



Happy Birthday

By LaVerne Kling

Don't you just love birthdays? We celebrate days, years, ages, and life with gifts of love. We've just recently celebrated the 246th birthday of the United States of America. Ever notice how we celebrate these events with fire? -- lighted candles, fireworks. Well, Pastor Don has been messaging us about another birthday that started with fire -- the awesome birth of the Church on Pentecost Day, 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, some 2000 years ago. [Acts 2:1-4] This "Church" is the body of believers on earth, past present and future, whose confession of faith and hope is in Jesus Christ. Pentecost day this year was June 5, and Pastor's enthusiasm and clarity in presenting the Pentecost experience to us is heartfelt. You won't want to miss these messages -- the summer heat is on and Pastor is on fire too with the Word of God for us.

Just as we give birthday gifts of love to family and friends, God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to all who would believe and receive his son Jesus Christ. [Acts 2:38] That Spirit of God then dwells within believers to empower them in their new spiritual life. [John 14:16] The Holy Spirit burst onto the scene as tongues of fire on Jesus' disciples, and is still the unstoppable force active in the world and in the Church. The early Church witnessed this Holy Spirit power and came to anticipate miracles unraveling daily. [Acts 2:43] Imagine living expecting to see what God is up to -- as Pastor envisioned, the early Church leaned in, looking forward to, anticipating wonders, God at work among them. Really cool visual, Pastor! And we have that gift of God too -- his Holy Spirit power living within us causing our faith to be bold, alive, vigorous, unshakable, leaning in to hear the Spirit of truth as we say "Lord, what are you up to today?" Hallelujah!

There's yet another birthday to celebrate. As seen in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit is the power of the Gospel to save those who believe. [Romans 1:16] Unfortunately I can't say resistance is futile ... because God gave each of us free will to trust Jesus Christ as our Savior ... but thank God he is not willing that anyone should perish and the Holy Spirit continues to pursue and soften hearts to the Gospel message (2 Peter 3:9,15 NLT). My personal Salvation/Born-Again birthday is June 4, 1981. No bells or whistles, just a deep permanent peace with God that finally answered my questions, "what's it all about" "why am I here" "where am I going". Remember yours? And if you haven't experienced that new spiritual birth, you can share in that divine inheritance right now -- the evangelist Franklin Graham gives a simple prayer: "God, I'm a sinner. I'm sorry, forgive me. I believe Jesus Christ is your Son and I want to trust him as my Savior and I'm willing to follow him as my Lord from this day forward forever and I pray this in Jesus' name." Reverend Graham goes on to say that God is willing, we just have to ask.

And so the Church grows. Happy birthday Church, Happy birthday sisters and brothers in Christ!

Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or
www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church

Wednesday Prayer Meetings at 6:00 p.m.

(in person only)

The August Messenger Continued..

SIGNIFICANT AUGUST DATES :

- 12: Sandwiches for Heaven Train
- 14: Finance Committee Meeting
- 16: Church Board Meeting
- 21: Sound Booth Training



August Birthdays

Christa Lain	04
Alex Ruple	11
Emma Downing	25
LaRaine Tench	28
Jiyah Laker	30

Anniversaries

Cynthia & Carlos Lopez 29

FALL FAMILY BLOCK PARTY

Join us **Saturday, September 24 from 3-7 p.m.** Plan to attend and bring your family, friends and neighbors. More details to come as our Committee is working hard to plan a great event!

SOUNDBOOTH TRAINING

Interested in helping with the Sound, Livestream, etc on Sunday mornings? Join Andy on Sunday, August 21 after the Worship Service to learn how. Lunch will be provided. If there is enough interest, a rotating schedule will be created to include as many who are interested. Email the church office: office@parknaz.org if you plan to attend.

PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER

August is like the Sunday of Summer. We are so thrilled to welcome Miss Hayley (Preschool 2) and Miss Laura (PreK) to our program! They both started in mid-July and have been a wonderful addition to our team!!!

We are prepping for the new "school year." The last of our PreK Graduates will move on to Kindergarten in mid-August, and Fall transitions will take place by the end of August/beginning of September. We are excited for the 2022-2023 school year!

We will continue to enjoy the hot days with our water play! Sprinklers, water tables, and pools - we can't get enough! Life's better when playing in the water!!!

We are currently hiring Substitute Teachers! If you know anyone interested in working with children 6 weeks - 5 years, please contact Cheryl at administrator@westlakenaz.org. Goodbye July.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please feel free to contact Cheryl or Pastor Marcella: 440-333-6643.



SANDWICHES FOR HEAVEN TRAIN



Senior adults, we need your help making sandwiches for Heaven Train on Friday, August 12 at 3:00 p.m. Financial donations are appreciated (Mark gift: HT Sandwiches). See Pat Whitney if you have any questions.

TEENS: SONFEST, NYC

Join us at MVNU on **Saturday, September 17** for a music Festival! There will be music, games, food trucks and more. Go to: <https://sonfest.mvnu.edu/> for more information, to purchase tickets and to see the artists. Check out our Facebook page on Fridays for music from the artists. Contact Joanne Murphy in the Church Office if you plan to attend/carpool/caravan.



NYC is July 5-11, 2023 in Tampa, Florida. We have at least two teens planning to attend. Go to: <https://nazarenyouthconference.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1239953> for more information specific to our District's travel plans and payment schedule. If your teens plan to attend, the early bird registration deadline is October 15. Watch for upcoming fundraisers and opportunities to help our teens.