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NORTH OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 6, 2008

ORDER OF WORSHIP

718 - *We Shall Assemble*

123 - *The Steadfast Love of
The Lord*

Worship Blessing

699 - *I'll Be A Friend*

375 - *Oh The Depth and the
Riches*

Communion

701 - *My Jesus I Love Thee*

Contribution

Children's Worship Will Not
Meet Today

Scripture—1 Cor. 3:3-7

112 - *Wonderful Grace of
Jesus*

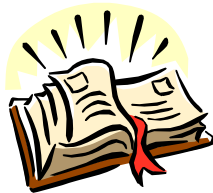
Sermon—"Tour Guides, Gar-
deners and Construction
Workers"

712 - *Jesus is Coming Soon*

Petition Prayer

Special Announcement on
the Directory

Announcements



"If God is a reality, and the soul is a reality,
and you are an immortal being, what are
you doing with your Bible shut?"

Johnson

— Herrik

- ⇒ Bible Class - Sundays @ 9:00 am. (classes for all ages from infant to 95, including **single adult** study with Ray Davis, **young couples** with Ron Sherman; **Bible foundations** with Joe Herrington and adult class in the auditorium (currently studying *John 3:16* with Steve Bowling)
- ⇒ Life Group—Midweek—see one of the elders or ministers if you aren't in a life group
- ⇒ Ladies' Class (every other Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room)
- ⇒ Challenging Bible lessons every week @ <http://rays-rama.tripod.com>—prepared by Ray Davis (Ray will even grade your lesson and discuss any questions with you by email)
- ⇒ 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening—enjoy more singing and Bible study

2008 Church Directory

- The new church directory is ready for pick up today. They will be available in the Multipurpose Room — more details will be coming from Mike Rupel at the end of the service.



Ray's Website: (<http://rays-rama.tripod.com>) for weekly Bible reading and quiz.

A very warm welcome is extended to all our visitors. Please fill out a Visitor's Card. There is a nursery available for infants and toddlers and Children's Bible Hour during the 10:00 a.m. worship service (children will be dismissed to attend Children's Bible Hour following the communion service.) We are happy to have you with us and hope you will come back and visit us again.

CALENDAR

July 13 Worship Ministry Meeting 12:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room
July 13 Elders/Deacons Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
July 13 Youth Devotional
July 27 Goodbye/Potluck for the Stone Family
July 30 Dodger Game
August 23 Ladies Day Out—*Brigadoon* at Glendale Theater 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 19-21 Antelope Valley Ladies Retreat (Big Bear)

Family News

Renee Poignard will perform her solo show "*The Mahogany Door*" at the Whitefire Theater in Sherman Oaks on July 19, 2008. Julie Vetrie is putting together a Ladies Night Out—see the bulletin board for more details. It would also be a great night for couples.

Pat Navickas will be in Idaho for the next few weeks.

Ladies Day Out: If you are interested in seeing "*Brigadoon*" at the Glendale Theater on August 23 at 3:00 p.m., please see **Ronda Herrington** so tickets can be purchased. Cost: \$17.50 each. Please sign the list in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Fundraiser for Antelope Valley Ladies Retreat—Dress Party! 50% -70% off Department Store Prices (see flyer in lobby or Sheila Sherman for more details). Saturday, July 19, 2008 11:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m., 5831 Evergem Avenue, Palmdale. Call Linda at (661) 285-4037 if you need directions.

Stone Family—**Rob** has accepted a new job with the Library of Congress and they will be moving to Virginia the end of July. We are really sorry to see the **Stone family** leave but we wish them the best. In order to give everyone a chance to say goodbye, we are planning a goodbye/church potluck on Sunday, July 27 immediately following the morning service.

YOUTH MATTERS

July 13 / Devo: Need a host, if you have a pool that would be nice.

July 27—August 2/Teen Camp. If you have not gotten your registration in yet, get it in this week before it's sold out. See the Dans if you need forms.

Wednesday July 30/Dodger Game— youth will be going to a Dodger game

Notes



Ray's Rama

I am able to face anything through him who gives me strength" (Philp 4:13 reb).

If you are reading this and I am at church, then by God's grace, I've completed another section of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Last April, I traversed 28 miles of the PCT. This time it was 55 miles.

If you are reading this and I am absent from church—well things didn't go as planned. Perhaps I'm lost, fainted on the trail, got altitude sickness, or was attacked by a bear, cougar, rattle snake or Moe. Hadn't heard of Moe? Well, Moe is a 42 years old chimp who escaped from Jungle Exotics near San Bernardino.

Rescued from poachers in his youth, Moe was a family pet until he bit off a woman's finger tip and attacked a law enforcement officer. Since then, Moe has lived in animal shelters. Authorities are uncertain how Moe will survive in the wild, but according to a Tuesday story in the LA Times, there are several missing chickens in the area where Moe escaped.

