



NORTH OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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27570 Whites Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351

AUGUST 17, 2008

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.

833 *I Want to be Where
You Are*

Welcome

155 *Highest Place*

NIB *Listen to our Hearts*

Worship Blessing

376 *He Paid a Debt*

Communion Contribution

Children Dismissed

406 *Just a Closer Walk*

449 *Thy Word*

Scripture: 1 Cor. 7:32-35

Sermon: "Service Precedes
Preferences"

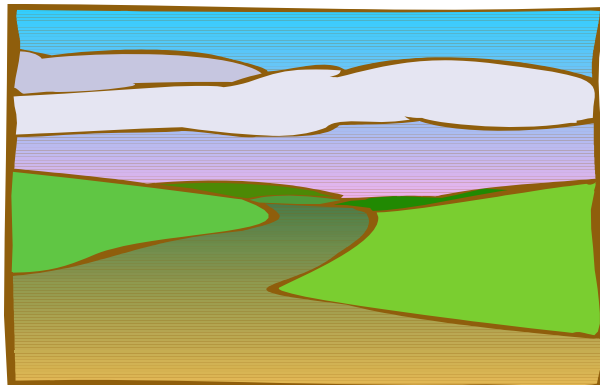
NIB *Down in the River*

18 *Faithful Love*

Family Prayer

989 *Soon and Very Soon*

Closing Prayer and Announcements



*In all your ways acknowledge Him
and He will direct your paths." Prov. 3:6*



Baby Shower

Baby Shower for Tina Jackson

Sunday, August 24, 2008

(immediately following morning service)

Lunch will be served

Registered at Target and Babies R Us

Questions: Katie Stegall



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 17 Sunday School Promotion
August 21 Ladies' Class @ 11:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room
August 23 *Brigadoon* at Glendale Theater 3:00 p.m. (Damon's 12:00)
August 24 Baby Shower for Tina Jackson
August 30 Hike with Ray
August 31 Youth Lead Evening Service
Sept. 19-21 Antelope Valley Ladies Retreat (Big Bear)

Meals for Tina Jackson

August 19 Lori Bowling
 August 22 Jo Anne Bline
 August 26 Gina Carpenter
 August 29 Sheila Sherman

Family News

Volunteers Needed: North Oaks adult volunteers are needed to help with a Habitat for Humanity Project Sept 16-18 (Tuesday through Thursday). If interested, please see **Dan Garcia** or **Ray Davis**.

Hike With Ray: August 30 (Saturday). Please see **Ray** for details.

Brigadoon—Ronda Herrington has the tickets available for purchase. Please see **Ronda** if you are planning to attend, make your check payable to North Oaks Church of Christ (\$17.50 each). There are still some tickets available - anyone is invited to attend (this is not a ladies' day—men are welcome too). A lunch reservation has been made at Damon's at 12:00.

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, 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**.



Youth Calendar

August 17 - after service youth will go to Mary Carnelli's to do some house work for her
 August 24— Devotional (need a host)
 August 31— Youth lead night service



Now is the time to start putting teams together for the North Oaks Bowling League. Our new league should be starting the **first week in September**. We need four on a team to commit for the season, or just let us know you want to bowl and we will put you on a team. The cost is \$10 per week for three games (includes shoes if you need them), which take 1 1/2 to 2 hours to play. The league works with your bowling level and creates handicaps, so everyone is welcome and can help their team. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. More information to follow. Also when signing up, please note if you are interested in purchasing a bowling ball and shoes, we can get a group deal together. Contact **Bret Lunde** if you need any more information.



Ray's Rama

"I should like everyone to be as I myself am; but each person has the gift God has granted him, one this gift and another that." (1 Cor 7:7 reb)

People have preferences. Some eat meat and a few eat only vegetables. Some prefer their meat well-done, others raw. Many listen to Country & Western, a few tune-in to Classical. Some wear short-sleeves, some wear long-sleeved and a few wear both. Some are comfortable in jeans while others choose slacks, shorts or sweat pants. Some like to sleep in, others rise early. People revive alone and people rejuvenate in the presence of a crowd.

