

# **La Junta Nazarene**

## **News**

**October, 2020**

### **"Born ... Again"**

For me it was dramatic. In a moment of clarity I was confronted with my sinfulness. I knew that I was in opposition to God and if I died I would be headed to hell. My heart yearned for peace and forgiveness. I cried out to God and told it all to him in unpolished words of prayer. My words might not have been right or perfect but my emotions, my heart, the intent of my whole being was perfectly understood by God. "I'm sorry, I need you, I want you to forgive me, I want to love you, and I want to belong to your family." The fact that I did this one night in the back of a Ford pickup truck is why I have been a Ford man ever since.

The first time I was born was probably just as dramatic. After nine months in peace and comfort the harsh realities of life burst upon me as a doctor's knife opened my mother's womb and I was pulled into this world. I don't know if the doctor slapped me or took one look at me and slapped my mom, but I filled my lungs with air and cried. That October 2nd event in 1961 made me the youngest of five children with two more to follow shortly after. I was a part of a family.

My second birth, which occurred in the summer of 1980, saw me enter another family, The family we sing about when we sing the words, 'I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.' Before I gave my life to the Lord, I found it odd to hear church people call each other "Brother" or "Sister". In the years since that moment in 1980 I have learned to understand how real and precious the "Family of God" truly is.

Being born again has been the greatest blessing in my life. Part of that blessing comes from each of you, my "Brothers" and "Sisters". Thank God for the blessing of family, in all its various forms.

**Pastor Mark**

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

1 Lori Martinez  
2 Delaney Bond  
2 Kelly Clanton  
2 Mark Callister  
3 Sarah Pierson  
3 Braley Spitz  
5 Gilbert Leyba  
5 Norma Haugen  
5 Leigh Parker  
5 Teresa Gomez  
7 Charlotte Callister  
7 Oni Hand  
8 Don Burkepile  
8 Ron Dizmang  
12 Judy Tilton  
16 Chad Hext  
16 Tacy Jacquart  
17 Oakley Jones  
17 Manuel Soto  
19 Justin Malden  
19 Joann Tilton  
19 Mike Martin  
20 Emmaline McCall  
28 Nathaniel Heatley  
28 Erabella Frazier  
31 LaVern Schibbelhute  
31 Jeremiah Barber

If we have missed your birthday, please let the church secretary, Charlotte, know.



## **Monthly Giving**

**September, 2020**

**(4 Sundays)**

**\$19,653.37**

**September, 2019**

**(5 Sundays)**

**\$19,831.93**

**Thank you!**

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  
FOR GIVING!**



**A big thank you to all who helped refinish the Family Life Center floor and paint the walls.  
You are a blessing!**

## **Sunday Worship Services**

### **Sunday School**

**9:15 am**

**Ages 3 & up**

### **Worship**

**10:30 am**

**You can also watch  
Live Stream**

**on  
Facebook  
and  
YouTube**

**Kinder Church &  
Children's Church  
available**

**No nursery at this time.**

### **Youth Service**

**6:30 pm**

### **COMMUNION**

**First Sunday of the  
Month**





**Ladies' Bible Study**  
**Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm**  
**Sept. 13th - Oct. 25th**  
**Room 100**

**Book/Video Series**  
**He Speaks to Me:**  
**Preparing to Hear from God**  
**by Priscilla Shirer**

Priscilla draws life lessons from the account of God speaking to the boy Samuel in the beloved Bible story found in 1 Samuel 3.

She relates six characteristics found in Samuel that are applicable to women today.

Tuning our ears and hearts to God's voice helps us gain a deeper desire to serve Him faithfully.

### **Church Staff**

**Pastor Mark Callister**  
**816-516-7818**

**Gary Addington**  
**Minister of Visitation**  
**719-469-0503**

**Jake Martinez**  
**Youth Director**

**Facilities' Manager**  
**Sarah Pierson**

**Charlotte Callister**  
**Secretary**



## **Children's Ministries**

**Denise Balicki,**  
**Children's Director**

**Sunday School classes**  
**are available for age 3 - teens**  
**beginning Oct. 4th.**

**The children will begin**  
**practicing the Christmas**  
**program on Sundays**  
**during Children's Church.**

## **Upcoming Events**

**Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center**  
**Walk 4 Life/Run 4 Hope**  
**Virtual Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, October 10th**  
**(This could be fun for families)**

**Faith Promise Sunday**  
**October 25**  
**10:30 am**

**Speakers: Hugh & Barb Sigler**

**If you made a pledge for missions**  
**last year, it's not too late to meet**  
**that pledge. Also be thinking what**  
**you would like to do for this**  
**coming year.**

## **Getting to Know God**

To worship God acceptably we must know Him. We must understand His glory through his attributes. and meditate on them.

God displays His glory in the beauty and wisdom of his creation. He has revealed His glory to His people through His power, mercy, grace, judgement, holiness, love and ...ect. The greatest example is through His son, Jesus.

### **God is Incomprehensible!**

**Colossians 1:10**

We can't understand God's thoughts and ways. God is infinite and eternal; He knows all things. God made human beings in His image; but we are finite and flawed by sin. We can understand all we need to know about God because He has given us His Word and His Spirit.

### **God is Merciful and Gracious!**

**Titus 3:5-7 & John 1:16**

God's mercy does not give us the punishment we deserve for our sins. His grace gives us good things we do not deserve. Jesus ' sacrifice on the cross gives us these things.

### **God is Just!**

**Deuteronomy 8:5, Romans 1:18**

God can not ignore sin because He is holy. He can not ignore wickedness, rebellion and sin, but the good news is we can be forgiven through his Son, Jesus Christ.

## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

**Jan Schooley's Class  
(Men and Women welcome)  
Room 101**

**Ray Vander Laan's  
That the World May Know Series:  
Death and Resurrection of the Messiah**

**Velva Addington's Class  
(Men & Women Welcome)  
Room 102/103**

**Mark Batterson's  
"Draw the Circle"  
40 Day Prayer Challenge**

**Pastor Mark's Class  
(Men and Women welcome)  
Room 100  
Mark Betterson's  
"The Circle Maker"**

