

La Junta Nazarene

News

February, 2021

"Your Story"

I am asked from time to time to tell my story. What was my background, how I came to know Christ, what led to my becoming a pastor, etc. Someone just wanting to know more about me and what makes me tick. When that happens I am ready. I know where to start, I know which highlights to hit and in a few short moments I can tell my story.

1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Are you prepared? Have you practiced telling your story? Allen Funt used to say, "Someday, somewhere, someone is going to come up to you and say, 'Smile, you're on Candid Camera.'" I want to say to you, "Someday, somewhere, someone is going to come up to you and say, 'Tell me about your faith and how you became a Christian.'" Are you ready? Do you know what you would say to that?

Your story is valid. Your story has value. Someone out there needs to hear your story. One day they will ask and you have been commanded by scripture to be ready to give a clear, concise answer.

Sit down, when the pressure is off, and write out your story. Here is a simple outline to follow.

1. This is what my life was like without Christ.
2. This is how I met Christ.
3. This is what my life has been like since I began following Christ.

Do the preparation in advance so that when the pressure is on you will be ready to share how you came to know Christ. After you have shared your story, allow for questions and don't be afraid of what they might be or what you should answer because the Holy Spirit will help you with that part.

God bless you as you become prepared to tell your story.

Pastor Mark



1 Miles Bond
 2 Reece Addington
 3 Taylor Sullivan
 5 Brianne Bond
 6 Kase Parker
 8 Lori Owen
 9 Jolie Bond
 9 Levi Jones
 9 Wyatt Hoepfner
 9 Yoshi Arenas
 12 Crystal Clanton
 13 Jan Blair
 14 Riley Gronemeyer
 14 Hugh Schooley
 16 Robin Lopez
 22 Darrel Hoss
 22 Sharon Jones
 23 David Hare
 23 Marie Malden
 23 Randy Havens
 24 Patty Russell
 25 Florence Reese
 27 Katie Bickel
 28 Colin McConnaughay



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Thank You
 FOR
GIVING
 GENEROUSLY

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School
9:15 am
Ages 3 & up

Worship
10:30 am

1st Sunday Communion

You can also watch
 Live Stream
 on
 Facebook
 and
 YouTube

**Kinder Church &
 Children's Church
 available
 (Ages 3 - 5th grade)**

Nursery is available

Youth Service
6:30 pm





Family & Children's Ministries

Denise Balicki,
Children's Director

Come
support
our
kids!

LJ NAZ KIDS CAMP FUNDRAISER

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH - NOON

ENTRY INCLUDES ACCESS TO THE
SOUP BAR, DRINK, AND DESSERT

TICKETS \$7/ADULT AND \$5/10U



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FAMILY EVENT TO COMMEMORATE
QUEEN ESTHER'S BRAVERY

Purim Party

COSTUME PARTY AND CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 26, 2021 AT 6:30 PM
WEAR YOUR KING & QUEEN COSTUMES
STORIES, SNACKS, CRAFTS
RSVP TO MISS DENISE 469-1262



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Teen Ministries

Jake Martinez
Youth Director

Ladies' Bible Study

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

March 7th - April 25th

(No meeting on Easter)

Stay-tuned for info on child care.

Book/Video Series"

"Created"

by Shawna Songer Gaines

Published by The Foundry

Student books are \$6.00

See Jenise, Denise or Charlotte

The first study in the Breathe series unpacks the story of creation, going much further than the first chapters of Genesis, to explore the story of God's creative activity in the world.



Please pray for our

Links Missionaries

Monte & Bethany Cyr

They are serving in Guatemala and hoping to open their church soon after being closed due to COVID.

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!



We would love to have you join us for Sunday School at 9:15 am.

We have classes for every age.

Children's Class News

- **Nursery is available for 0-2 years.**
- **Children age 3-4th grade meet in Miss Nancy's classroom at the beginning of class for a time of music and SS offering.**

Adult SS Class Options

Velva Addington's Class

"Be Like Jesus"

Pastor Mark's Class

"Just Walk Across The Room"

Jan Schooley's Class

"The Path To The Cross"