



**LEADERSHIP
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GUIDE
2024-25**

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HARRIET BLACK

Spouse Name:(n/a if single)

N/A

Children Names: (n/a if no children)

N/A

Occupation

Department of the Army Civilian, Management Analyst & Operations Planning Specialist. I have 36 years on Fort Riley and 22 years with Army Field Support Battalion, Support Operations, Installation Logistics Division.

History of activity at JCNaz

I am currently leading a Sunday morning JCNaz small group called Heaven on Earth Ministries; I started out on the First Impressions Team, as a greeter and still serve wherever needed including Communion, Café, and special events volunteer.

Non-Profit Community Outreach: Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Church Relations Team, Community Outreach Team, Project Leader, and Pray Team Member; Local Health Equity Action Team Board Member & Social Media Manager; Intergenerational Clearinghouse and Resource Educational Center (I.C.A.R.E.) Grant Editor; Junction City Caring Place Board Member and Program Development of a Monthly Adult Empowerment Life Skills Workshop.

How did God bring you to JCNaz?

In September 2019, I was searching for a new Church to fellowship with others during the season of my mom's transition to Heaven. Ms. Tina Bailey told me about a Sunday School class she attended at JCNaz. I attended the class and met this amazing couple, Kraig & Michelle Bergner! They were so kind and welcoming, people after God's own heart and displayed in their words, actions, and deeds. Their greeting and fellowship in my time of grief was the best spiritual medicine I could ever ask for. Because of their kind-heartedness, I started serving on the communion team and on the First Impressions Team. Now I have the honor of teaching Heaven on Earth Ministries Sunday School Class. While serving as a greeter I was able to share the Agape love that the Bergner family shared with me.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Monday - Fridays I get up at 3:30 a.m. Exercise and listen to the NIV dramatized Bible, meditate on the Word and pray before heading to work. Throughout the week and on weekends I prepare for Sunday School class, learning more than the students in my preparation. During the day I am praising and thanking God in appreciation for all that He does in my life. I know that He is the lover of my soul and the head, center, and 1st in my life! I have total trust and faith in His will and His way. I am now totally committed and submitted to my Father God & Lord and Savior and serving others to give Him all the praise honor and the glory.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

Baptisms and small group growth, Next-Generations Ministries, the powerful Holy-Spirit-Led messages (music, fellowship, praise, worship, and sermons) that make it easy to invite others to church; empowering the invitees to spiritually grow in character, purpose, and closeness with God.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

I engage people in conversation and ask how they are doing and wait for a response. If I hear in their voice that something is not okay, I will stop and chat with them which leads to a church invite.

I recently invited one of my closest friends to visit JCNaz anytime and specifically for Easter Service. She had a birthday coming so I surprised her with a Purple Prayer plant, jolly ranchers, peeps, chick with chocolates, cupcakes, NIV Study Bible, Why the Nativity book and sparkling grape juice. This idea came from watching the "House Egging Skit."



WAYNE DARSOW

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Julie

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Jacob

Chanda

Occupation

Current: Nurse Practitioner, Retired Army

History of activity at JCNaz

Active in starting the JC NAZ Blood Drive/Stem Cell Drive



How did God bring you to JCNaz?

Previously attended seminar at JC NAZ on sharing faith with our son. Attended church in Abilene for almost 20 years and wanted to be closer to the military community. Saw JC NAZ is a body of believers that understands the need to be a positive impact in the community and has a focused children's ministry, the next generation.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Daily Bible reading, becoming more comfortable with talking about Jesus at work, inviting people to JC NAZ, realizing that my money is God's money and being more obedient to what that means.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

Being a part of a church that actively seeks the will of God and works hard at doing God's will now and planning for the future.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus?

(Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

I have a little more time in my job than a primary care NP so I often talk to young people about God and invite them to JC NAZ. I was teenage binge drinker and I share that testimony with them as a way to show how God can change people and give second chances so mercifully!

RHYAN HOLZER

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Crystal Holzer

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Shelby

Luke

Liam

Vena

Occupation

Quality Assurance



History of activity at JCNaz

JC Naz Leadership Team (board)

Safety Team

Children's Sunday School

Small Groups

Road to Calvary

Easter play

How did God bring you to JCNaz?

He brought me here as a youth with my parents.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Obedience to our father and the leaders of his choosing. Reading his word daily. Leading my family in attending services week in and week out. Giving offerings to the Lord, especially with my time by serving on a regular basis. Consistently tithing.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

Our mission. We exist to make Christ like disciples who transform their world. We are reaching the lost and I am seeing that every week.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

Inviting others. Being intentional with my "one". Talking about Jesus when the opportunity arises.

