

LA JUNTA NAZARENE

October, 2023

Larnelle Harris Is My Hero

I love music. I have been blessed with a voice, a “passable” voice. I have sung in choirs, in quartets, in musical productions, and in countless church services. And for the most part my “passable” voice has been good enough. For you old-school Christians, I always wanted to sing like Larnelle Harris, with that pure tone and incredible range. But the Lord, in His wisdom, chose to give me nothing more than a “passable” voice. Music is one of my gifts, but it is not my only gift, and it is not a gift that puts Larnelle Harris and his legacy in any danger.

I kind of think that many of us are in the same boat on this issue. We are tempted to look at the people around us and compare our gifts to theirs, then we think in our heads, “Why can’t I _____ like that person?” Fill in that blank with any word you want, any word that describes your own personal feelings of insecurity or inferiority.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 says, “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

My gifts are not random or arbitrary, they are intentional. God has gifted me – and God has gifted YOU – intentionally for the common good. You have special and unique gifts, talents and graces that add so much color and beauty and depth of sound to the lives of everyone around you. There is nothing inferior about your gifts, in fact, your gifts are critical to a beautiful, blended existence for yourself and all those within your sphere of influence.

I dream of one day singing “Holy, Holy, Holy!” in some angelic choir. Not a choir of angels, but a choir with an angelic sound. If you get to see that performance know that I am the one in the back singing that top tenor line to the best of my ability right alongside my hero and good friend, Larnelle Harris.



October 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 Ron Dizmang
11th Angela O'Borne
16th Chad Hext
17th Oakley Jones
19th Chris Kliesen
19th Justin Malden
19th Mike Martin
28th Erabella Frazier
28th Nathan Heatley
31st LaVerne Schibbelhute



Upcoming Events

Oct. 1st

Faith Promise Sunday
10:30 am

Arkansas Valley Mission
Area Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm

Oct. 7th

Church Work Day
8 am

Oct. 22nd

Fall Festival
4-6:30 pm

September

Tithes & Offerings

\$17,302.92

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!

Sunday Services

Sunday School

9:15 am

Classes for all ages!

Cafe Fellowship

10:15 am

Worship

10:30 am

Children's Church (Age 4 - 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

MISSIONS

Faith Promise Sunday October 1, 2023

Speakers: Fred & Sheryl Tedder
Serving in Johannesburg, South Africa

Dinner following the service

Please bring a side dish to share.
A sign-up sheet is on the information desk.

If you made a Faith Promise pledge last year, you still have the month of October to fulfill that pledge.

New pledge cards for the new year
November, 2023 - October, 2024
are available now.

2023 Goal \$14,000 Received \$10,370

Church Work Day

La Junta Nazarene
Saturday, October 7th
8:00 am

Sanding



Replacing wood



Staining



...and more!

LJ YOUTH

Directors: Jake & Lori Martinez



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

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

CRAFTING WITH FRIENDS

Saturday, October 28th



- BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT, DECORATION OR PICTURE
- BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS
- BRING A FINGER FOOD TO SHARE
- BRING A FRIEND

Join us on Sundays
at 10:30 am to hear Pastor
Mark's sermon series on

The Armor of God

Fall Festival

FOOD FUN FAMILY FRIENDS

Hot Cocoa
Hot Dogs
Popcorn

Photo Booth

HAYRIDE

Face Painting

CORN HOLE

CAKE WALK

Sunday, October 22nd

4:00 - 6:30 pm

La Junta First Nazarene
1111 W. 10th Street

CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

Saturday, Nov. 11th

9:00 - 2:00 pm

La Junta Nazarene Church
1111 W. 10th Street

Tables/Space - \$15

Call to reserve

719-384-8458

Let's honor our leaders

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

and show our appreciation.

New Classes & Studies

LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES

We've all been hurt by other people, we've hurt ourselves, and we've hurt others. And as a result, every single one of us ends up with some sort of *hurt, hang-up, or habit*.

But the question we all face is, "Where do we go from here?"

Using the Beatitudes of Jesus as a foundation, the book study **LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES** by John Baker will discuss 8 choices that promise true happiness and life transformation.

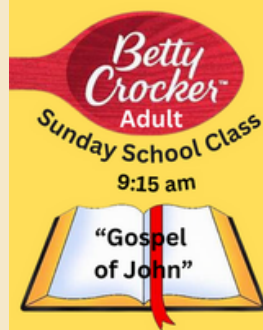
LIFE HAPPENS. Happiness and healing are yours for the choosing.

Beginning Oct. 4th (8 weeks)

Small Group

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**La Junta First
Church of the Nazarene
1111 W 10th Avenue**



Baking treats for visitors and others.