

La Mirada First Church  
of the Nazarene  
NEWSLETTER



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# DECEMBER 2023

The building program continues. Despite the weather, and some setbacks, we continue to push forward. Read on to learn about new events and what is happening at La Mirada First.

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.

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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# La Mirada First Church Of The Nazarene Invites You.

Friends, we invite you to join us as we live out our purpose to love God, to love of others, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All are welcome to attend Sunday Service and all other ministries.

Inquiries contact (562) 943-5616

## Sunday Service

12:30 PM

Temporary Location Redeemer Church

15151 Cordova Road

La Mirada, CA

Please follow via

Facebook.

Instagram

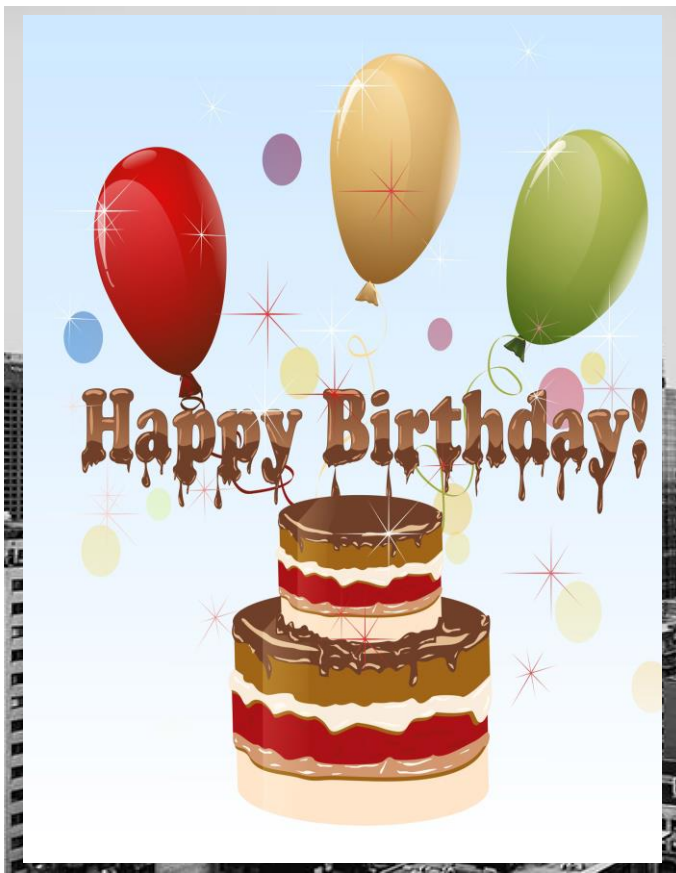
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Ladies Bible Study in November





## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 3 – Communion Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6 - Prayer & Praise on Facebook

Dec. 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Dec. 12 - Church Leadership Board Meeting

Dec. 13 – Bible Study on Facebook

Dec. 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Dec. 20 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent; Childrens Church in Puerto Rico

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

Dec. 27 – Bible Study on Facebook

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

COMING SOON: NMI/NYI/NDI event at Anaheim 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> reservations required.

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

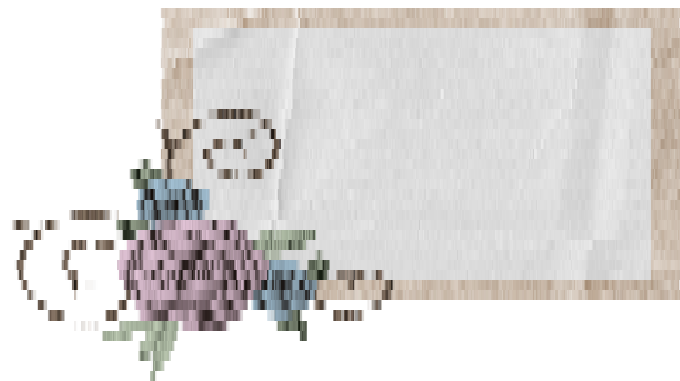
### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

#### BIRTHDAYS:

John Tuck – 6<sup>th</sup>

Shirley Ruddell – 10<sup>th</sup>

Amy Lazari – 29<sup>th</sup>



#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Roger & Rosy Sandoval – 4<sup>th</sup>

Herb & Darleen Huckins – 26<sup>th</sup>

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



We are using Breeze communications with the members of our church. If at any time you wish to be removed from our list, please email us.

