



# NORTH OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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27570 Whites Canyon Road  
Canyon Country, CA 91351

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship this morning. We rejoice in this special time with God and you. Please remember to turn off your electronic devices.

238 - You Are The Song That I Sing

242 - Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

### Worship Blessing

214 - Have You Seen Jesus My Lord

337 - Hallelujah! What a Savior

### Communion

221 - Jesus, Name Above All Names

### Contribution

### Children Dismissed

Scripture: 1 Cor. 6:9-11

528 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

535 - The Glory Land Way

Sermon— "Washed Beautifully Clean"

539 - Higher Ground

### Family Prayer

### Announcements

### Closing



And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

II Corinthians 3:18

*How's that transformation coming?*

## Upcoming Events

**August 8-9** Teen Mystery Trip (meet at the building 2:00 p.m. Friday - see Dan Stegall for more information)

**August 10** Youth Beach Devotional

**August 17** Sunday School Promotion Day (children will move up to the next grade level)

**August 23** Ladies Day Out—*Brigadoon* at Glendale Theater 3:00 p.m.

Carl Mitchell will be speaking this evening at the Simi Church of Christ at 6:00 p.m. His topic is "The Church as God Would Have It."



**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

**August 7** Ladies' Class @ 11:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room  
**August 8-9** Teen Mystery Trip (see Dans for more information)  
**August 10** Elders/Deacons Meeting  
**August 10** Youth Beach Devotional  
**August 17** Sunday School Promotion  
**August 21** Ladies' Class @ 11:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room  
**August 23** Ladies Day Out—*Brigadoon* at Glendale Theater 3:00 p.m.  
**August 24** Baby Shower for Tina Jackson  
**August 31** Youth Lead Evening Service  
**Sept. 19-21** Antelope Valley Ladies Retreat (Big Bear)

#### Meals for Tina Jackson

August 5 Jenny Lunde  
 August 8 Carrie Garcia  
 August 12 Julie Vetrie  
 August 15 Sarilyn Harrison

## Family News

**Promotion Sunday**—On Sunday, August 17, children will move up to the next grade level (some grade levels are combined so a move may not be necessary). August 10 will be the last Sunday they attend the classes they are currently in, then on August 17 they will start their new grade level. If you have any questions, please speak directly to your child's teacher.

**Avon Walk for Breast Cancer**—Traci Frommer (Bob Gill's daughter) is walking for a total of 39 miles for the upcoming Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, September 13th and 14th. As a participant, Traci is required to raise \$1800 that will all go towards research for finding a cure for breast cancer. She will be walking in honor of a close family friend who recently lost her battle to cancer, as well as for other women she knows who are survivors.

If you choose to make a tax deductible donation, you have two options: go to [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org), click on donate, support a participate, Los Angeles 2008 and enter Traci's name. You may also write a check payable to Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and either give it to Traci or mail it to: Traci Frommer, 29070 Flowerpark Drive, Canyon Country, CA 91387.



**Email from Scott Klajic**—there is an email posted in the lobby that Julie Vetrie received from one of our former members, Scott Klajic.

**Baby Shower**—mark your calendar for a baby shower for Tina Jackson on August 24. Registered at Target and Babies R Us. Lunch will be served.



**Corrections/Additions to Church Directory**—please contact Gregg Babb ([greggory1@aol.com](mailto:greggory1@aol.com)).

### *Notes*



## RAY'S RAMA

*The men who had gone with [Caleb] said, "No, we cannot attack these people; they are too strong for us . . . we felt no bigger than grasshoppers; and that is how we must have been in their eyes."  
(Num 13:31, 33 reb)*

As a kid, I would catch a grasshopper and pull off its wings, then its hind legs. Finally, I would end the creature's misery by separating its head and body. So reading about the Israelite reaction to the Canaanites—that they were but grasshoppers in the presence of the physically superior and better equipped warriors of Canaan—I understand their fears.

