

La Junta Nazarene

News

September, 2021

"Window of Opportunity"

There is a window of opportunity that opens briefly when a person comes to Christ. For a brief time, the friends and acquaintances of a lifetime are momentarily open to the gospel by simple rules of association. The window, if managed appropriately, can yield a harvest for the kingdom.

When Levi (Matthew) became a follower of Christ in Mark chapter 2, he took an entire web of associations into that new relationship. Scripture says that Levi invited all his old friends to meet his new friend, Jesus. The opportunity was ripe for Jesus to impact each of these various lives also. And if anyone could grip a heart and mind it was Jesus.

The opportunity might have been great, but the window was small and quickly closed. Soon new activities created new associations. New circles of friends developed and old connections faded. Before long, Levi's old acquaintances became distant and his new friends and associates were other followers of Christ. Former friends and associates, if not relationally connected to the new direction of his life soon became nothing more than that, former friends and associates. The window closed.

The trick is assimilation. How can we assimilate new believers or attenders into who we fundamentally are? How can we take curious passersby and make them rooted and grounded in the life of our church? Programs can help but more important than programs must be our own personal willingness to be used in the process.

"Lord, may we learn lessons of truth from your word. And may we use that truth to direct our actions."

Pastor Mark



September Birthdays

3rd Jason Clark
7th Nichole Frazier
9th Andres Arenas
9th Jordan Freeman
9th Kristy Freeman
10th Gary Addington
10th Kay McFatridge
12th Jules Berg
12th Logan Berg
17th Kim Frankmore-Hext
18th Alicia Brereton
19th Harley Jones
19th Mayson McNeff
24th Gary Waits, Jr.
26th Terry Jones
28th Rosalia Valdez
29th Anykah Soto
30th Steven Balicki

If we are missing your birthday, please let the secretary know via email.
Thank you!



EVENTS

Sept. 17-19th
District Women's
Retreat @ Golden Bell

Sept. 23-26th
Work & Witness Project
@ Golden Bell



Tithes & Offerings

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!



Sunday Services

Sunday School
9:15 am
Class for all ages

Cafe Fellowship
10:15 am

Worship
10:30 am

1st Sunday Communion

Kinder Church & Children's Church available
(Age 3 - 5th grade)

Nursery is available

You can also watch Live Stream

on Facebook or YouTube

@ Lajunta Nazarene

Youth Service
6:30 pm





9:15 am

"A place for the whole family"

Why Attend Sunday School?

- Improves Bible Knowledge
- Assists in Spiritual Growth
- Helps Build Meaningful Relationships
- Provides a "Place to Belong"
- Offers Opportunities to Serve and Minister



Cafe Fellowship



10:15 - 10:30 am

MISSIONS

Love GOD + Love OTHERS + Change the WORLD

NMI President: Karlie Morley

- Pray for our Links Missionaries, Monte & Bethany Syr who are serving in Guatemala. They have four children.
- We will be participating in the Navajo Christmas project soon so stay-tuned for more information.
- If you need an Alabaster box, please see Karlie or come to the church office.
- Faith Promise and potluck - Nov. 7th

LJ YOUTH



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

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



AVPC

**ARKANSAS VALLEY
PREGNANCY CENTER**

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FUNDRAISER

August 22 - Sept 12th

**Will you give the gift of life
to unborn children?**

**If you received a baby bottle
at church, place your
donation in it and bring to
the church by Sept. 12th. If
you did not receive a bottle,
you can place your donation
in an envelop as well.**

**Make checks to:
AVPC or
Arkansas Valle Pregnancy
Center**



Colorado District Work & Witness Opportunity at Golden Bell Camp

Dates: September 23-26, 2021

Need all Skill Levels!

Activity Center Siding, Painting, Landscaping and Other Duties as the need arises.

Come help for a day or two or all three days!

LODGING AVAILABLE: Lodge, Cabins, & RV Park – Please contact Golden Bell for Accommodation needs for Individuals or Groups. (719-687-9561).

Lodging Cost: (The normal cost would be \$250/3 Nights) (Golden Bell is waiving that fee as a Thank You!) We suggest a donation of \$100.00 to help with material costs.

Give what you can!

Please Make Checks payable to: Colorado District NM1 and send to: John Bruneau, 4063 S. Cathay Ct, Aurora, CO 80013.

(All donations/funds will be used to purchase materials for the W&W Projects at Golden Bell.)

Meal Cost: \$5.00 per Meal

Linen Cost: (Bedding & Towels) \$6.00/Weekend

(Please pay these directly to Golden Bell.)

Please let them know how many meals & days you are planning on staying.

This will be a fun weekend to build community with our District Church Families and help out our District Camp that is such a blessing to so many!

Questions? Please contact John Bruneau (CO District W&W Coordinator) at 303-328-7303 or ColoradoDistrictWW@gmail.com with your interest & if you have any special skills or experience. If you plan to bring a Church Team please let us know. (No special skills required to participate.) This will help us know what projects we can accomplish for planning purposes.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

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