I'm not going to allow a possible encounter with a bear, cougar, rattlesnake or Moe keep me from backpacking. Some may think me crazy, but my chances of being eaten by a cougar are about the same as staying home and breaking my neck from a fall in the bathroom. Any endeavor taken—including staying home—has risks.

The same can be said of following Jesus. Though Jesus promises to be with us, there are risks. There's a risk that the person you forgive will take advantage. There's a risk if you share no one will return the favor. There's a risk if you talk of Jesus you'll be rejected. There's a risk if we talk of Jesus, so many new people will be added that North Oaks is no longer recognizable.

When considering possible risks of failure and change, many cling to the status quo, but status quo is not as secure as it seems. Consider the Jerusalem church of Acts 2:42-47 the ideal church. Thirty years later, the same church feared being the influx of Gentile converts (see Acts 21:18-26). Within the next decade, the Jerusalem Church died with the destruction of Jerusalem.

It's a good thing many ventured beyond Jerusalem to share the gospel. These trailblazers took risks and several died or were injured by taking risks. Yet without these trailblazers, Christianity would have died with Jerusalem. As much as I love North Oaks as we are, we must take risks to share the good news of Jesus for we are but one big quake from extinction. Whatever risks of failure and change that await us, the Lord is with us and will give us strength.

Prayer Concerns

If you would like to pray privately today with an elder, please see one of the ushers in the lobby and they will see that an elder is notified of your need.

Ernie's Family (stepfather of Tracie Bowdoin) - death of sister

Tracie Bowdoin—thanksgiving as she got a new job

Michele Whistner (niece of Faye Thomas) - has bipolar child—family going through difficult times

Joan Walter—2 broken ribs and ongoing battle with cancer (confined to bed now)

Rose Rowsey—thanksgiving for prayers for safe travel while she was gone

Alvin Moore (nephew of Dalpho Brazil) - 6 month recovery following heart valve replacement and pace maker

Sharon, Elke, and Emily (friends of Lorraine Terranova) - death of husband and father

Lorraine Spear—job jeopardized after loss of client

Keep in Prayer: *Ann Alba* (friend of Caroline Mason) who has an inoperable brain tumor; **Gerda Bassler** who has health problems; **Cora Dalrymple** who has health problems; **Lance Herrington** (brother of Joe Herrington) who has a brain tumor; **Tina Jackson** (expectant mother); **Alice Johnson** (sister of Julie Vetrie) - esophageal cancer; **Ann Johnston** (mother of Dale Smith) who has cancer; **Karen** (friend of Barb Lorimer) who has cancer; **Kim Rincon** (friend of Bob Gill) who has health problems; **Dale Smith** who has a blood clot in his leg; and **Joan Walter** who has cancer.

Worship Assignments

Schedule of Services

Sunday
 9:00 a.m. Bible Class
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 6:00 p.m. Worship

Mid-Week Life Groups

Minister

Ray Davis
 ray@northoakschurchofchrist.org
 Office Hours:
 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Mon-Thurs

Associate Minister

Ron Sherman
 ronshewin@msn.com

Youth Ministers

Dan Garcia
 Dan Stegall

Elders

Steve Bowling
 Mike Faragher
 Joe Herrington
 Mike Rupel
 elders@northoakschurchofchrist.org

Deacons

Drexel Branstetter
 Dan Garcia
 Rick Head
 Bret Lunde
 Dan Stegall
 Rob Stone

Missions

Harry Hamilton—Chile
 Welborn Hayhurst— New Zealand
 City of Children
 Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

Bookkeeper— Jackie Lowe

Bulletin— Janet Faragher
 (faraghers@sbcglobal.net)

Church Calendar - Debbie Rupel
 (debbie_rupel@yahoo.com)

Email Prayer Requests--
 Tracie Bowdoin

(Tracie91342@yahoo.com)

Showers—Katie Stegall

Meals for Funerals/Shut Ins—
 Faye Thomas/Janet Faragher

July 6

Greeters: F. Thomas/T. Bowdoin

Usher: T. Jackson

Control Room: Ashley Johnson

Welcome

Song Leader—Mike Rupel

Worship Blessing

Bret Lunde

Lord's Supper & Collection

Rick Head

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Kenny Cedeno

Servers

Rozelle Poignard/Zach Smith

Side Servers

Jesse Head/Will Head

Scripture

Dan Garcia

Petition Prayer

Mike Faragher

Announcements /Closing

Dan Stegall

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Mike Bline

Speaker: Ron Sherman

July 13

Greeters:

Usher:

Control Room: Thomas Jeffris

Welcome

Song Leader—Ron Sherman

Worship Blessing

Mike Faragher

Lord's Supper & Collection

Mike Bline

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Bret Lunde

Servers

John Siegmund/Matt Arnone

Side Servers

Jeff Terranova/Brent Faragher

Scripture

Nelson Vasquez

Petition Prayer

Joe Herrington

Announcements /Closing

Dan Garcia

Next Week at 6:00 p.m.

Song Service