

La Junta Nazarene

News

December, 2021

"Covid Came Home" #MyTurn

My mind is 30, my body is 60. This has come painfully clear to me during this past month of dealing with Covid and the pneumonia that followed.

My journey looked a little like this: 1 week of boredom in quarantine, 1 week of struggle as my lungs became the focus of the virus, 1 week of desperation as my lungs became the focus of my entire existence, 1 more week of struggle as any exertion (walking to the bathroom) took a toll on my oxygen levels. Now, nearly 5 weeks in I am beginning to see the other side. There are still moments of struggle. I can't walk too far (thankfully the bathroom is now within acceptable walking distance), stand too long or lift too much. Strangely enough, sitting and watching sports has been my best therapy, imagine that!

My devotions lately have been in the Psalms. Psalm 16:5-6 says, "Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup, you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance." Today I am owning these verses, in sickness and in health.

When this whole Covid thing started I said, "It is not a matter of if, it is a matter of when." Well, Covid came home. Three of us came down with the virus, it was difficult, but God allowed the youngest to be the strongest and Bethany nursed Charlotte and I through the worst of it, then as Charlotte recovered faster than I did she began nursing me through the rest of it - and still is, as she lovingly nags me through my stubbornness. My 60 year old body is taking longer to recover and my 30 year old mind is having trouble with that.

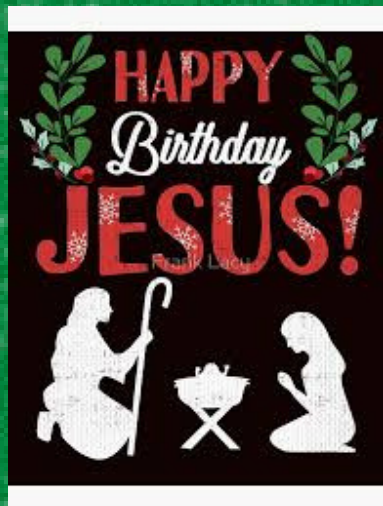
BUT: God is good - All the time!!!

I pray that you all have a wonderfully blessed Christmas season this year. And as Tiny Tim from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" would say, "God bless us, everyone!"

Pastor Mark



1st Lexie Kurtz
2nd Gary Addington Jr.
2nd Luke Jacquar
2nd Weston Grasmick
4th Lauren Addington
7th Dahmond Hand
8th Matt Krueger
9th Krixann Hand
9th Larry Cunningham
9th Tom Schrock
11th Blake Havens
11th Natalie Jones
12th Carol Eveatt
14th Gerry Neugebauer
17th Angie Hoss
21st Chance Frazier
22nd Lindi Oquist
29th Buford Neugebauer



EVENTS

Dec. 12th Children's Christmas Prog.
10:30 am
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service
5:00 pm
Dec. 31st New Year's Eve Service
7:00 pm



Tithes & Offerings

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!



Sunday Services

Sunday School
9:15 am
Class for all ages

Cafe Fellowship
10:15 am
Worship
10:30 am

Kinder Church & Children's Church
available
(Age 3 - 5th grade)
Nursery is available

You can also watch
our Live Stream
on
Facebook
or
YouTube
@ LaJunta Nazarene

Youth Service
6:30 pm



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9:15 am

"A place for the whole family"

Why Attend Sunday School?

- Improves Bible Knowledge
- Assists in Spiritual Growth
- Helps Build Meaningful Relationships
- Provides a "Place to Belong"
- Offers Opportunities to Serve and Minister



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

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

- If you have any youth in Grades 7th - 12th, we would love to have them join our Youth group on Sunday nights.



Cafe Fellowship



10:15 - 10:30 am

- There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk if you would like to bring some goodies.

- We are excited to have our Youth participate in our New Year's Eve Service on Dec. 31st at 7:00 pm.

MISSIONS

Love GOD + Love OTHERS + Change the WORLD

NMI President: Karlie Morley

- We sent 87 gifts to the Navajo Nation. Thank you for your contributions.
- Faith Promise pledges for the 2021-2022 year are in. The goal was \$13,000 and \$13,693 was pledged. Thank you and may the Lord bless you as you give to Global Missions.

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- Parents & Children Don't forget to pick up your Advent Box from Miss Denise on Sunday.
- Please plan to attend the Christmas Program Rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 11th from 9:00 - 10:00 am.

Greetings Church Family,
We are sad to have to
cancel our Christmas
Open House this year.

We were looking forward
to it, but our health had
other plans.

We would like to wish
each and everyone of you
A Blessed Christmas and
A Happy New Year.

With Love,
Pastor Mark, Charlotte
and Bethany



**"Emmanuel,
Our Light in the Darkness"**

Sunday, Dec. 12th

10:30 am

Presented by our children and youth.

***Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service***

5:00 pm



25 Christmas Bible Verses

To Read With Your
Kids

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| 1. Luke 1:26-28 | 13. Luke 2:8-10 |
| 2. Luke 1:30-31 | 14. Luke 2:11 |
| 3. Luke 1:32-33 | 15. Luke 2:13-14 |
| 4. Luke 1:38 | 16. Luke 2:15-16 |
| 5. Luke 1:39-41 | 17. Luke 2:17-18 |
| 6. Luke 1:42-43 | 18. Matt 2:1-2 |
| 7. Luke 1:44-45 | 19. Matt 2:3-4 |
| 8. Matt 1:19-21 | 20. Matt 2:5-6 |
| 9. Matt 1:24 | 21. Matt 2:7-8 |
| 10. Luke 2:1-3 | 22. Matt 2:9-10 |
| 11. Luke 2:4-5 | 23. Matt 2:11 |
| 12. Luke 2:6-7 | 24. John 3:16 |
| | 25. John 3:17 |

**New Year's Eve
Service**

7:00 pm

Presented By Our Youth

