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, <u>former</u> friends and associates. The window closed.

The trick is assimilation. How can we assimilate new believes 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



<u>September</u> <u>Birthdays</u>

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

9:15 amClass 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"

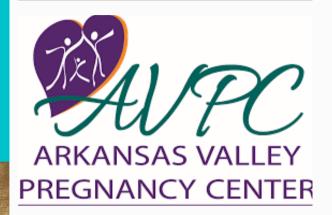
Why Attend Sunday School?

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



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

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





Cafe Fellowship

10:15 - 10:30 am



- 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

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: <u>Colorado District NMI and</u> send to: <u>John Bruneau, 4063 S Cathay Ct, Aurora, CO 80013.</u>
(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 Colorado District WW@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." I Peter 4:10

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