CHRIS LOW

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Corrina Low

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Johnathan, Arabella, Noah, Corrina-Marie

Occupation

Police Officer

History of activity at JCNaz

I have participated in helping clean up the city parks and have been in small groups such as men's group, the Mooney's. I also am outreaching to those in jail and am currently waiting on the district Minister's license so that I can go to jails outside of Junction City so as to not create a conflict of interest.

How did God bring you to JCNaz?

During the time of Covid, my family and I had came back from being stationed in Hawaii and were looking for a Church unafraid, and we saw JCNaz online fellowshiping as God intended and it drew us to the Church. We also chose to stay because of the sound Biblical truth presented, not catering to the pressures of society.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Some habits that help me grow is studying God's word daily (you can never study it enough), praying daily, leading my family and doing as Jesus commanded which is to go to all telling them of God and especially of repentance.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

I am excited for the future, which is the Children. The Children's ministry is growing, and it is up to us to lead the future evangelists, preachers, healers, etc... This world will grow darker so we need all we can for His glory.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

I have been inviting many to just "come see what the Church is all about" with an open heart and mind. I have a "one" right now I am currently talking to, and am always seeking others to try to bring to Christ. I am never satisfied if even one comes to the Lord, yet seek to understand the person and most of all to try to lead them as Jesus would have. I am an open book to anyone and will share my testimony if it will help them.



SHAUNA MEAD

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

N/A

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Brittin Mead

Occupation

Caregiver and Cleaner

History of activity at JCNaz

I led a team for the ONE Initiative.

Previously served in children's, and currently serving on greeters/ushers, hospitality and prayer teams.

How did God bring you to JCNaz?

By the Holy Spirit Himself

Praise God!

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Habits would include: Quite time daily, prayer journaling by keeping a record of what's on my heart to God, and what God is revealing to me, then adjust my life accordingly. Active in a small group and a Go Team!

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

That we continue to look for new ways to reach the lost!! I love that we try our best to look for new ways to be a light in this community.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

Sharing my testimony! My my life is a testament of God's great love for those griped by addiction and wrongful living. And how his mighty had has the ability to break family strongholds. Looking for ways to love on and support those around me. And yes of course inviting people to church, and investing in my "one".



SCOTT OLSON

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Novella

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Michelle

Occupation

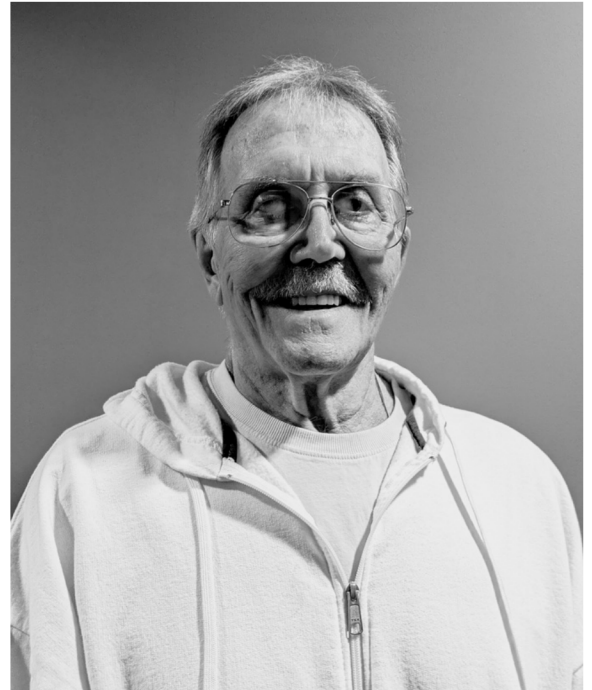
Retired

History of activity at JCNaz

Finance Go Team

Help count Sunday tithes and offering,
deposit money to the bank, send financial
information to accountant

Help with Outreach Events (Christmas Parade)



How did God bring you to JCNaz?

Word of mouth

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Daily prayer

Daily reading the Bible (Chronological study Bible). Very interesting

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

The growth of the youth. I feel it's very important to find ways to entice youth to come and stay with JCNaz.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus?

(Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

I do invite people to come to our church. I especially bring up the music, that seems a major starting point of my invitation.

AUTUMN ORR

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Justin Orr

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Easton Orr

Payton Orr

Rhett Orr

Bryson Orr

Jaxon Orr

Occupation

Administrative Travel and Transportation Counselor

History of activity at JCNaz

This will be my first opportunity at leading in a specific area of JCNaz outside of normal church attendance.



How did God bring you to JCNaz?

