

CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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God of the Ages

God of the ages history's Maker Planning our pathway holding us fast Shaping in mercy all that concerns us Father we praise You Lord of the past

God of this morning gladly Your children Worship before You trustingly bow Teach us to know You always among us Quietly sovereign Lord of our now

God of tomorrow strong over-comer Princes of darkness own Your command What then can harm us we are Your people Now and forever kept by Your hand

Lord of past ages Lord of this morning Lord of the future help us we pray Teach us to trust You love and obey You Crown You each moment Lord of today

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Ephesians 4:32 NIV

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Church Events:

- Saturday, Feb. 1st 10:00am 3:00pm
 NYI Service Project RIOT Youth to remove Fellowship Hall Flooring
- Friday, Feb. 7th 5:00pm Winter Jam
 Concert RIOT Youth will go to Gainbridge
 Fieldhouse.
- Saturday, Feb. 8th 10:00am Children's
 Quiz Meet at SW Church Need volunteers
- Sunday, Feb. 9th After worship service –
 Southwest Chili Cook Off
- Monday, Feb. 10th 6:30pm 8:00pm –
 Mom Squad Meets
- Sunday, Feb. 16th Baptisms, Church Memberships, & Children's Church Celebration (ages 3-5th)
- Saturday, Feb. 22nd 10:00am District Celebrate Life at Westside COTN
- Sunday, Feb. 23rd 10:40am Church Elections & Alabaster Offering
- Saturday, Mar. 1st 10:00am Children's
 Quiz Meet at Second Chance COTN
- Week of Mar. 2nd LIFE Groups start up
- Saturday, Mar. 15th RIOT Youth Italian Dinner Fundraiser

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for Scott Rodenbeck's baptism! What a blessing it was to see as Scott came forward and sat in the chair to be baptized by the pouring of water over his head. This symbolizes our identifying with Christ's death and resurrection, being buried with him and raised to new life. Praise the Lord for Scott's new life in Christ!
- Praise the Lord, our Fellowship Hall Remodeling has begun! We are so blessed to be able to update our facilities because of the faithfulness of our church members. As well, we are bringing on Rev. Mike Else as a maintenance man to help us through this project. Welcome aboard Mike and thanks for all you are doing!

Prayer Needs:

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

To keep our prayer needs list current, we are asking you to let us know if you'd like these requests to remain in future newsletters (or have any changes). With the several prayer needs we receive weekly, we want to be sure we capture them here. Let Katrina know if you'd like your requests to stay or if they can be removed from our weekly newsletter. Thanks!



Announcements



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

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!

CHILDren's Ministry Envelope Fundraiser

\$20/ PERSON

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."

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I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, BUT THE WHOLE 'SITTING ON MY RIGHT HAND'
THING IS NOT AS LITERAL AS YOU SEEM
TO THINK

NEW SERIES
"WE ARE FREE!
NOW WHAT?"



40 Days of Prayer and Bible Reading Exodus 1-40 STARTING JANUARY 5 -FEBRUARY 13

FAST once a week

Upcoming Quiz Meets: Southwest Church 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

Children's Quizzing

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 16th is Baptism and Church Membership Sunday!



Have you been wondering about potentially being baptized or becoming a

member of our church? Praise the Lord! To find out more information

about either one or both of these, please see Pastor Scott. ☺

Southwest Church Membership

"UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

You will notice that we are remodeling several rooms, including the Fellowship Hall. Please be careful around these areas. The paint will be new (dry of course) on the walls and trim pieces. Also, the carpeting will be removed and replaced temporarily with brown paper flooring until we are ready for the new installation of the carpet. We are excited, but we also want everyone to be careful during this transition time.

On Sunday, February 23rd, we'll have Church Elections.



These 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. We thank you for helping to chose those who represent Southwest Church in these various roles and assemblies.

Sunday, February 23rd is Alabaster Sunday!



Bring your Alabaster boxes, checks, cash, change, or online giving this morning and we'll have the Alabaster

march! The Church of the Nazarene website explains where your donations may be used. The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, & convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

Use of Alabaster funds

Alabaster funds are to be used for new churches to:

- Purchase a property or church building
- Purchase or build a church parsonage
 - Build a church building
- Convert a property into a church gathering space
- Meet initial costs to rent a church meeting space for a limited period

Alabaster funds may also be used to:

- Purchase or build missionary homes
- Purchase or build regional or field missions facilities
 - Build or repurpose buildings on Bible college campuses



Chili Cook Off

Sunday February 9th after morning worship

Sign up at the Welcome Center 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!

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Mom Squad next meets on Monday, February 10th 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.



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.

RIOT Youth trip 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, & We Are Vessel. Cost: \$15 donation per person paid at the door. We'll leave the church together at 5:00pm.

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

2/4 - Cracker Barrel (6256 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168)

2/11 - Metro Diner (302 Dan Jones Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168)

2/18 - Flapjacks Pancake House (414 W Main St, Plainfield, IN 46168)

2/25 - Bob Evans (25 S High School Rd, Indianpolis, IN 46241)

LIFE Groups 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 ENCOURAGMENT (Faith)

