

La Junta Nazarene News

October, 2022

Contentment

I have enjoyed preaching this recent series of sermons, WHEN LIFE HANDS YOU LEMONS, from the book of Philippians. To take the Apostle Paul's words and investigate them verse by verse has been enlightening and refreshing. As I sit writing this article, I have two sermons left in the series. It probably should have been three more sermons, but hindsight is always 20/20.

The additional sermon I would include, were I ever to preach this series again, would be a complete focus on the second part of chapter 4, verse 12. Philippians 4:12b says, "I have learned the secret of being content..." Pause for dramatic effect..."The secret of being content." Let that phrase rest in the front of your brain for just a few moments. Paul says here that contentment is elusive and that means that not everyone is able to find it. He also says in his first letter to Timothy, "But godliness with contentment is great gain." When I put those two verses together it says to me, "Contentment is a great treasure to be sought out, a secret that is not readily available to all and must be pursued with diligence and dedication."

I once had a man tell me, "I pray for a million dollars every day!" I heard those words and instantly knew I was looking at a frustrated man who, without a change of heart, would be miserable for the rest of his life. He was claiming some message that I find nowhere in my bible. He needed to hear this message from the Apostle Paul instead of the errant message he had been listening to. The message that would have served him well in his life is, "Learn the invaluable lesson of contentment. Seek it as a treasure for your life." He, and you, will be richer for having listened and happier for having learned this biblical truth.

Pastor Mark

OCTOBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

1st Lori Martinez
2nd Delaney Bond
2nd Kelly Clanton
2nd Parker Stoker
2nd Pastor Mark
3rd Braley Spitz
3rd Sarah Pierson
5th Norma Haugen
7th Charlotte
Callister
7th Oni Hand
8th Angie O'Borne
11th Chad Hext
16th Tacy Jacquart
16th Manual Soto
17th Oakley Jones
19th Chris Kliesen
19th Justin Malden
19th Mike Martin
28th Erabella Frazier
28th Nathan Heatley
31st La Verne
Schibbelhute



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16th

Faith Promise
Service & Potluck
10:30 am
Speakers:
Monte & Renee Schmidt
Mission Trips to
Poland Serving
Ukrainian Refugees

October 30th

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

Nov. 12th

Craft Fair & Bake Sale
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
For more info see
the last page

Tithes & Offerings

September Giving

\$18,364.18

Monthly Expenses

\$19,561.00

**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**

**on
Facebook
or**

**YouTube
@ Lajunta Nazarene**

**Website
www.**

lajuntanazarene.org

Oct. 16th
Service &
Potluck



Speakers:
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Schmidt

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS

You won't want to miss this service as Monte & Renee share about their trip to Poland and their ministry to Ukrainian refugees.

There will be a potluck following if you would like to bring dish to share.

JOY Fall Picnic

We had a great time of food, fun and music at the Joy Picnic with around 40 in attendance. Ross and Ruth were wonderful hosts. Ruth even gave train rides to several. The food was delicious and several had fun playing and watching the corn hole games. The night ended with music prepared by Bob Malden. We enjoyed singing the praise music. We look forward to the next event.



Let's honor our leaders

**October is
Pastor Appreciation
Month**

and show our appreciation.



*Congratulations to
Chris Fluke &
Savannah Grasmick
who were married
September 24th in a
destination wedding
to Florida.
May the Lord bless
them and their family.*



Sunday,
October 2nd

"Dive"

**by Steven Curtis
Chapman &
Our LJ Naz
Kids**

Sunday School MOMENTUM Days

We had a great turn out for this emphasis as we learned that we must establish, strengthen and engage our Faith in Jesus. We had multigenerational fun getting to know each other. The children had the opportunity to paint a cross and put together a musical presentation about diving into our faith.

Fall Festival

FOOD FUN FAMILY FRIENDS

Hot Cocoa
Hot Dogs
Popcorn

Photo Booth

HAYRIDE

Face Painting

CORN HOLE

CAKE WALK

Sunday, October 30th

4:30 - 8:00 pm

La Junta First Nazarene
1111 W. 10th Street

Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov. 12th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Lunch by Sweet Inspiration

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A DISPLAY TABLE FOR \$15,
CONTACT CAROL AT 719-384-8458**

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the
word!**