Throughout the last 10-11 years, I have attended JCNaz on and off as a teenager with my parents, and as a young wife and mother with my husband and children. February of 2023 I encountered the true Spirit of God and for the first time truly and authentically had a relationship with Jesus. After 6 months of prayer and really focusing in on Jesus and his path for me and my family, my husband and I felt this strong urge to come back to JC Naz. As a family we have been attending service either online or in person since.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

1. Changing how I pray and what I pray for. It no longer centered around myself and my wants, but changed it to center around Gods plan for me and my family
2. Giving up secular music and demonic movies. I realized very fast- the things I once enjoyed no longer felt good anymore. Following his convictions with cutting these things out of my life really helped me hear and know him clearer.
3. Spending time in his word daily, getting to know Gods character.
4. Not using curse words. This was hard, and not immediate. But after prayer and scripture, the Holy Spirit would start to convict me on this.

AUTUMN ORR

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When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

Knowing that there are endless opportunities in spreading the powerful truth of Jesus Christ! Just for the last 6 months that I can personally attest for, there is a great awakening happening and the Holy Spirit is active in our church! When the Holy Spirit is present and active in all of us as 1, Gods power and Glory will always shine! He will display himself in supernatural ways, bringing all the Glory back to himself and as a result- saving more of his children! I can see a big vision for JCNaz in continuing to accomplishing world-wide Kingdom Impact!



What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

As much as I can, I always try to integrate the truth and love of Jesus Christ in my day-to-day conversations with everyone. Not only verbalizing, but praying the Holy Spirit use me and my actions to represent God correctly. Praying that while God lives in and through me, others see and recognize his glory and ask him to live in them as well. Ultimately, planting as many seeds as possible and praying God harvest them when he sees fit!

Another thing I have felt Gods calling on is prepping the next generation. Because i have two teens myself, this along with Gods conviction, prompted me want to start a teen bible study. With the help of my best friend, Joni Peterson, we started a 6-12 grade bible study called Teens4Jesus. Our goal with this is to really dig deep into scripture and correlate scripture to culture today. Giving the teens resources that God already provided, and helping them utilize them to navigate what's of God, and what's of this world. Showing them examples of how Satan has no new tricks, and that scripture combined with a relationship with Jesus is the best tool around! I feel its imperative to ingrain in our next generation the habit of clinging to Jesus for truth, instead of following culture.

CONNIE PECK

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Larry L. Peck

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Danielle Buffin, Aaron Peck, Justin Peck, Whitney Peck

Occupation

retired



History of activity at JCNaz

After coming to JCNaz, I became involved with the worship band, Bible Studies, VBS, and many other areas. God led us to teach, so teaching women was a huge part of my ministry both in the church and in the community for over 20 years. I became involved with the board as Educational Ministries Director for several years then moved into Missions Director for the last 8 years. During these board positions, I continued to lead studies of various kinds within the church and help wherever needed.

How did God bring you to JCNaz?

God brought our family to JCNaz mainly because it was more diverse than most churches we had visited, friendly, Bible-based and community focused. He led us through a sermon as well as my husbands study and confirmed this to be where He wanted to use us. It has been a good fit for our family.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Daily quiet time with the Lord is a must, including prayer and reading. I read a lot of books and study scripture verse by verse through various resources. I have an accountability partner and am involved in several small groups.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

We are on the edge of our military base where folks come from all over the world and go all over the world. The fields are ripe there as well as in our own community. People need hope in a savior and a friend. We offer that here. People need to see genuine faith in action. We offer that here.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus?

(Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.) The Lord has led me to work with the military Bible Study at the chapel on Ft. Riley this year mentoring a young lady and encouraging her to lead a women's study there. That is exciting. I have had several 'Ones' and they are now growing in their faith. GriefShare is another ministry I have been involved in and often there are opportunities to share our Hope through relationship with Christ.

VALERIE ROCK

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Scott

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Carter and Claire

Occupation

Title 1 Reading Specialist at Chapman Elementary

History of activity at JCNaz

Most recently the Go Teams I am involved in are Media Team, Children's Ministry, and being a Growth Track Host. Currently I am leading a small group for parents of teenagers. In the past I have led and been a part of small groups on marriage, parenting, young adults, sermon based, and for women. I used to direct JCNaz Preschool for several years.



How did God bring you to JCNaz?

Scott and I moved to Junction City in 2005. We had originally attended church in Manhattan, but knew God wanted us to find a church where we lived so we started visiting churches in Junction City and quickly found JCNaz as our church home.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Daily devotions, prayer, and attending JCNaz weekly helps encourage and build my walk with God. I use an app called Prayminder where I can input prayer requests for those in my life and it sends those throughout the day which encourages me to be continuously praying. I stay involved in a small group and have accountability partners.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

I have been excited to watch the vision of the new children's side open. In the future it will be exciting to see God continue to use this amazing space along with the rest of our building to impact the community of Junction City and others around them.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example:

through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.) I live to show Christ daily. I have learned over the years that when the Holy Spirit opens those doors for communication that it's an amazing thing to jump right in and share my testimony or encourage/invite someone to come to church with me. If someone is in need, I lead them to scriptures and resources that will help them find their true hope in God.

