

LAJUNTA NAZARENE

September, 2023

Repent And Be Baptized

I was baptized in a river. I went down the bank in front of all who had assembled and stepped into the cold Mary's River in Corvallis Oregon. My pastor at the time, Rev. Dan Ketchum, faithfully showed up on a Sunday afternoon to help me obey scripture. I had read in Mark chapter 16 that I needed to "believe and be baptized" and I felt an overwhelming desire to obey those words. I met weekly with an inter-faith group and we attended several of the community churches in town. Each of us who were desiring to be baptized asked our respective pastors and so on that Sunday afternoon there were several wet preachers and several more wet college students. I will remember it fondly for the rest of my days.

This month we will once again fill the baptistry with crystal clear, comfortably warm water, and on a Sunday morning hear the testimonies of young people who have confessed Jesus and expressed a desire to publicly join the faith in Christian baptism. Many of them won't say a word while in the water. They won't have to. Just being there will be its own form of testimony. They have already expressed to me their desire to be baptized and they will also declare to the church on that Sunday morning that they love Jesus, have asked Him into their hearts and want to live all of their days in the faith.

On a side note, September is the month that football starts for real. If you are a football fan it is expected of you to cheer on your team and express your approval when they do well and achieve success on the field. On September 10 come to church ready to cheer like never before as young people take that courageous step of faith and are baptized into the Christian Faith.

It won't be in a river, it won't be cold and Rev. Dan Ketchum was not available so I'll have to do, but it will be just as memorable for our young people.

See you there!

Pastor Mark



September Birthdays

3rd Jason Clark
7th Nichole Frasier
9th Kristy Freeman
10th Gary Addington
12th Jules Berg
12th Logan Berg
16th Carole Wilkins
17th Kim Hext
18th Alicia Brereton
19th Harley Jones
24th Gary Waits, Jr.
26th Terry Jones
30th Steven Balicki



August Tithes & Offerings \$15,883.00

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
For Your Generosity**

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

Upcoming Events

Baptismal Service Sunday September 10th

Come and support the young people who will be making a statement of their faith in Christ.



Anointing Service

Sunday, Sept. 17th

If you would like to be anointed for personal suffering or on behalf of another who is suffering, make sure to come.

CRAFTING WITH FRIENDS

September 23, 10am - 2pm
Room 100



LADIES & TEEN GIRLS

- STAY-TUNED FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT.
- BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS IF THERE IS EXTRA TIME.
- BRING A FINGER FOOD TO SHARE.

JOY Fall Picnic

Just Older Youth 50+

**Saturday,
September 30th**

4-6 pm

**La Junta City Park
Gazebo 1**

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!
Bring a main dish, salad, relish, fruit or dessert.
Bottled waters, soda and table service will be provided. Bring your own chairs.
Plan to play a little corn hole or relax and visit.
We will close with praise songs.



MISSIONS

Love GOD + Love OTHERS + Change the WORLD


Faith Promise Sunday

October 1, 2023

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

Missions dinner following the service.

If you made a Faith Promise pledge last year, you still have the months of Sept. & Oct. to fulfill that pledge.



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.

Sunday School





Baking treats for visitors and others.

Are you thinking about coming to Sunday School but want to start light? If you like to bake, this class might be for you. If you are interested, contact Charlotte at 816-519-9867



SHARE

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."

Roman 12:1

Do not be afraid to tell others about Jesus and his salvation.

5 Ways To Witness

1. Represent Jesus in the best possible way.
2. Be a friend by showing love.
3. Be a good, kind and a Godly example.
4. Submit to authority and obey God.
5. Pray for God to open a door.

