



# Southwest

## *Church of the Nazarene*



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### ***All My Hope***

I've been held by the Savior  
I've felt fire from above  
I've been down to the river  
I ain't the same - a prodigal returned

*All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven  
I've been washed by the blood*

I'm no stranger to the prison  
I've worn shackles and chains  
But I've been freed and forgiven  
And I'm not going back - I'll never be the same  
That's why I sing

*All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven  
I've been washed by the blood*

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man  
Break him down to his knees  
God I've been broken more than a time or two  
Yes Lord then He picked me up and showed me  
What it means to be a man  
It's why I sing

*All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
(Yes) All my sins are forgiven  
I've been washed by the blood  
I've been washed by the blood*

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### **Church Events:**

- Saturday, Jan. 11th – 10:00am – Children's Quiz Meet at Fortville COTN
- Monday, Jan. 13th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm – Mom Squad Meets
- Tuesday, Jan. 14th – 6:00pm – Church Board Meeting
- Saturday, Jan. 18th – 1:00pm - Church Board Members & Spouses Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, Jan. 19th – 9:30am – Winter Blues Breakfast (No Sunday School)
- Saturday, Jan. 25th – 10:00am – 12:00pm – Grief Share "Loss of a Spouse" session – Contact Becky Fletcher if interested.
- Friday, Feb. 7th: Winter Jam Concert – RIOT Youth will go to Gainbridge Fieldhouse!
- Saturday, Feb. 8th at 10:00am: Children's Quiz Meet at Southwest Church – Volunteers needed
- Sunday, Feb. 9th: Southwest Chili Cook Off after worship service
- Saturday, Feb. 22nd: District Celebrate Life

## Praises:

- Praise the Lord for the Cookies & Carols event that was held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a fun time singing Christmas songs, playing a game in which people acted out what the various "Twelve Days of Christmas" gifts were, and enjoying delicious cookies. It seems this year was one for our youth to win big! Our 2024 Southwest Church Cookie Champion was Jade Jarvis! And, McKinnley Fox took both the 2nd and 3rd place spots with two different cookies she made! Way to go teens! Thank you to all who made this night a success.
- Praise the Lord for a wonderful Christmas Eve service led by Pastor Aaron and RIOT Youth. Pastor Aaron delivered the message, and RIOT Youth students lit the advent candles, read various scriptures and an original work, and sang Christmas songs, the instrumentalists performed, and we all ended the service with everyone lighting a candle while singing "Silent Night."
- Praise the Lord for another fun-filled RIOT Youth Lock-In! This year, Southwest Church & Second Chance combined youth groups for a Lock-In at Second Chance COTN. The 12-hour marathon of fun, food, and fellowship included: a trip to SkyZone, playing GaGa ball & various games, eating delicious foods, laughing, making new friends, and having a blast! Thanks to all who helped put on this teen favorite activity!

## Prayer Needs:

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- Pray for our unsaved loved ones and those dealing with addictions.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed and mailed versions of the church newsletter.

# Announcements

## Children's Quizzing Upcoming Quiz Meets:



Come out and support our children's quiz team as they compete in these upcoming quiz meets. They're working diligently to memorize God's Word and to answer the quiz questions to help keep His Word in their hearts forever!



Can you help us take down the church's Christmas decorations?

**Saturday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**

If many can help, we'll accomplish much and be done in 2 hours!



### Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

We'll need volunteers to help work the quiz meet at SW Church on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Also, food donations of individually wrapped chips, Rice Krispies, & Capri-Suns or juice boxes are needed. Sign up at Welcome Center.

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(See Genesis 3) 12-30-2013

REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION YOU MADE TO TRY NEW THINGS?



