

A background image of a sunflower field with several sunflowers in focus and others blurred in the distance, all set against a warm, golden-yellow sky.

# La Junta Nazarene

## News

**September, 2020**

### **"AH SEPTEMBER!"**

Ah, September! There is just a hint in the evening air but it is enough to encourage me to hold on a little longer. Just a few more weeks and October will truly be here. No, it is not because my birthday is in October. It is not because I will be one year wiser in October. It is because ever since leaving the refreshing Oregon Coast I die every August and am reborn every October. I grew up in year round 75 degree weather. Sure, there was the occasional 86 degree day and that occasional 31 degree day but for the most part the Oregon coast is 65-75 degrees year round. So, when July rolls around I wilt and when August arrives I die.

September reminds me that October is coming and October brings with it that first brisk wind that flows all the way through my body and brings me back to life. Every once in a while, I just need to be revived, renewed, restored. Cool weather does that for me annually.

Every once in a while, this same thing happens to us spiritually. We go through a period of trial or stress or even possibly a period of lazy comfort and we go into a spiritual lethargy. We get lethargic in our spiritual walk. We relax on our church attendance, we back off on our "God Promises", we withhold our tithe, we stop praying for the Lost, we might even relax our moral convictions. One day we just wake up and ask ourselves, "How did I ever get here?"

What we need is a cool wind to blow through our spirits. We need a brisk infilling of the Wind of God. We need the Holy Spirit to blow the dust off our souls and wake us back up. We need to be revived, renewed, restored.

It is my prayer that this September you will begin to step back into the habit of church. Our children's programming is starting back up again with Children's Church and Kinder Church beginning on September 13th. We will be careful and reasonably cautious, but life must go on.

Hebrews 10:25 says, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." I don't know about you, but I feel as though the Day might be approaching. So, let the cool evenings and the promise of brisk days drive you back to a fresh place where you are revived, renewed and restored. See you at church!

**Pastor Mark**

## September Birthdays

2 Orlando Salazar  
3 Jason Clark  
3 RJ Barber  
4 Rusty Zane  
7 Nicole Frazier  
9 Judy Burkepile  
9 Kristy Freeman  
9 Jordan Freeman  
10 Gary Addington Sr.  
10 Kay McFatridge  
12 Jules Berg  
12 Logan Berg  
14 Leonard Brisendine  
16 Greg Haugen  
17 Kim Frankmore Hext  
17 Sydney Zane  
19 Harley Jones  
19 Mayson McNeff  
24 Zoe Miller  
24 Gary Waits, Jr.  
26 Terry Jones  
28 Rosalia Valdez  
29 Anykah Soto  
30 Steven Balicki

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



## Monthly Giving

August, 2020  
(5 Sundays)  
\$15,764.74

August, 2019  
(4 Sundays)  
\$16,506.58

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!**

## Church Information

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## Sunday Worship Services

**10:30 Am**

You can also watch  
Live Stream  
on  
Facebook  
and  
YouTube

Kinder Church &  
Children's Church  
begins  
September 13th

No nursery at this  
time.

**Youth Service  
6:30 pm**

**COMMUNION  
First Sunday of the  
Month**







## Children's Ministries

**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.

**The Women's Ministry will not be hosting the annual craft fair this year due to Covid-19. If you have any questions, contact Carol Eveatt**

### **Attention Moms!**

**We are hoping to begin having our Mom's Night Out on the 4th Friday of every month soon. Stay-tuned for more information!**

**LJ NAZ KIDS PRESENTS**

# BACK TO CHURCH

Great Scott!

It's time to join LJ Naz Kids in person again?

Coming Sep. 13th

During Morning Worship

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Family Life Small Group**

Begins Oct. 4th

6:30 - 8:00 pm

If interested, see Karlie Morley

### **Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center**

Walk 4 Life/Run 4 Hope

Virtual Fundraiser

Saturday, October 10th

(We would love to have families or groups participate.)

# **Happy Grandparent's Day**

**Sept. 13th**

**When God created grandparents  
the world was truly blessed  
with all the special joys  
that make a family happiest...**

**For grandparents know how to do  
the things that warm a heart.**

**They touch our lives  
with loving care  
right from the very start.**

## **Church Staff**

**Pastor Mark Callister  
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**Gary Addington  
Minister of Visitation  
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**Jake Martinez  
Youth Director**

**Denise Balicki  
Children's Director**

**Facilities' Manager  
Sarah Pierson**

**Charlotte Callister  
Secretary**

# **Freedom Sunday**

**Sept. 20th**

**God's People Working Together  
to End Human Trafficking!**

**Globally, human trafficking has  
made an estimated 40 million  
children, women and men victims of  
slavery. Most are forced into labor,  
such as domestic work,  
construction, agriculture, or  
commercial sexual exploitation.  
Others are exploited through forced  
marriage.**

**Again and again it is clear that God  
cares deeply for those who are  
vulnerable. The work of the Lord to  
bring restoration and  
transformation is a central calling of  
the Gospel. The prophecy in Isaiah  
61:1-2, which Jesus read as he  
publicly announced his mission,  
calls us to join that restorative  
work.**

**On Freedom Sunday local churches  
around the the world are joining as  
brothers and sisters to call for an  
end to human trafficking and  
actively participate in its end.**

**Grace and Peace,  
Board of General Superintendents  
Church of the Nazarene**