



# La Junta Nazarene

## News

**December, 2020**

### **"Let Earth Receive Her King"**

As a little boy I had two things to do on Christmas Eve before the festivities began. One was to determine, "Where am I going to sit when we open presents?" With nine people and a small living room the answer to that question was often in doubt. The other was to determine, "Where am I going to put my Christmas treasures?" I shared a small bedroom with three brothers. One set of bunkbeds, two boys to each bed. One chest of drawers, one drawer for each of us. With not a lot of room I had to be intentional and clear a spot in advance. I would take a corner or a dresser top or a spot on the floor and make it "my spot." Then when we opened our presents on Christmas Eve, I could deposit my hoard in the spot I had prepared and sleep peacefully knowing my "treasures" were safe until morning.

One of the most beloved Christmas carols of all time is "Joy to the World." It resounds with incredible news of the coming of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We sing it or hear it every year, in church, on the radio, in our favorite Christmas television programming. With a memorable melody and corresponding lyric, it declares the emotional climate of the season. There truly is joy in the world every twenty fifth of December.

You probably didn't know that "Joy to the Word" comes from Psalms 96 & 98, they both read similarly. Psalm 98 reads, "Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes..."

You probably also didn't know the reason for his coming as stated in those Psalms. Let me pick up Psalm 98 from where we left off, "for he comes to judge the earth." He comes to judge! The people of the earth will be judged by Him! This is what makes another line in the beloved carol so very important, "Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room." This is critical, because if earth is truly going to receive her King then every person must be intentional about making sure there is room in their heart for Him.

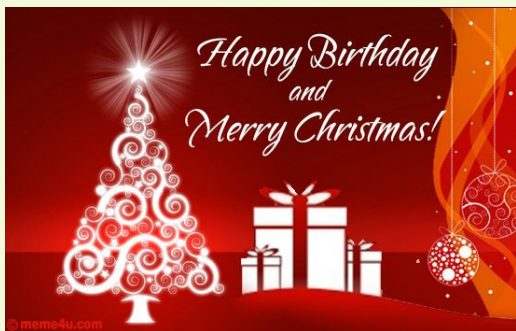
Be intentional, don't let the long-anticipated event come and find you not ready. Make room for a priceless treasure, make room in your heart for Him!

Pastor Mark



2 Gary Addington, Jr.  
2 Luke Jacquart  
4 Lauren Addington  
5 Oliver Zane  
5 Kiki Zane  
7 Dahmond Hand  
8 Matt Krueger  
9 Larry Cunningham  
9 Tom Schrock  
9 Krix Ann Hand  
11 Natalie Jones  
11 Blake Havens  
12 Carol Eveatt  
14 Gerry Neugebauer  
17 Angie Hoss  
19 Trish Leyba  
20 Irma Enteman  
22 Lindi Oquist  
29 Buford Neugebauer

If we have missed your birthday, please let the church secretary, Charlotte, know.



## **Monthly Giving**

**November, 2020**  
**(5 Sundays)**  
**\$19,112.50**

**November, 2019**  
**(4 Sundays)**  
**\$25,549.83**  
**Thank you!**

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

- Come by the office
- Mail it
- Go to the website  
Click on Donate

**THANK YOU  
FOR GIVING!**



**If you would like to contribute to the Blessing Baskets, please mark your donation, "Blessing Baskets"**

## **Sunday Worship Services**

**Sunday School**  
**9:15 am**  
**Ages 3 & up**

**Worship**  
**10:30 am**

**You can also watch Live Stream on Facebook and YouTube**

**Kinder Church & Children's Church available**

**No nursery available.**

**Youth Service**  
**6:30 pm**

**COMMUNION**  
**First Sunday of the Month**



## **YOUTH Ministries**

**Jake Martinez,  
Youth Director**



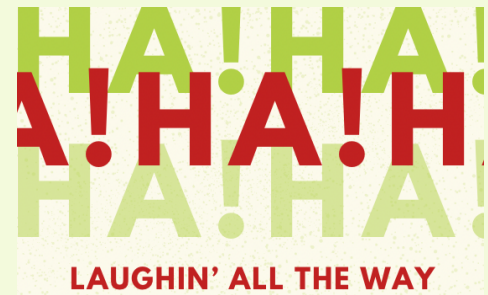
## **Children's Ministries**

**Denise Balicki,  
Children's Director**

**Youth Group  
Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Come to the church for a  
time of spiritual reflection  
from Jake, followed by food  
and fellowship in the FLC  
(gym)**

