

Seek The Favor Of God

Genesis 6:8 says, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." What this means is simply that Noah made God happy. As a result, while everyone else was swimming for their lives Noah and his family were safe and dry. Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord and received special treatment.

How wonderful to have God's favor poured out on us, to receive his blessing in our lives. With all the people on the face of the earth how incredible would it be to be singled out for special blessing.

God's favor is not universal! God's love is universal, but his favor is not. I strongly believe that God's love for us does not in any way hinge upon our behavior. God, by his very nature, loves every one of us. God is love and he can do no less than be himself towards us. His greatest expression of this is that while we were still sinners, he sent his son to die for us. God's love is universal and unconditional but perhaps his favor is something completely different.

The question becomes, "What made Noah different so that God singled him out for blessing?" I believe the answer is to be found in verse 22, "Noah did everything just as God commanded him." Noah had a humble, genuine, willingness to obey. God knew that Noah would obey him, even if obedience meant spending years laboring to build a 450 ft. long by 75 ft. wide floating zoo.

There are a lot of preachers out there giving all kinds of advice about how to "wrestle" God's blessing away from him, as though tricks and manipulation could work on an all-knowing and all-powerful God.

Seeking blessing for blessings sake is a grave mistake. Money, success, or power must never be our goal. God is not a tool to be used to get us what we want. God's blessing should not be our goal, His divine favor should be our goal. My encouragement to you is to forget about his blessings, they will come as He sees fit. Instead seek his favor, seek to put a smile on His face today.

Pastor Mark

NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Bethany Callister 5th 5th **Natalie Berg** 7th **Brittany Medina Karlie Morley** 7th **Sadie Martinez** 7th **11th Suzanne Trotter 12th Iosefina Arenas Marvin Berg 12th** 12th **Ronin Hand Peyton Stoker** 14th **17th Pat Gamboa** 18th Alvin Gallegos Jr. 21st **Duncan Balicki 23rd Spencer Brereton**



FALL back

Nov. 6th in AM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 30th Fall Festival 4:30 - 8:00 pm For more info see the last page

<u>Nov. 11th</u> Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center Banquet 6:30 pm

<u>Nov. 12th</u> Craft Fair & Bake Sale 9:00 am - 2:00 pm For more info see the last page



Tithes & Offerings <u>October Giving</u> \$22,451.20 <u>Monthly Expenses</u> <u>\$19,561.00</u> THANK YOU

for giving!

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

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2022–23 FAITH PROMISE Goal \$14,000 Pledged \$19,381.00

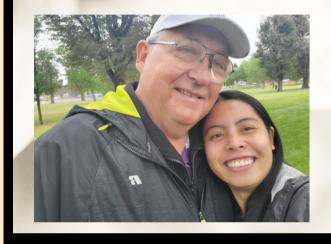
> **2021–22 FAITH PROMISE** Pledged - \$14,000 Received - \$13,740.90



NAVAJO CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE Coming Soon!



Congratulations to Dave & Angele Beebe who were married in the Philippines.



The Children's Christmas Program Dec. 11th 10:30 am **"The Greatest Gift"**



The children are receiving parts and are practicing during children's church.



Sunday, October 30th 4:30 – 8:00 pm

La Junta First Nazarene 1111 W. 10th Street

Bring a lawn chair and invite your friends!



Saturday, Nov. 12th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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