



LAJUNTA NAZARENE

December, 2022

THE BEST GIFT EVER

Imagine your Christmas tree on December 26 sitting barren except for one beautifully wrapped, expertly adorned gift sitting all alone. In the rush of the feeding frenzy two nights ago it was nudged and bumped and ignored as hands snatched up every other gift within a two-mile radius. But sadly, this gift was left untouched and even more sadly, unopened.

Every gift under your tree represents love and honor and respect and thankfulness and generosity. For example, I love you, so I put special thought into what your wants and needs might be. I think about what will make you happy or make your life better. I then dig into my own resources and go out, with you in mind, and scour the countryside looking for just the right gift to bless you with. I make my purchase, take the treasure home, wrap it up in the prettiest way possible and then wait to see the joy my blessing gives you.

Now back to that neglected gift under the tree. God, in His grace, has offered to all of mankind a gift. He looked down, saw each of us, thought about our wants and needs, thought about what might make us happy or make our lives better, dug deeply into His vast resources and chose just the right gift for each of us. Then He wrapped that gift up in a beautiful package and sent it on to us. Romans 6:23 says, "the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus is the gift God chose for you and for me. God bundled Him up in the form of a baby, wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

This gift is for everyone, but sadly, most ignore it. In most lives this gift remains unopened under the tree year after year. Like any gift you can't enjoy or appreciate or realize the benefits of this gift until you receive it and officially "open" it. Don't neglect your gift another day.

Pastor Mark

December Birthdays

1st Lexie Kurtz
2nd Gary Addington, Jr.
2nd Wester Fluke
4th Lauren Addington
6th Xenovia Adler
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
17th Delita Fleischacker
21st Chance Fraizier
22nd Lindi Oquist
29th Buford Neugebauer
30th Jorge Medina

Happy Birthday



The Promise Fullfilled

Matthew 1:21-23

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet, Isaiah: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' which means 'God with us'.
Matthew 1:21-23



November Tithes & Offerings

up through Sunday,
Nov. 20th

\$13,514.93

Sunday Services

Sunday School

9:15 am

**Classes for
all ages!**

Cafe Fellowship

10:15 am

Worship

10:30 am

Kinder &

**Children's Church
(Age 3 - 5th grade)**

Nursery is available

Youth Group

6:30 pm

**Watch the
Worship Service
Live Stream**

**on
Facebook**

**or
YouTube**

@ Lajunta Nazarene

**Website
www.**

lajuntanazarene.org

Christmas Calendar

Dec. 4th

Children's

Birthday Party For Jesus

9:15 am

Other Class Fellowships

10:00 am

Dec. 10th

Christmas Program

Rehearsal & Lunch

10:00 am

Dec. 11th

"The Greatest Gift"

Presented by the children

10:30 am

Dec. 11th

Family Movie Night-

Christmas Edition

6:00 pm

Dec. 18th

Parsonage Open House

4:00—7:00 pm

Dec. 21st

LJ Naz Kids Christmas Party;

Shopping and Wrapping Session

5:30—8:00 pm

Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve Service

5:00 pm

Dec. 25th

Christmas Day Service

10:00 am

No Sunday School

Jan. 1st

New Year's Day Service

10:00 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:00 pm

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Christmas Service

Dec. 25th

10:00 am

(No Sunday School)



New Year's Day Service

10:00 am

No Sunday School

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Happy New Year



*Parsonage
Christmas
Open House*

*Sunday
Dec. 18th
4-7 pm*

*1702 Carson
Ave.
La Junta*



Children of all ages!

You are invited to a

Birthday Party For Jesus

Sunday, Dec. 4th

9:15 am



Bring a new baby item (bottle, diapers, wipes, ...etc.) which will be donated to the Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center.

"The Greatest Gift"

Sunday, Dec. 11th

10:30 am

Presented by the children



Christmas Program

Dress Rehearsal

& Lunch

Dec. 10th

10:00 am

Family Movie Night Christmas Edition



Sunday, Dec. 11th

6:00 pm



Come and join us for a fun, family, Christmas movie. Free tickets will be given for popcorn, candy and a drink. Bring your lawn chairs.

LJ Naz Kids Christmas Party & Shopping and Wrapping Session

Wednesday, Dec. 21st

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Kind - 8th grade

RSVP & Pick up a shopping list with instruction from Miss Denise