**Jake & Lori would love to  
have you!**



### **Children's Christmas Program**

**Dec. 13th @ 10:30 am**

**Dress Rehearsal**

**Dec. 12th 1:00 pm**

**(A special snack will be served)**

**Practices will take place during  
the Worship Service on  
Sundays. We hope your  
children can come. For more  
information follow the LJ Naz  
Kids Facebook group.**

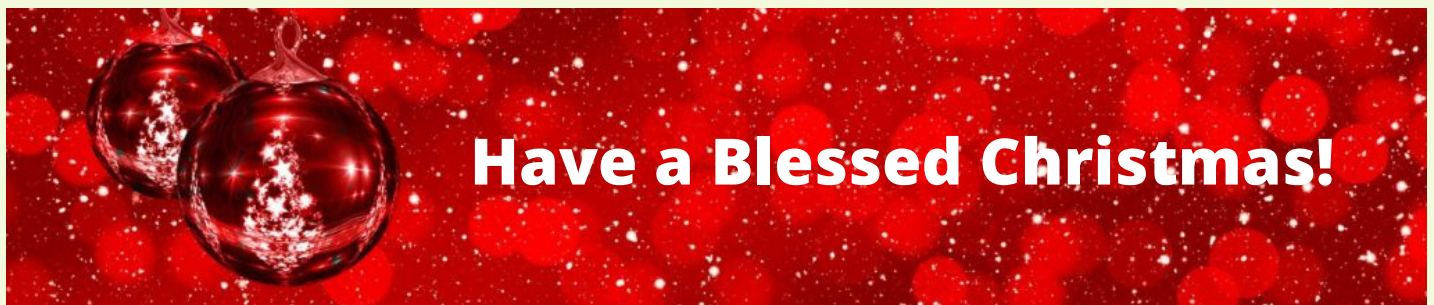


## **New Year's Eve Service**

**7:30 pm**

**Presented by the Youth**

**Thank you Katie Bickel  
for the awesome and  
creative murals in the  
Children's Room!**



**Have a Blessed Christmas!**



# December 31 Day Reading Plan

## Prophecy Fulfilled: The Messiah has Come

A Child Will Be Born to Us.

**December 1: Isaiah 9:6-7**

Born of a Virgin.

**December 2: Isaiah 7:14**

**December 3: Matthew 1:22**

Born in Bethlehem.

**December 4: Matthew 2:6**

**December 5: John 7:42**

Herod's Response Will Be Terrible

**December 6: Jeremiah 31:15**

Joseph and Mary Flee to Egypt. Upon Their Return, God's Words to Hosea Were Fulfilled.

**December 7: Hosea 11:1**

Joseph Would Take His Family to Nazareth

**December 8: Matthew 2:19-23**

Jesus Would Be From a Very Special Genealogy

**December 9: Luke 2:4-5,7,15**

**December 10: Genesis 28:14**

**December 11: Genesis 49:8-12**

Jesus' Entrance on a Donkey

**December 12: Matthew 21:4-11**

**December 13: Zechariah 9:9**

Betrayed By a Friend

**December 14: John 13:18**

**December 15: Psalm 55:12-13**

30 Pieces of Silver

**December 16: Zechariah 11:12**

**December 17: Matthew 27:14-16**

Money Used to Buy a Potter's Field

**December 18: Zechariah 11:13**

**December 19: Matthew 27:3-10**

Jesus Would Be Rejected By His Own

**December 20: Matthew 26:3-4**

**December 21: John 1:10-11**

Messiah Would Be Condemned

**December 22: Isaiah 53:8**

**December 23: Daniel 9:26**

**December 24: Matthew 27:1-2**

He Would Die With Criminals & Be Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb

**December 25: Luke 23:33**

**December 26: Matthew 27:57-60**

He Would Rise From the Dead

**December 27: Isaiah 53:10**

**December 28: Matthew 28:6**

Jesus Will Sit At God's Right Hand

**December 29: Psalm 110:1**

**December 30: Hebrews 10:12-13**

Jesus Christ Paid Our Debt

**December 31: 1 Peter 1:19-20**

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