

# OCTOBER 2022

## La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene



### Pastor Appreciation Month

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events happening at the La Mirada Church and within our District.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter - please do so by presenting to Pastor Debbie before the third week of the prior month (before printing).

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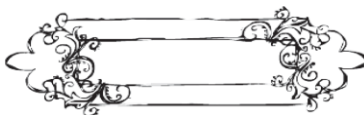
It is our hope to keep you informed of the many things happening at our facility. Each month we will do our best to update and highlight new events.



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### Special events in our church's life:

- We began the month of July with a beautiful joint service with the Four-Square Church.
- This was followed by a wonderful Worship Night under the stars with lots of beautiful music.
- Several congregants experienced and recovered from Covid. Thank you, Jesus, for healing. Still praying for others.

**Love God,  
Love others,  
Empowered  
by the Holy  
Spirit.**



## **OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries .....**



If you do not see your name on this list and it should be, it is because the office does not have your information! Please keep us informed too. Fill out an information card and place in the offering or give to a pastor.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Patricia Acosta – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mercedes Garcia – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ivanna Flores\* - 11<sup>th</sup>  
Victor Sanchez\* - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Eric Reder – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Fernie Gutierrez – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Dennis Murphy – 29<sup>th</sup>



### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Roy & Rosy Licon\* - 6<sup>th</sup>

New NMI reading books will be made available to us "online" for free downloads. Visit <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-missions-books>. Past books are available upon request from Pastor Debbie. Our next District Convention and award presentations will be April 23, 2022 (Place to be announced later).



## **PRIORITY ONE GOALS**

October is the month to concentrate on our NMI goals in reading books, faith promise, LINKS, prayer for missionaries, Mission lessons, child sponsorship, ...

Our Children's Ministry will be studying Missions education once a month. This year's study are studying in the Asia Pacific area. October's emphasis is on Samoa. Children are learning about missionaries around the Asian Pacific area. Experiencing the culture, the foods and hearing stories about the missionaries there.

## **LM1 La Mirada First**



Tithes and offerings may be given in person on Sundays OR by mailing them to the church address OR a cover fee will be applied if using the Tithe.ly app listed on our website.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

NMI Emphasis is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Oct. 2 – Communion Sunday; Pastor Arthur preaching  
Oct. 5 - Prayer & Praise on Facebook  
Oct. 6 – Ladies' day trip to Sugar Plum Boutique in Buena Park and Chick-fil-A  
Oct. 7-9 – Men's Retreat postponed; TBA later  
Oct. 10 – Columbus Day Holiday observed  
Oct. 11 – Church Leadership Board Meeting 8 pm  
Oct. 12 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook  
Oct. 13 - District Pastor's Meeting at San Pedro  
Oct. 15 – Love La Mirada event - 8 am at Biola  
Oct. 19 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook  
Oct. 26 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Be sure to refer to the Weekly Update sent out Saturday evenings for any *additions or changes*.

**Our teen department is growing. Thank you, Javvy for all your hard work and attention. It shows.**

**The Children's Department can always use more volunteers! Thank you, Angelica for organizing some lessons and all your help. Have you noticed the growth in the number of kids??? It is essential to have parents sign their children out each week and make sure that their information is on file.**

Children's Ministry will once again be resuming since our transition to Redeemer Church. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Pastor Arthur with your availability and ideas. **REMEMBER children are to remain with the volunteers until signed out by their parent/guardian following the afternoon services.**



In compliance with CA Bill AB500, each child needs an info sheet filled out on file with their personal information now including all allergies and the names of persons responsible to sign them out each week.



## La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene

**During Construction we will  
be meeting at the  
Redeemer Church during  
construction**

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**Come to Me, all you who are weary  
and burdened, and I will give you  
rest. Take My yoke upon you and  
learn from Me, for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and you will find  
rest for your souls.  
Matthew 11:28-29  
May GOD Bless you!**

## Weekly Schedule:

### Sunday

English Worship Service – 12:30 pm  
Currently at Redeemer Church &  
Online with Facebook

Hispanic Service – 2:15pm at the  
Redeemer Church

Adult SS Class (F.B.I.) – 6 pm on Zoom

### Wednesday

Bible Study & Prayer  
Online on Facebook 6:30 pm

Youth at Redeemer in the Mountain  
Room at 6:30 pm

### Saturday

Prayer Group –  
9:30 am on Free Conference Call – the  
phone contact information is listed on  
another page.