### 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 Sundays

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 separate page.

# 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 2023 will be added to the website. Hardcopies have not been purchased but last year's copies may still be read for credit. WE BEGIN ONCE AGAIN 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.

## **La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene**

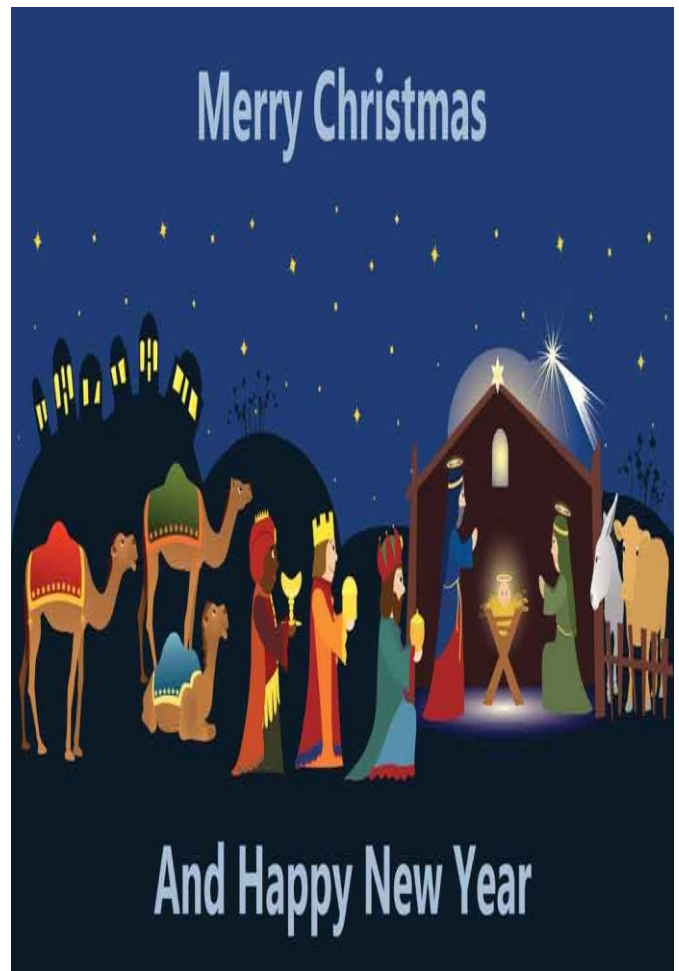
**During Construction we will be meeting at the  
Redeemer Church during construction**

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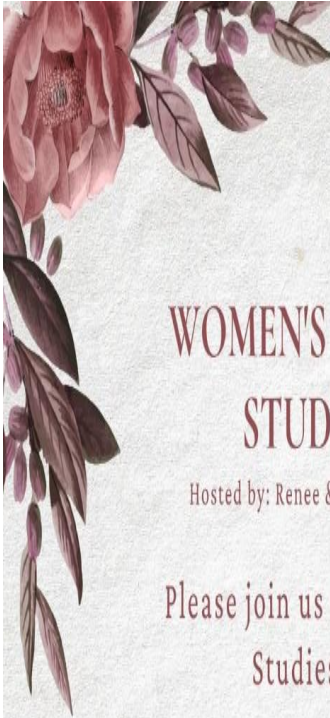
**THE SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP** CONTINUES TO MEET VIA CONFERENCE CALLS EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:30 am. If anyone would like to join the prayer time with your own request or to pray for one another, simply join us at:

1-701-802-5468  
Access code is:  
109758#

This is a FREE service and anyone is invited to join us. Sign -up with your text # to receive reminders and link information sent to you each week. Simply call the above number and enter our reserved access code. There is power in prayer. To God be the glory!



