with our loved ones  
For picnics and barbecues and fun,  
We want to thank you for everything,  
Especially for sending your only Son!

*Poem by Margaret Cagle*

### Church Events

- Sunday, July 7th – Donuts **before** Sunday School! Grab a donut before you head to class. Stop by starting at 9:00am.
- Monday, July 15th – R!OT Youth Holiday World Trip
- Tuesday, July 23rd – 6:00pm – Church Board Meeting – **\*\*NEW DATE\*\*** – Please send reports to Katrina by Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday, August 10th – 11:00am – 2:00pm – Children's Back to School Party – Olympic Themed! Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend .

# Praises:

- Praise the Lord for great help around the church! Sarah Wood filled in for our Office Manager Katrina. She did a great job!
- Praise the Lord for our returning friends! We've had two families joining us for a few weeks now and seem to be enjoying our church family. Let's pray the Lord will continue to work in their lives and they will desire to get more involved in the future.
- Praise the Lord for those who have sacrificed so much for us to have freedom in America! We owe a great debt to those who have served in our military, as well as those who fought in Congress to establish us a "free nation" and "under God."

# Prayer Needs:

- Pray for the new families attending lately.
- Pray for our LIFE Groups! May the Lord bless each group with His presence and peace!
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed or mailed versions of the church newsletter.

# Prayer Needs:



**2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV**

**Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.**

# Announcements

***Have you considered joining the church and becoming a member?***

Maybe?

But then you may wonder,  
“Why would I join the church?” or “What does my church believe?”  
If you would like to be a part of a 3-week class, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the main foyer!

**\*REQUEST YOUR FAVORITE HYMN, SONG, OR POEM FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER! LET OUR OFFICE MANAGER KATRINA KNOW, AND WE WILL PUT IT IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER.**

This Sunday morning (July 7<sup>th</sup>), be sure to get here before Sunday School and grab a donut to enjoy in class or even before!



Donuts will be available starting at 9:00am. “Donut” Miss Out! 😊



Join us on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for the R!OT Youth Holiday World Trip. The cost is \$50 per person and is due July 7<sup>th</sup>. All youth and young adult families are welcome! Please sign up at the RIOT bulletin board

*Be on the lookout for fall R!OT Youth activities!*

Our youth group is gearing up to send several teens to Salt City, Utah for NYC (Nazarene Youth Conference) in 2026, and we still need your help in our fundraiser! **Can you be one of the 30 more people needed to help raise money to send our teens for a week that will impact their lives & relationships with Christ in a big way?** Fill out a pledge card for the \$26 for 26 fundraiser and give to Pastor Aaron today! You can either donate \$26 per month or a one-time gift of \$676. Either way... you'll make it possible for our teens to go to NYC and come back with some amazing stories of this important week. **THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR TEENS!**

*A little each month makes a big difference!*



*Only 2 years away!*

**2 Timothy 1:9** NIV

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time

# Announcements

## Southwest Kids:

Join us for a fun Back-to-School Party!

(For ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade).

Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>  
11am - 2pm



Invite a friend and come for lots of Olympic games, craft time, lunch, snacks, prizes, and plenty of fun!

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Y'KNOW EVE ... I JUST REALIZED THAT I ACTUALLY AM OLDER THAN SIN

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

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

7/9 - Blueberry Hill Pancake House (460 Town Ctr St, Mooresville, IN 46158)

7/16 - Morgan's Corner Café (457 Town Ctr St, Mooresville, IN 46158)

7/23 - First Watch (8814 E US Hwy 36, Avon, IN 46123) (Men) /

Paragon Restaurant (118 S Girls School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46231) (Women)

7/30 - Emmy's Pancake House (7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123)

## LIFE Groups @ SW

*Let's Do Life Together!*

We're already hearing great things about LIFE Groups!

Be a part of one! NOTE: WEEK OF 6-30 THRU 7-6, ONLY a FEW GROUPS are MEETING AND MAY BE DOING SO ON A DIFFERENT DATE DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.

Group 1 meets Mondays at 6:30pm.

Group 2 meets Sundays at 6:00pm.

Group 3 meets Tuesdays at 6:00pm.

Group 4 meets Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Group 5 meets Thursdays at 6:00pm.

Group 6 meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm.



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