



NORTH OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Canyon Country, CA 91351

AUGUST 31, 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.

123 - *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

351 - *He Bore it All*

Worship Blessing

745 - *Humble Yourself*

381 - *Years I Spent in Vanity*

Communion

454 - *Rock of Ages*

Contribution

Scripture—**1 Cor. 9:24-27**

458 - *Redeemed*

NIB - *I've Been Redeemed*

Sermon—**"Surrendering In Order to Win"**

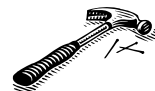
882 - *No Tears In Heaven*

Family Prayer

Announcements

"We are the sermons the world is heeding."

- Building Faith Week—Habitat for Humanity— September 16, 17, 18
- River Rally Clean Up—September 20
- Walk-A-Thon for the Hunger Defense Fund of Santa Clarita— September 20
- Antelope Valley Ladies Retreat at Big Bear Lake— September 19-21. (See Julie Vetrie regarding carpooling to Big Bear)
- Van Nuys Church of Christ Annual Lectureship— October 10-11. The theme this year is "Seek Ye First the Kingdom." Ray is one of the speakers on Friday evening.
- Make a Difference Day— October 25



Some of the above events require prior registration so it is vital that you set aside the dates now. If you have any questions, please see Ray.

Today at North Oaks

- ⇒ Children's Worship will not meet today.
- ⇒ Come back this evening at 6:00 and show your support for our youth as they will be conducting the evening 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

August 31 Youth Lead Evening Service
September 4 Ladies' Class @ 11:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room
September 14 Elders/Deacons Meeting
September 18 Ladies' Class @ 11:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room
Sept. 19-21 Antelope Valley Ladies Retreat (Big Bear)
September 20 Walk-A-Thon for Hunger
September 20 SCV River Rally Clean Up
October 10-11 Van Nuys Church of Christ Annual Lectureship
October 12 Harry Hamilton (our missionary from Chile) Will Visit North Oaks

Meals for Tina Jackson

September 2 Cami Babb
 September 5 Pam Hertel

Family News

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. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby. See **Bret Lunde** if you have any questions.



Please note the date for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer is September 13-14—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 participant, 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 Update

September 1 Monday (Labor Day) - Youth group pool party/BBQ at the Stegall's house from 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Bring your towels, suits and sign up with Katie for bringing a snack, dessert or drinks.



September 7 Sunday—Devo at Jeffris' home

September 13 Saturday— Youth Group Family Night. All families of the youth group (new families too!) come join us at church for dinner and getting to know each other!

September 20 Saturday—Youth group participating in the SCV River Rally Clean up

September 21 Sunday—Devo at the Spears home



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); **Jean** (daughter of Gina Carpenter) who has a high risk pregnancy; **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 problems; and **Joan Walter** who has cancer.



Ray's Rama

My brothers, if one of you wanders away from the truth and somebody brings him back, you may be sure that whoever brings a sinner back from his wrong path will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. (Jas 5:19-20 ISV)

Quick—what do you do if your dog swallows a hand-sized turtle? Twelve year-old Shelby Terihay faced this dilemma. According to a story by the Associated Press*, Shelby moved her pet turtles into a family bathtub last week when cold temperatures threatened them.

Things were going well until Shelby's golden retriever, Bella, jumped into the bathtub and played with the reptiles. The noise gained Shelby's attention. After chasing the dog out of the tub, Shelby counted turtles. She came up one short—Pepper, a red-eared slider turtle was missing.

After looking about in the bathroom for a crawling or hiding Pepper and not finding him, Shelby concluded that Bella, the golden retriever, must have eaten him. Wanting somehow to save Pepper and concerned that Bella might die with a turtle in her stomach, Shelby called a veterinarian.

Following the advice of the veterinarian, Shelby got Bella to vomit. Pepper, with a cracked shell, was still alive—even after several minutes inside Bella's stomach. The veterinarian had never heard of a dog swallowing a turtle before. What would have happened had Shelby not noticed that Pepper was missing?

What happens when a follower of Jesus or someone interested in Jesus suddenly goes missing? It is up to each of us to be aware of what is happening among those we know and care about. Elders and ministers can be helpful like a veterinarian, but they are not likely to be the first ones to know that something is going wrong. By the time the elders and ministers are aware of another's spiritual mishap, it can be too late.

Someone will say, "But the elders and ministers ought to be aware of all the members' needs and situations." In an ideal world elders and ministers should know. Any church leaders worthy of their ministry try. However, time limitations and the awkwardness of telling a church leader of personal problems are obstacles.

As children of God, we are responsible for one another's welfare. If you see someone you know struggling, don't hesitate to help. Don't wait to get others involved who may be able to address the problem. Getting into (and staying in) God's kingdom is a group effort. We all can make a difference and save a life for eternity.

--Ray

*Turtle eaten by gold retriever lives. (2007, February 15). *Associated Press*. Retrieved February 16, 2007, from http://www.boston.com/news/odd/articles/2007/02/15/turtle_eaten_by_golden_retriever_lives/

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.

Jean (daughter of Gina Carpenter) - has a high risk pregnancy and needs to take shots every day

Jerry Dunn, Jr. (son of Jerry and Paula Dunn) - is having serious personal problems

Family of Jerry Behrens (friends of Kara Rea) - death of Jerry's mother 2 weeks ago

Family of David Deane (co-worker of Kara Rea) - David died in a motorcycle accident last week

Matthew (grandson of Mary Jones) - school problems/adjustment

George and his wife, Vanessa (son of Mary Jones) - counseling to strengthen their marriage

Eva (Mary Jones' sister) - safe travel

Sue Nelson—problems with ears; also comfort for her brother Ken as he is in a nursing home

Chace (son of Kedrick and Alison Robinson) - undergoing tests—pray for positive outcome

Jacquelyn Stronberg—pleurisy

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Gina Carpenter - "Thank you for your prayers for Sophia, her surgery was a success and she is doing wonderful."

Lorraine Terranova—"A prayer of thanksgiving for the blessing of my Widows Ministry that continues to grow beyond my belief. Please pray for endless strength for me as I go about helping people who are facing the biggest challenge of their lives. I am eternally grateful for this gift our God has given me. Please pray for the continued strength of my sons Anthony and Jeff who are very much involved in my Widows Ministry. They have been an unbelievable encouragement to me, and to the young people who have lost a parent. Please pray for their wisdom and strength as they continue to provide comfort "

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

Bookkeeper— Jackie Lowe

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 (faraghers@sbcglobal.net)

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

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 31

Greeters: C. Smith/M. Foy

Usher: I. Spear

Control Room: Ashley Johnson

Welcome

Song Leader—Mike Rupel

Worship Blessing

Mike Bline

Lord's Supper & Collection

Steve Bowling

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Paul Johnson

Servers

John Siegmund/Matt Arnone

Side Servers

Zach Smith/Matt Rupel

Scripture

Ken Perkins

Family Prayer

Mike Faragher

Announcements /Closing

Bret Lunde

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Will Conduct Service

September 7

Greeters: P. Campos/K. Cedeno

Usher: T. Jackson

Control Room: Thomas Jeffris

Welcome

Song Leader—Mike Rupel

Worship Blessing

Ken Perkins

Lord's Supper & Collection

Mike Faragher

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Dave King

Servers

Larry Akabike/Paul Johnson

Side Servers

Matt Rupel/Kyle Bowling

Scripture

Bret Lunde

Family Prayer

Joe Herrington

Announcements /Closing

Dan Stegall

Next Week at 6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Mike Bline

Speaker: Ron Sherman