People have strengths and weaknesses. Some run fast but not far, others can run far but not fast. Some can sing, some can't and some only think they can sing. A few people are logical and prefer to plan and prioritize ahead of time. Many are spontaneous, living from moment to moment. Some are good with money but poor with people. Some are good with people but poor with money. Some are good with machinery and others don't have a clue.

When it comes to life with God, people have preferences. Some read the New International Version. Others prefer the King James, New Revised Standard, New Living Translation or the original Greek and Hebrew. Some prefer to attend a small congregation and many will only attend a mega-church. Some clap while they sing praises and some sing quietly and softly. Some like preachers who break out into a sweat while others desire a preacher who thinks.

People have strengths and weaknesses in their spiritual life. Some are comfortable with praying for periods at a time. Others struggle to pray for a moment. Many are generous and some need to learn to be more so. Some struggle with lust, others with greed or malice. Some are very open to telling others of Jesus and many are afraid to lest they mistakenly speak.

God has a design for his people. The Lord has so designed his people so that they need each other. There is no one person or one congregation who has all the answers. God has made his community to be a single body of diverse people with diverse gifts with various strengths and weaknesses. God expects his people to work together like a body so that one person or group has more than enough strengths to share with those who lack.

Some mistakenly think they alone possess all truth, have the only method and are the sole dispensers of salvation. Such congregations (and believers) wall themselves off from the very people, the very skills and the very knowledge they need to grow. Just because a fellow believer is different doesn't mean that he or she needs to become more like us. He or she may be God's gift to us so that we may become more like Jesus.

-- 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.

Charles Bice Bey - out of work for 2 weeks due to his leg; will probably have to go on disability; pray for sit down job and that his leg heals

Chris (son of Mike and Jo Anne Bline) - spiritual guidance

Carl (Jo Anne Bline's brother-in-law) - cancer; starting chemo and radiation

Russ & Jackie Lowe - safety while traveling to Texas and Kansas

Sophia (daughter of Regina Carpenter's friend, Olga) - surgery to close a hole in her heart

Stephanie Rattler - safety while traveling back from Australia

Georgia (Paula Dunn's sister) - cancer

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Dale Smith - "Thank you for all your prayers for my mother. She's now in a better place and finally free from pain."

Dalpo Brazil - "Thank you for all your prayers for my nephew Alvin Moore. He got to go home on August 6 and seems to be doing good."

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; **Tina Jackson** (expectant mother); **Alice Johnson** (sister of Julie Vetrie) - esophageal cancer; **Kim Rincon** (friend of Bob Gill) who has health problems; **Dale Smith** who has a blood clot in his leg; **Kay Taylor** who has health prob-

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
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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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(faraghers@sbcglobal.net)

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Directory—Gregg Babb
greggory1@aol.com

Email Prayer Requests--
Tracie Bowdoin
(Tracie91342@yahoo.com)

Showers—Katie Stegall

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

August 17

Greeters: R. Poignard/B. Rattler

Usher: T. Jackson

Control Room: Shane Herrington

Welcome

Song Leader—Mike Bline

Worship Blessing

Ron Sherman

Lord's Supper & Collection

Dave King

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Jim Stately

Servers

George Overturf/Anthony Terranova

Side Servers

Thomas Jeffris/Kyle Bowling

Scripture

Paul Johnson

Family Prayer

Steve Bowling

Announcements /Closing

Bret Lunde

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Mike Rupel

Speaker: Ron Sherman

August 24

Greeters: L. Sheets/T. Bowdoin

Usher: G. Overturf

Control Room: Brent Faragher

Welcome

Song Leader—Ron Sherman

Worship Blessing

Ken Perkins

Lord's Supper & Collection

Bret Lunde

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Nelson Vasquez

Servers

Bob Coburn/Steve Pratt

Side Servers

Jesse Head/Jeff Terranova

Scripture

Dan Stegall

Family Prayer

Joe Herrington

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Dan Garcia

Next Week at 6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Joe Herrington

Speaker: Ray Davis