The Church has been using a new  
"Breeze" account that is able to  
send out our mailings and  
messaging. It has automated our  
address system making it easier to  
communicate with the members of  
our church. [If at any time you wish  
to be removed from our list, please  
email us directly.](#)

## NMI READING BOOKS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT PASTOR DEBBIE OR  
CHARLOTTE IF ANY OF THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN READ.  
Books for the 2021/2022 year have been added to  
the website.

**Three new books for 2021 have been added to  
the website. Hardcopies have not been  
purchased but last years copies may still be  
read for credit. WE HAVE ONLY 6 MONTHS TO  
MEET OUR READING GOALS FOR PRIORITY ONE!**

The NMI website has been updated and can  
now be accessed at: [www.nazarene.org/nmi](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi)  
then click on "About" on the task bar to find  
the links to the Missionary Reading Books.  
Reading the books are **free of charge!** This  
gives our church extra credit toward our Priority  
One Goal in March.

## Please refer to the LM1 Weekly Update for up-to-date Information

We continue to adjust to new times  
and new meeting places. Please  
refer to the Weekly Update for any  
changes. We look forward to the  
day of returning to our "new"  
facilities and all that our Lord has for  
us in our future.....



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The Adult Sunday School has been meeting on ZOOM on Sunday evenings. Materials are available in the church office or for pick-up. Join us to connect with classmates, catch up with one another and LEARN from God's word. A weekly link is sent out with the weekly LM1 PUSH Update and remains the same week to week.

*Remember to keep our building program in your prayers...for the safety of the construction crew, for the speediness of their work and for the finances that are being used to build the Lord's house.*

THE SATURDAY  
MORNING  
PRAYER GROUP  
CONTINUES TO  
MEET VIA  
CONFERENCE  
CALLS EVERY  
SATURDAY  
MORNING AT  
9:30 am

If anyone would like to join the prayer time with your own request or to pray for one another, simply join us at:  
1-701-802-5468  
Access code is: 109758#

This is a FREE service and **anyone is invited** to join us. Simply call the above number and enter our reserved access code. There is power in prayer. To God be the glory!

The maintenance building and waste enclosure is coming along. Check out the detail and well built facility that our team is constructing even for the housing our trash....







\*\*\*Contributions to be communicated in this Monthly Newsletter should be presented one week before the end of the month. Information for the Weekly Update should be in no later Friday noon please. All events should be cleared by the pastor on the church calendar ahead of time. Thank you.



**WE'VE MOVED!**

**We are proceeding with our Building Program!!!** We are now meeting at the Redeemer Church in La Mirada during construction. Our first service was on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Redeemer Church is located at 15151 Cordova Road in La Mirada. It is visible from Imperial Blvd. near Home Depot. just .7 miles from our current property. (The corner of Cordova and Imperial Blvd.) Join us for in person services.



## Building Program Progress ...



Check out some of the progress as of 9-28-22....

# Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat to Crystal Lake that was scheduled for October 7-9 has been postponed due to conflicts with scheduling and attendance. It will be rescheduled at another time so keep in touch with Pastor Javier.

## SPECIAL REQUEST FROM BANK OF AMERICA


Our church bank is now enforcing a security policy that all checks should be made payable to: **La Mirada 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Nazarene (No abbreviations)**. It has become a security issue and assures proper accounts are credited. Thank you for MANY changes.

## LOVE LA MIRADA

October 15<sup>th</sup> is the date for showing your love to the city of La Mirada by signing up to help with projects around the city. Visit the website sponsored by Biola University. Join at the south football field at 8am for Starbucks and refreshments, sign up for a project, then rejoin at Biola at noon for a free Chick-fil-A lunch. Everybody can help in some way or another!

## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH....

### Praying for my Pastor MONDAY



*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.*  
3 John 1:2

Serving God's people well can challenge even the healthiest pastors. Pray today that the Lord will . . .


- † pour out blessings of strength and physical health on your pastors;
- † keep sickness and injury from sidelining them; and
- † provide abundant joy and peace in Jesus as they serve him by serving his people.

**VOLUNTEER** in a way that will create space in Pastor's schedule for renewal and a healthier lifestyle. Deliver a fruit basket to the office. Subscribe to a fitness or healthy cooking magazine. Offer to answer the phones over the lunch hour on five different days so the staff can take a walk—or a nap!


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### Praying for my Pastor TUESDAY



*The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.*  
Psalm 121:7-8

Most pastors travel many miles in the course of a day or week. They drive back and forth to hospitals, conferences, meetings, and the like. The car becomes a second office. Pray today that the Lord will . . .


- † protect your pastors as they travel;
- † turn the car into a kind of chapel where the Holy Spirit encourages them by his presence, reminding them of his love and his purposes for them day by day; and
- † direct them in faithfully bringing his Good News to the hearts of many.

**OFFER** to save Pastor a few miles this week. Pick up office supplies. Take a vehicle in for an oil change during sermon-preparation time. (Why not have it washed and waxed, while you're at it?)

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## Praying for my Pastor

WEDNESDAY



*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*

*Ephesians 5:15-16*

Time management is a challenge faced by all Christians in our culture. There are never enough hours in a week for pastors to do everything that could be done. Pray today that the Lord will . . .

- † give your pastors wisdom as they plan and implement their daily, weekly, and monthly schedules;
- † pour out increasing wisdom as they seek to fulfill their various callings in their families, church, community, and personal lives; and
- † help every member in your church to grow in personal time-management skills so that more people have the energy they need to volunteer their talents and abilities in your church and community.

**ASK** about "orphan tasks," jobs that truly need to be done but aren't getting done because no one has volunteered. Choose one and do your best at it, even if it isn't something you prefer.

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## Praying for my Pastor

THURSDAY



*Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD.*

*Ezra 7:10*

Does your church encourage continuing professional growth on the part of your pastors? Is there a budget for conferences, books, and professional subscriptions? Pray today that the Lord will . . .

- † convince your pastors of their personal need for spiritual growth and professional renewal, cultivating in them a heart "set to study the Word of the Lord";
- † work in the hearts of members to understand the need all pastors have for spending time with other shepherds, mentoring and being mentored by them; and
- † draw your pastors closer to himself as they learn and grow.

**LOBBY** for a line item in the church budget for professional growth and find a way to make sure your pastors spend it.

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## Praying for my Pastor

FRIDAY



*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.*

*Hebrews 13:17*

Pastors are servants of Christ, called by him to care for each of us. As under-shepherds, they represent the Good Shepherd in what they teach and how they live. Pray today that the Lord will . . .

- † draw your pastors and people in your church closer in authentic Christian love and concern;
- † give each member of your church ears open to hearing God's Word, hearts open to treasuring it, and minds committed to acting on the truths your pastors teach; and
- † create a welcoming, joyful, forgiving, grace-filled environment in every service, every meeting, every class, and every event your church offers.

**CONSIDER** this observation by the reformer Martin Luther: "It is necessary to impress on people at large that all who would be called Christians owe it to God to consider those worthy of double honor who minister to their souls." How could you demonstrate this "double honor" to your own pastors this week? (See also 1 Timothy 5:17.)

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## Praying for my Pastor

SATURDAY & SUNDAY



Use the Scripture verses below as you pray for your pastors this weekend. You will need to alter the language a bit to fit your particular congregation. For example, "Lord Jesus, you are my Good Shepherd and the shepherd of all who lead in my church. Teach us to trust your promise that we 'shall not want.' Give my pastor(s) rest in your green pastures . . ."

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

*He leads me beside still waters.*

*He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*

*your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*

*you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me*

*all the days of my life,*

*and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

*Psalms 23*

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