

LAJUNTA NAZARENE

May, 2023

"One Generation Away"

It has been said that, "The church is one generation away from extinction." I don't necessarily believe this to be true in the wider sense because Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." If the gates of hell can't stop the church of Jesus Christ, then our poor efforts won't cause its extinction either. But I do believe there is some truth to this in the narrower sense. If a local church fails to pass on its truths and traditions to the next generation, it is in grave danger of slipping into the abyss of obscurity and irrelevancy.

I can't help but think these thoughts when one of the stalwart saints of yesterday slips from this life into the life to come. "Who will pick up the slack?" "Who will tow the line?" "Who will pay the bills?" I had a professor once tell the class that a church is like a farm with two herds of cattle. One herd is young and full of energy and gets a lot of stuff done. Productive, yet sometimes messy and oftentimes flighty. The other herd is old "er", keeps plodding on, never gets ruffled and gives a lot of milk. Every pastor yearns for that perfect mix of energy and consistency.

The church lost another one of those "stalwart saints" recently in the passing of Bob Bryan. I know The Good Lord let him live to be 90 but I would have been happier with another 10 for an even century. I can't help but think in these moments, "Who will fill those shoes?" I probably would be better served worrying about my own shoes than Bob's shoes. "How am I doing with the work God has placed in front of me?" "How dependable am I?" "How much can the Lord count on me in a pinch?" "Is it time for me to cross over into that other, more dependable herd?"

Ponderings from a boy who grew up in dairy country.

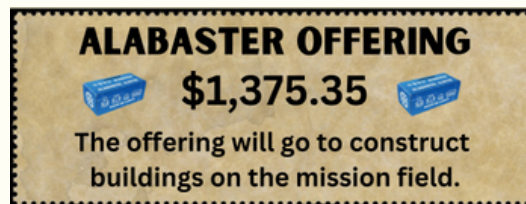
Pastor Mark

May Birthdays

9th John Holland
 10th Carole Kennedy
 11th Hayden Reynolds
 12th Kathy Dizmang
 14th Jimmy Brereton
 15th Ella Yochum
 16th Kyla Soto
 16th Reese Mason
 21st Bob O'Borne
 21st Dustin Yochum
 23rd Elise Havens
 24th Everett Babb
 25th Sammie Jo George
 27th Jan Schooley
 29th Michael Chavez
 29th Nevaeh Fisher
 30th Mike Morley
 30th Mike Oquist
 30th Sheila Clodfelter



"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."
 Proverbs 31:28-29



April Tithes & Offerings

\$22,413.49 (so far)

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

- Come by the office
- Mail It
- Give online
- Use this QR code



Thank You
For Your Generosity

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

Children's Ministry

Baby Day

Sunday, May 7th



**Babies (0-24 months)
will be recognized in
our service.**

Camp Funds

**A total of \$2,647.00 have
been raised so far.**

**Thank you for your
support!**

— **NJ NAZ KIDS** —
TACO
Bar



5.7.23 at 12 pm

**TICKETS ARE \$8
KIDS UNDER 6 FREE**

**TAKE OUT
AVAILABLE**

**PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE
NJ NAZ KIDS CAMP FUND**

**Come and support our
children.**

**If you can't attend,
you can donate to the
fund as well.**

Parents

**Please let Denise know
which camp your
child/children
plan to attend as soon
as possible.**

**Call evenings
or text**

(719)-469-1262



National Day Of Prayer

Thursday, May 4

12:00 Noon

Livewell Park

316 Santa Fe Avenue

Hosted by the LJ Ministerial Association



Thank you, Father, that you desire to give us vision for the future you have in mind. Purify our hearts, that we may have ears to hear and eyes to see your direction.



2023 High School Graduates

**Alizeh Frazier
Elise Havens**

**Blaise Medina
Angelica Raso**

**"In all your ways acknowledge Him and
He will direct your paths."**

Proverbs 3:6