If the Israelites had only reflected on the power of grasshoppers, they might have trusted the Lord and avoided the 40 years of wandering the Sinai desert. Grasshoppers are responsible for over 80 million dollars of crop losses in the United States each year. A cluster of grasshoppers can eat more than a cow. See <http://ipm.ncsu.edu/AG271/forages/grasshoppers.html> for information.

In these days of increasing prices and shrinking income, it is easy to feel like a grasshopper—a victim of stronger forces threatening to pull off the wings of dreams and the legs of stability. Grasshoppers, however, are not helpless. By simply taking small bites and working in groups, the hopping insect overpowers.

A grasshopper doesn't see whole fields; it sees one blade of grass at time. Many problems can't be solved in a day rather it takes a series of days to solve them. Worrying about tomorrow only exaggerates a problem. It's best to learn the method of the grasshopper: small, consistent, persistent bites accomplish much.

Grasshoppers in a group are powerful and so are people. The good that a single person does is multiplied when others join. Add to the group what God can do and an unstoppable force is unleashed. If the Lord can turn five loaves and two fish into a meal for 5,000 with 12 basketfuls of leftover, think of what the Lord and we can accomplish.

We're never as powerless as we think.

--Ray

## 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.*

**Gabrielle Larmon** - illness, depression, mourning the loss of her younger brother; her sister, for her family in Germany and her family here - God's love, peace and kindness toward one another in the family while going through difficult times

**Dagmar** (sister of Gabrielle Larmon) - undergoing treatment for breast cancer

**Jennifer** (cousin of Stephanie Webb) - lost job/looking for work

**Rickey Bell** - recovering from surgery

**Eloise Thate** - health problems

**Ron Sherman** - recovery from pacemaker/defibrillator surgery

**Tracie Bowdoin** - pray for health of her daughter Amber and herself/safe travel this weekend

**Pat Navickas** - recovering from fall

**Kay Taylor** - low white blood count (can't go out in public)

**Georgia** (sister of Paula Dunn) - cancer

Prayer of Thanksgiving from Mary Jones—her niece May had healthy baby girl in Washington; grandniece, Marissa, who lives in Chicago had healthy baby girl. Wants to thank everyone for their prayers.

**Keep in Prayer:** **Ann Alba** (friend of Caroline Mason) who has an inoperable brain tumor; **Gerda Bassler** who has health problems; **Charles Bice-Bey** who has chronic leg pain and needs surgery (also needs a desk job); **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; **Kim Rincon** (friend of Bob Gill) who has health problems; **Dale Smith** who has a blood clot in his leg; **Kay Taylor**—health problems; 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

### Missions

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

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Showers—Katie Stegall

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

### August 3

**Greeters:** G. Lovelace/C. Mason

**Usher:** G. Overturf

**Control Room:** Ashley Johnson

### Welcome

Song Leader—Mike Rupel

### Worship Blessing

Nelson Vasquez

### Lord's Supper & Collection

Rick Head

### Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Bret Lunde

### Servers

Chris Rupel/Rozelle Poignard

### Side Servers

Jesse Head/Will Head

### Scripture

Dan Stegall

### Petition Prayer

Mike Faragher

### Announcements /Closing

Dan Garcia

**Tonight at 6:00 p.m.**

**Song Leader:** Mike Bline

**Speaker:** Ron Sherman

### August 10

**Greeters:** S. Nelson/W. Pirtle

**Usher:** I. Spear

**Control Room:** Thomas Jeffris

### Welcome

Song Leader—Mike Bline

### Worship Blessing

Bret Lunde

### Lord's Supper & Collection

Ivory Spear

### Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Kenny Cedeno

### Servers

Matt Rupel/Brent Faragher

### Side Servers

Will Head/Zach Smith

### Scripture

Steve Pratt

### Petition Prayer

Mike Rupel

### Announcements /Closing

Dan Stegall

**Next Week at 6:00 p.m.**

**Song Service**