Hello friends and family! My name is Summer Murray, and I am a senior here at Olivet! I study psychology and sociology with the hopes of helping communities through mental health with awareness and treatment. As of this year, I have joined Olivet's Shalom

Project Huddle group, which is where a group of students come together, and discuss the word of God once a week. As I am coming up on graduation, I praise God for the opportunity to grow here at Olivet. This coming spring, Shalom Project is organizing various ministry trips both in the country and internationally. I have an incredible opportunity to serve in Quito, Ecuador with Quito Quest Missions! There, our team will primarily be working inside an elementary school with children to help them practice their English-speaking abilities and teach the word of God! We will also have the chance to work beside local ministries in Quito's skater community and communities such as "La Roca". An extra bonus is getting to better understand the culture, the people, and the sights of Ecuador with an amazing group of peers! I am so excited to put the skills that God has blessed me with to use, but I need help to do so. As always, support, thoughts, and prayers are a huge request; however, I am also asking for a bit of additional help in the funding portion. Any donation to this cause would truly be a big help! Thank you so much for your support! I cannot wait to see how God plans to use me on this mission! Here is the link you can go to: <https://www.givecampus.com/m4ccet>

## Grieving the death of a spouse?

*Or do you know someone who is?*

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

**Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.**

GRIEF SHARE  
**LOSS OF A SPOUSE**

January 25, 10 a.m.  
Southwest Church or the Nazarene  
[www.swnazarene.org](http://www.swnazarene.org)  
Register in lobby or email  
[becky\\_fletcher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:becky_fletcher@sbcglobal.net)

The death of a wife or husband brings a unique kind of pain. People who are widowed haven't just lost a loved one—they've lost an entire lifestyle. Join us for the Grief Share "Loss of a Spouse" seminar on January 25 at 10 am for a 2-hour session. Registration is \$10 and includes a participant guide. Please let us know if you need childcare. Sign up in the church lobby by Jan. 19th. Contact Becky Fletcher, GriefShare Leader, for more information at [becky\\_fletcher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:becky_fletcher@sbcglobal.net) or text 317-372-9153.

# Some photos from the past few weeks...



Jade Jarvis receiving the 2024 Southwest Church Cookie Champion trophy!



Some images from the RIOT Youth & Second Chance Youth Lock-In! The teens and adults had a great time and were definitely tired when time to go home.



RIOT Youth teens and young adults led us in worship this past Sunday! It was a beautiful service with a wonderful message from Dr. Thompson and singing praises to the Lord!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JAN. 14TH**  
**AT 6:00PM**



**Sunday, January 19th at 9:30am**  
**Winter Blues Breakfast**

Come enjoy a warm and delicious breakfast!

*Note: We won't have Sunday Schol this day.*



## CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, Feb. 9th: SW Chili Cook Off after worship service. Start finding that perfect recipe to share with others and win the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize!



Mom Squad next meets on Monday, January 13th at 6:30pm. We'll meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 6:30pm-8:00pm. Women of all ages are welcome - no matter how old your children are! Won't you join us for discussion, snacks, and fellowship? Questions: See Renee Plank.



### Church Board Luncheon

**Who:** Church Board Members and Spouses

**When:** January 18, Saturday at 1:00pm

**Where:** Church Fellowship Hall

**Bring:** Favorite Dessert & a Family Recipe to Share with Others.

*Pastor and Cindy will provide the rest of the meal.*

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**"WE ARE FREE!**  
**NOW WHAT?"**



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Bible Reading  
Exodus 1-40

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FEBRUARY 13

**FAST** once a week

## LIFE Groups

### LIFE GROUPS!!

We will be resuming LIFE Groups beginning Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

- We will again give anyone the choice of staying with your group or trying out a different group!
- We will continue with our sermon-based questions.
- We encourage inviting someone NEW to your group! It will breathe new life into them.

**Let's have some great Bible studies together!**



**LIFE GROUPS @ SW**  
LET'S DO LIFE TOGETHER

### Rise & Shine Breakfast Club Schedule (9:00am Tuesdays) Men's & Women's Breakfast

1/7 - Cracker Barrel (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)

1/14 - Emmy's Pancake House (7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123)

1/21 - Goody's Restaurant (1601 E Main St #2, Plainfield, IN 46168)

1/28 - Bob Evans (25 S High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241)