

La Junta Nazarene

News



February, 2022

"Speak Lord..."

Every once in a while, the Lord speaks to me.

Actually, he speaks to me every time I open the scriptures and every time I am moved by a meaningful worship song and every time I witness the selfless actions and kind words of sincere believers and every time I enjoy the beauty of creation and so on, and so on. The Lord is always speaking to me, to us, if we will just open our hearts and listen.

But every once in a while, he speaks to me in specific and unexpected fashion. One of these moments occurred during my recent illness. Once I knew I would live, I was in prayer about my return to the pulpit after a two-month hiatus. I simply said, in prayer, "I won't know what to do with myself when I get back in the pulpit." And the unanticipated reply came to me as clear as if the Lord was standing in the room with me, "Preach like you're alive!"

For almost two months now I have been praying, "What does that mean? How do I preach like I am alive? Did I preach like a dead man before I became sick? How can I be sure and obey this word?" And I have received no further clarification on the matter.

All I can do at this point is strive to be obedient to all I understand. And this is what I understand: 1. I am called to preach. The Lord wants me to use all the intellect and experience I have to explain His word to people who need to hear the truth. 2. When I am dead, I will never preach again. When he finally comes again and the dead are raised incorruptible there will be no further need for imperfect preachers, because "Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." All will know without my feeble effort to convince them.

But in the meantime, in however many weeks there are left before that grand event, every Sunday I am blessed to stand behind a pulpit, I will do my best to "Preach Like I'm Alive!"

Pastor Mark

1 Samuel 3:8

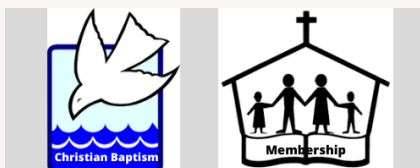


1st Miles Bond
2nd Reece Addington
5th Brianne Bond
8th Jennifer Butler
8th Lori Owen
9th Jolie Bond
9th Levi Jones
10th Sharon K. Jones
12th Crystal Clanton
13th Jan Blair
14th Hugh Schooley
16th Robin Lopez
18th Hilda Reyher
20th Savannah Grasmick
22nd Darrel Hoss
22nd Sharon Jones
23rd David Hare
23rd Marie Malden
23rd Randy Havens
24th Patty Russell
25th Florence Reese
27th Katie Bickel



EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 13th
Chili-Cook &
Dessert Auction
Following Service
Fundraiser for Teens
Tickets - \$7 for age 8+



If you are interested in
 Christian Baptism or
 Church Membership,
 please speak with
 Pastor Mark.

Tithes & Offerings

January Giving

\$20,835.05

January Expenses

\$19,561.92

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

Email:
 lajuntanazarene@
 lajuntanazarene.org

Website
 www. lajuntanazarene.org



LJ YOUTH



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

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

LJ Klds



Golden Bell Nazarene Church Camp

Attending church camp encourages spiritual growth through a Bible-centered environment, allowing children to focus on their relationship with God and fellow Christians.

Parents: If you are interested in sending your child/children to camp, please let Denise Balicki know. Watch for ways you may participate in the coming fundraisers to help with the cost.

Everyone: Look for ways you can support the children in their fundraisers or help a child attend camp.



**Thank you to all who participated in or donated to our Soup Supper Fundraiser for church camp.
\$699.00 was raised.**



Chili Cook Off



Dessert Auction

Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, Feb. 13th

12:00 noon

Cost \$7 Age 7 & Under is free

If you would like to enter a chili or donate a dessert, please sign up at the Information Desk.

The teens are raising funds for their Faith Building Retreat at Golden Bell Camp this summer.

Small Actions To Help Teens Thrive

- Notice who they are as people, not just their academic achievement.
- Celebrate their differences and special needs.
- Ask what was best about their day.
- Surprise them with a hug—just because you love them.
- Show your gratitude for their presence in your life.



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



If you are interested in being part of a Small group, please contact Charlotte

MISSIONS

Love GOD + Love OTHERS + Change the WORLD

NMI President: Karlie Morley

ALABASTER Offering

Helping to Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations

by building:
Churches
Schools
Medical Facilities
Homes

What will your offering be?

March Emphasis for Missions is Alabaster

"Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

1 John 4:7-8