

Southwest Church of the Nazarene

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You've Already Won

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won

So I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need You will provide
Just like You always have

There's mercy in the waiting
Manna for today
And when it's gone I know You're not
You are my hope and stay

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
I'll say that it is well
Oh I know that it is well

I know how the story ends
We will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense
No more fear in life or death

*I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won*

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Church Events:

- **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.**
- **Monday, Jan. 27th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm – Mom Squad Meets**
- **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**
- **Sunday, Feb. 16th – Children's Church Celebration (ages 3-5th grade) – Celebrate Jesus' love. Games, crafts, snacks, & stories.**
- **Saturday, Feb. 22nd – Distr. Celebrate Life**
- **Saturday, Mar. 1st – 10:00am – Children's Quiz Meet at Second Chance COTN**

Ephesians 4:2 NIV

**Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one
another in love.**

Praises:

- ✓ Praise the Lord for the new visitors we are having! Let's welcome them with open arms and love. It is wonderful to see friends inviting friends to church. May the Lord continue to empower us to do this!
- ✓ Praise the Lord for a good and productive board meeting this week! God has blessed our church with devoted and sacrificial servants of Christ to lead Southwest Church. They love the Lord and their church family.
- ✓ Praise the Lord for a recent testimony to our church! We recently had visitors to share that have never been a part of a more welcoming and loving church family as Southwest. They were impressed from the first time they visited! Well done, Church! Keep up the good work of Christ.

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:**



Southwest COTN
4797 Tincher Rd, Indpls, IN 46221
Saturday, Feb. 8th at 10:00am

Second Chance COTN
149 Vesta Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168
Saturday, Mar. 1st at 10:00am

District Quiz at 1st COTN - Shelbyville
2315 S Riley Hwy, Shelbyville, IN 46176
Saturday, April 5th at 10:00am

State Quiz – 5/3/25

Regional Quiz – 5/31/25

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

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

Come out & 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!

Psalm 54:4 NIV
"Surely God is my help;
the Lord is the one who sustains me."

2024-25 Faith Promise Pledge Update:

We are just a few months away from the completion of this year's Faith Promise Giving Fund. We have pledged approx. \$35,000. We have received about \$25,000 thus far! We are getting closer! Let's keep those pledge payments coming in!

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 via text at 317-372-9153 or email at becky_fletcher@sbcglobal.net.

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
Register in lobby or email
becky_fletcher@sbcglobal.net



EXODUS
13 - 19

40 Days of Prayer and
Bible Reading
Exodus 1-40

STARTING JANUARY 5 -
FEBRUARY 13

FAST once a week

During this time, would you join us in spending time daily reading a chapter of Exodus (1-40) and in prayer? We will also fast something once a week. Pick up a bookmark at the Welcome Center. You can still catch up!

Announcements

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY **ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER**

Check out the foyer bulletin board and simply pick a beautifully decorated envelope or two. The envelopes will have a number on the upper right hand corner between \$5 -\$50. That is the amount to which you are committing to donate to help support the children's department.



You may keep the envelope as a reminder to pray and make the donation online or put into the tithe box at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure its marked for "Children's Ministry."

Thank you for your prayers & support!



Sunday, February 16th - Children's Church Celebration – Kids ages 3-5th grade, please join us as we celebrate Jesus' love for you! We will meet in the Youth Room at 10:40am. Our celebration will include stories, games, snacks, and crafts. Please bring valentines to share with your friends if you would like!



LIFE GROUPS @ SW

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New changes are coming!!

- Start Date: the week of **March 2nd**
*Unless your group would like to start sooner.
- Study Choice: continue with sermon-based discussion or use a video or book- based discussion. Your group can each decide!
- Food or no food? That is the question. Your group can choose!
- Create a natural break for your group. No set time to end meeting.
(For example: start in March and end in May, then start back in July again). Whatever works best for your group!

IMPORTANT: Remember the LIFE Groups are smaller discipleship groups focused on **BUILDING** relationships and strengthening one another in Christ. *It's doing LIFE together:*

- L – LEARN ABOUT OTHERS** (Listen and Care)
- I – INSTRUCTION** (Bible Focused)
- F – FELLOWSHIP** (Food Time and Conversation)
- E – ENCOURAGEMENT** (Faith)

INDY NYI **CELEBRATE**
LIFE '25
February 22nd
9am-3pm

WORSHIP: The Narrow

SPEAKER: Marissa McCrary
w/ Yeshua Garcia & Libby Fish

WESTSIDE CHURCH
8610 W 10th St | Indianapolis, IN

REGISTER

EVENTS

\$20 / PERSON

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US
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Indy NYI District Celebrate Life – Teens in grades 6th-12th come together to compete in activities such as basketball, chess, Bible quizzing, singing, playing musical instruments, poetry, photography, and more! Some will advance to the regional Celebrate Life at ONU!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BRINGING WILDERNESS ISRAELITES TO WINTER WONDERLANDS IS NOT ALWAYS A GREAT IDEA

Mom Squad next meets on Monday, January 27th at 6:30pm. We'll meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 6:30pm to 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.



RIOT Youth will head downtown to Gainbridge Fieldhouse for the annual Winter Jam concert featuring Skillet, Anne Wilson, Colton Dixon, Newsong, Micah Tyler, Zane Black, SEU Worship, The Band Table, and We Are Vessel. Cost: \$15 donation per person paid at the door. We'll leave the church together to go to the concert.

WINTER JAM '25

\$15 DONATION AT THE DOOR
No Tickets Required!

**RIOT Youth
Fri., Feb. 7th**



CANCELLATIONS/DELAYS: It's that time of year again - when potential inclement weather could cause a delay or cancellation of service or other activities. Please note that we will publish any such news on our Facebook page (found at **Indy Southwest Naz**) and also on any of the local news channels. Since some post sooner than others, please check a few of them if you anticipate a closure/delay.

- Channel 4 WTTV - CBS
- Channel 6 WRTV - ABC
- Channel 8 WISH - CW
- Channel 13 WTHR - NBC
- Channel 59 WXIN - FOX



Saturday, Feb. 1st – NYI Service Project Fellowship Hall Floor Demo (removing carpet)

10:00am – 3:00pm

RIOT Youth participants will earn some money for student accounts, and lunch is provided.

**THIS Sunday, Jan. 19th
at 9:30am**

Winter Blues Breakfast

Come enjoy a warm and delicious breakfast!



Note: We won't have Sunday School this day.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, Feb. 9th: SW Chili Cook Off after worship service. Start finding that perfect recipe to share with others & win the 1st place prize – the SW Church 2025 Chili Champion Ladle!



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

Men's & Women's Breakfast

- 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)
- 2/4 - **Cracker Barrel** (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)
- 2/11 - **Metro Diner** (302 Dan Jones Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168)