If anyone would like to request a special time of communion with any of the pastors, please call and request a time or appointment. We always have corporate communion on the first Sunday of the month in person. However, if you are unable to make it, an in-home visit can be arranged.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE  
STUDY**


Hosted by: Renee & Jennifer

Please join us for Bible  
Studies

Thursday's 6:30pm

New Location: Home of Blanca Toyos –  
14526 Dalwood Ave. Norwalk, CA 90650

Please see Renee or Jennifer



Melissa LM1 Child Our Newest Child Sponsored  
Ref #: 700-361316  
Date of Birth: 2013-02-25  
Gender: girl  
Grade: 2nd grade

Hello, my name is Melissa and I am 10 years old. I live in Lebanon. My father does car seat upholstery I have 1 brother. At home, I like to color. I also like playing with my friends

**Interests:** At home I like to color. I also like playing with my friends.

**Country Profile:** Lebanon (Beirut): Land and Climate: Lebanon is just smaller than the island nation of Jamaica. It has a coastal plain, mountains, and valleys, and is home to pine and cypress trees, as well as olive, citrus, apple and banana trees. The famed cedars of Lebanon once blanketed the countryside, but numbers have dwindled due to deforestation and urban expansion. Lebanon is rainy and mild in the winter and hot and dry in the summer, with the Mediterranean Sea influencing Lebanon's climate.

**Education:** This Lebanese child development center is a school that serves children from as young as kindergarten, to as old as ninth grade. All children are given equal opportunity to thrive and learn; no child is treated as less than any other. The school, which is recognized by the Lebanese government, educates to a very high standard, offering a strong academic foundation. In addition to courses in standard subjects like mathematics, the sciences, language and literature, the children receive daily Christian teaching. Children are required to attend the first eight grades of school, starting at age 6. Parents consider education a route to a better life, so they are willing to pay for private schools, if they have the means to do so. Public schools are regarded as providing lower quality instruction. Public education is in Arabic; private schools also offer some classes in French and English, as preparation for international universities. More than 95% of Lebanese are literate, and have an average of 8.7 years of schooling.

**Typical Food:** Bread is the staple of every Lebanese meal. While there are varieties of bread, the most common is pita. When available, lamb, beef and chicken are popular, and often used in stews. Lebanese specialties include baba ghanouj (eggplant dip) and tabbouleh (a salad made of bulgar wheat, onions, tomatoes, parsley and mint.) Sweets are served on special occasions; the best-known is baklava, a nut-filled pastry treat.

**People and Pastimes:** Lebanon has a population of more than 6 million people, out of which 95% are Arab. The remaining residents are refugees from recent conflicts, except for the Armenians who fled genocide in the early 20th century. Nine out of ten Lebanese live in cities. Soccer and basketball are the most popular sports in Lebanon; visiting friends and family is a favorite pastime. Inexpensive outdoor activities include hiking, jogging, fishing and swimming.





NMI - NYI - NDI PRESENTS

**JAN. 27**  
8:30AM

# ONE MISSION... ONE VOICE

*equipping the*  
*Royal Priesthood of Believers*

*Registration includes:*  
*Continental Breakfast - Workshops*  
*Fresh imagination for what is possible through you!*

**PASTOR JEFF STARK**  
Director of Graduate Studies at Olivet Nazarene University  
Author: *The News is Good: Evangelism as a Way of Life*



**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$10 (BY JANUARY 15)**  
**REGULAR REGISTRATION: \$15 (BY JANUARY 22)**

**ANAHEIM FIRST CHURCH**  
1340 N CANDLEWOOD ST.  
ANAHEIM, CA, 92805

**REGISTER YOUR CHURCH AT**  
[ANAHEIMSDMI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANAHEIMSDMI@GMAIL.COM)

This Event is COMING SOON! Note the registration is due by January 15 and sells out fast!



View from across the street on Foster



View from the High School on Foster



Sidewalk to be completed on Sterns



Main entrance on Sterns



Landscaping on parking lot



View from corner on Sterns



Corner of Sterns and Foster



Foster sidewalk view



Foster Rd outside Childrens Rooms



Fence and gates still to be completed



**PEACE  
AND  
GOOD WILL  
TO ALL.**

**FROM OUR  
FAMILY  
TO YOURS**