JEANETTE TORRES

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Joel Rodriguez

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Francisco Cruz

Misael Rodriguez

Occupation

Office manager at Sergio's Auto

History of activity at JCNaz

3rd and 4th grade Caravans for 6 years and currently am a youth sponsor.



How did God bring you to JCNaz?

My husband and I started to look for another church in our community, JC Naz had the most informative website that led us here. Right away we felt we were home.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Not only praying and reading the word but keeping focus on those things that are of spiritual value. One example for me is to listen to sermons when I am running.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

What excites me most is that we continue to come together to honor God, grow in His knowledge and that JCNaz continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus?

(Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

It is always a good thing to have the opportunity to talk about Jesus! I continually invite my family and friends to come to church.

KARIN WARD

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

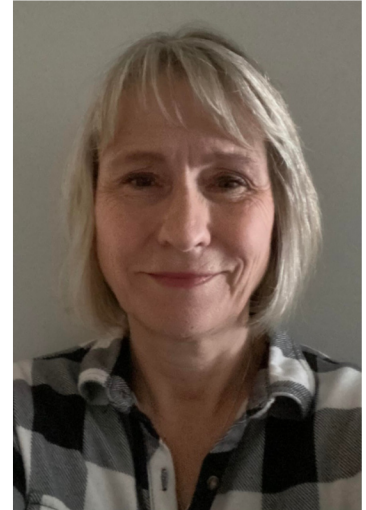
Timothy

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Diana Gossett
Simon Ward
Kathrin Ward
Dustin Ward

Occupation

Semi Retired



History of activity at JCNaz

Children's department, House of Hope, Kitchen,
Ushering, "Gardener"

How did God bring you to JCNaz?

When we found out in Germany that we would move to Ft. Riley, our neighbors happened to have a visitor from Kansas, who had connections to this area. We asked her for recommendations for a good church and were told about JC Naz. Once we moved to Junction City in 1993 and bought our home we realized we were just blocks away from JC NAZ. JC Naz has been our home church ever since.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Listening to Daily Audio Bible daily
morning prayer with my husband
reading devotional at night
reading a Proverb daily
listening to Christian Radio
staying connected with the Lord throughout the day

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

Bringing hope to the people of Junction City, giving them a home at JCNaz where they can connect, find Jesus and grow together.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

Inviting people to church, mostly at House of Hope, sharing my experiences, when I have opportunity, praying for people,

STEPHANIE ZIMMERMAN

Spouse Name (n/a if single)

Randall Zimmerman

Children Names (n/a if no children)

Rindi Guldner

Ty Zimmerman

Tate Zimmerman

Rylee Zimmerman

Occupation

Realtor/Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Signature Properties



History of activity at JCNaz

I am on the Go Team and with with JC Naz kids in the nursery every week. I have participated in small groups for the last 2 years and am currently involved in a small group leadership training bible study. I have been a resident of this community for 30 years. Over the years I have been involved in many volunteer activities and served on various boards to include Habitat for Humanity, school PTA, Bramlage Library Board, United Way Representative, and many different committees within our local Board of Realtors. I currently serve as chair for the Grievance Committee with Flinthills Association of Realtors.

How did God bring you to JCNaz?

My husband and I were looking for a church home and after attending JC Naz, we decided to become members. We have attended regularly for the past 3 1/2 years.

What are some habits that help you grow in your relationship in the Lord?

Regularly spending time with God in prayer and learning scripture. After participating in 21 days of Fasting and Prayer, I learned how do to this on a whole different level. My husband and I have attended 3 of these now, and each time I believe it has drawn me closer to God and has helped me by teaching me the importance of putting God at the very beginning of my day. I have grown closer to him each time, and have added scripture memorization which has also given more depth to my faith and relationship with him.

When you think of the future of JCNaz what excites you the most?

I have been excited to be a part of the JC NAZ kids expansion. Currently, I am in the 2 year old room every Sunday. I look forward to seeing our little friends each week and helping them grow their love for Jesus. We have an amazing team of people who love caring for children and we all do everything we can to make sure our families feel that as well.

What are some personal ways that you are active in helping connect people to Jesus? (Example: through inviting others, investing in my "one", sharing my testimony when I have opportunity, etc.)

I volunteer at JC Pregnancy Center every week. In my role as an advocate, I am able to have conversations with clients who come into the Center and have discussions about their faith. I am able to make a connection and offer support and encourage them to get plugged into a church family .