

LAJUNTA NAZARENE

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Just A Part Of The Job

As I sit in my office today, the two biggest things on my mind are this newsletter article and my anniversary.

Part of my job at the church is to write interesting, funny, insightful and (hopefully) inspiring newsletter articles once a month. Each and every month I sit down and scratch my head, come up with a topic and let my thoughts flow until I end up with an essay of about 350 words that cause you to think or grin or grow. Sometimes the topic may be more relevant to you than at other times. I hope you enjoy them, but for me, sometimes, it is like pulling teeth to come up with something interesting to write about. Sometimes the thoughts and words just flow, but sometimes it is a real chore to come up with these articles. Sometimes it is just a part of the job.

Thirty-six years ago today, at roughly 3:00 pm, on a Saturday afternoon I said, "I do" to a beautiful 20-year-old girl in a white dress. I was nervous and anxious and excited all at the same time. I was ready for a partner, a family, a regular meal each evening, a life of adventure with someone I enjoyed being around and thought I couldn't live without.

Well, that idyllic dream lasted a little while, then life happened. Work, children, health, extended family, life in general came along and when this day came on the calendar it turned into just another part of the job. Dinner and a movie, a card and a box of chocolates, a kiss and another "I love you".

I guess my point is that sometimes you just need to do your job. Who knows, if you do your job well enough it might cease to be "just a job" and may turn into one of your deepest joys.

The two best decisions I have ever made in my life were saying "yes" to Jesus and saying "I do" to Charlotte Casey.

Now, one more thing, 350 words, count-em. Nailed it!

Pastor Mark

August Birthdays

2nd Terry Mills
4th Candace Adler
5th Brenton Martin
5th Joe McClain
6th Kaleb Malden
8th Stephen Edwards
9th Lyle Bickle
9th Zoa Sullivan
11th Angele Beebe
11th Viola Sanchez
12th Sue Waits
13th Hunter Reynolds
13th Kylie Krueger
14th Alizeh Frazier
14th Denise Balicki
17th Kristy Malden
18th Ty Addington
20th Evan Gamboa
20th Keegan Martin
24th Kodey Hoss
25th Alvin Gallegos
26th Tyson Kurtz
27th Charlie Fluke



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

GO

"Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord...Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

John 20:23

Jesus wants us to go and tell others about Him.

July

Tithes & Offerings

up to July 23

\$18,531.00

If you are watching the services online and would like to give tithes and offerings, you may:

- Come by the office
- Mail It
- Give online
- Use this QR code



**Thank You
For Your Generosity**

Sunday Services

Sunday School

9:15 am

**Classes for
all ages!**

Cafe Fellowship

10:15 am

**Worship
10:30 am**

**Children's Church
(Age 4 - 5th grade)**

Nursery is available

Youth Group

6:30 pm

**Watch the
Worship Service
Live Stream**

**on
Facebook
or**

**YouTube
@ Lajunta Nazarene**

**Website
www.**

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Upcoming Events

Family Sundae Blast



Sunday, July 30th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring Your Family and Friends



Outdoor Water
Games



Bounce House
(age 2- 8 years)



Indoor Table
Games

BREAKFAST & Sunday School Rally August 27th

9:15 am



Bring a dish to
share.

Everyone is
invited!

Following the breakfast, we will meet in the sanctuary for a short time of music, teacher recognition, and a presentation by the children.

CRAFTING WITH FRIENDS

August 27, 10am - 2pm

Room 100



LADIES & TEEN GIRLS,
COME AND MAKE A WATERCOLOR
BOOKMARK WITH NORMA ADLER.

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS IF
THERE IS EXTRA TIME.

BRING A FINGER FOOD TO SHARE.

LJ YOUTH

Directors: Jake & Lori Martinez



Youth Group (Grades 7th - 12th)
Sundays @ 6:30 pm

Come for a devotion, snacks, and games. If you have any questions, contact Jake or Lori Martinez.

As summer is coming to a close we hope your teens can join the Youth Group on Sunday nights.

Children's Ministries



SUNDAYS IN JULY

32 Children Enrolled
27 Adults and Teens involved
“Camping With Jesus”
Mission Project—\$516.00

Thank You To All Those
Who Made It Possible:

- Justin Malden & Alicia Brereton for our super, awesome t-shirts
- All those who donated funds and/or supplies



July 24-26th

50 Children Enrolled
Adult and Teen Workers

Thank you To:

Denise Balicki & the Children's
SS Committee, workers and those
who donated food and supplies.

Coming in August

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH
10:15 AM

**Popcorn and
Movie Day!**

Age 3 -
5th Grade

At Jesus' Side

Invite your friends!