

Southwest Church of the Nazarene

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Loved Moved First

This is the story of a runaway
With no way home and no way out
I threw the best of me away
I had my chance it's too late now
Too far gone and too ashamed
To think that You'd still know my name
But love refused to let my story end that way

Chorus: You didn't wait for me to find my way to You
I couldn't cross that distance even if I wanted to
You came running after me
When anybody else would've turned
And left me at my worst
Love moved first – Oh

What kind of grace relentless grace
Would chase this rebel down
Crawl into this prisoner's cage
Take my hand and pull me out
You knew I couldn't make the change
So You became the change in me
And now I live to tell the story
Of the God who rescues

Chorus

From the throne to the manger
From a manger to the grave
Your cross is the proof
Love made the first move
From a grave meant to keep You
To a stone rolled away
Your cross is the proof
Love made the first move
I remember where You found me
I'm amazed by where I stand
Your cross is the proof
That love made the first move

Chorus

Love moved first

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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 that Pastor Scott's mother is recovering well at home now. Thank you everyone for your prayers and support. God answers prayer!
- Praise the Lord for the people who helped take down the Christmas decorations! You all are great!! Every year it is a lot of work, but with many helpers, things go much faster...and we have fun!
- Praise the Lord for a wonderful spirit in the service Sunday, even with all the chaos and changes due to the snow and other things happening. We shortened the service and ended with special times of prayer with Pastor Scott and Pastor Aaron praying over those who wanted to be prayed for. It was a beautiful time in the Lord!

Prayer Needs:

Praises:

- 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.

Psalm 139:7-10 NKJV

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

Announcements

Children's Quizzing Upcoming Quiz Meets:



Fortville COTN

701 S. Maple St, Fortville, IN 46040

Saturday, Jan. 11th at 10:00am

Southwest COTN

4797 Tincher Rd, Indpls, IN 46221

Saturday, Feb. 8th at 10:00am

AREA QUIZ at Second Chance COTN

149 Vesta Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168

Saturday, Mar. 1st at 10:00am

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 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!

John 16:33 NIV

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

**CHURCH BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JAN. 14TH
AT 6:00PM (REPORTS TO
KATRINA BY FRIDAY, JAN. 10TH)**

**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.



Church Board Luncheon

Who: Church Board Members and Spouses

When: January 18, Saturday at 1:00pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Bring: Favorite Family Recipe Dessert (from a recipe from your childhood or beyond). Bring a copy of the recipe to share, too!

Pastor and Cindy will provide the rest of the meal (Taco Bar).

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



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!

**WINTER
JAM '25**

\$15 DONATION AT THE DOOR
No Tickets Required!

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



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.

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

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 or text 317-372-9153.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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



LIFE GROUPS:

We are **POSTPONING** the relaunch of our LIFE Groups by a few weeks. Please stay tuned for more info.



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.



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 1st place prize - the Southwest Church 2025 Chili Champion Ladle!



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

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