



NORTH OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

Welcome/Prayer

NIB *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

NIB *Ancient of Days*

24 *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*

Worship Blessing

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

313 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Communion

Contribution

Children Dismissed

NIB *The Heart of Worship*

NIB *Let It Rise*

Scripture: Titus 2:11-15

Sermon: "Leftovers Aren't Bad"

692 *Change My Heart O God*

NIB *Lord I Lift Your Name On High*

Family Prayer

970 *I'm Gonna View That Holy City*

Announcements/Closing Prayer

When I pray I can . . .

- Acknowledge that my help comes from above (Psalm 121:1-2).
- Acknowledge that if God is for me, no one else can be against me (Romans 8:31).
- See my unworthiness contrasted with the magnificence of God (Nehemiah 1:5-7).
- As a child, talk to my Father (Mathew 7:11).
- Pursue the will of God in my life (Matthew 26:39).
- Seek true wisdom (James 1:5)
- Seek the blessings of God on behalf of the ones I love (John 17:19-21).
- Seek forgiveness—even for my secret sins (Acts 8:22).
- Ask whatever I want—according to his will (I John 5:14).
- Have confidence that my prayer will be heard (I John 5:14-15).
- Thank God for all that He has done/is doing on my behalf (Philippians. 2:13; 4:6).
- Thank God for my brothers and sisters in Christ (Philippians 1:3).
- Draw closer to God (James 4:8).
- Petition God on behalf of the sick (James 5:13, 16).
- Take advantage of the promises God has made (Hebrews 13:5)
- Tap into the vast resources of heaven (Ephesians 3:20).
- Request help in resistance of the devil (Ephesians 6:18).
- Win a battle against the devil (James 4:7).
- Separate myself from the world—for a while (Matthew 6:6).
- Expect mercy and grace in time of trouble (Hebrews 4:16).
- Find peace (Philippians 4:7).



Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17.



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

- September 21** Youth Devotional at the Spear's home
- October 10-11** Van Nuys Church of Christ Annual Lectureship
- October 12** Harry Hamilton (our missionary from Chile) Will Visit North Oaks
- October 25** Make a Difference Day

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ A Christian-based movie addressing the issue of marriage, called Fire Proof will be shown at the Edwards Canyon Country 10 Cinema beginning September 26. For more details on the movie and to purchase advanced tickets, go online to www.fireproofthemovie.com
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Life Line Screening will offer 4 types of health tests at the North Oaks building on October 15. Flyers on desk in the lobby.
- ⇒ Walk-A-Thon for the SCV Pregnancy Center October 18.
- ⇒ Make a Difference Day October 25 (Saturday). Sign-ups for this event will begin on October 5th.

See Ray if you have any questions.

A friend is a person who goes around saying nice things about you behind your back.

Notes



Ray's Rama

The child's father and mother were full of wonder at what was being said about him. (Luke 2:33 reb)

Why do adults act bizarrely around babies? Ever tried to humor your boss with the facial expressions used to make a baby laugh? What about the way we talk to infants? It is a miracle babies learn language when bombarded with “yum-yum,” “wee-wee,” or “boo-boo” and the baby talk voice that many use in the presence of infants. Consider all those “darling” baby clothes at the department store. The fact that toddlers prefer to wear nothing at all reveals how unbearable all the cute stuff is.

Some adults bring reasoned analysis to their encounter with babies. Among these are geneticists, who point out, “He’s got your nose, his father’s mouth, and the ears are like Uncle Bill’s!” There are historians who reassure, “Your cousin Sue swallowed a golf ball at about this age, and she survived without having her stomach pumped!” Then, there are the forecasters, “With costs rising the way they are, when she’s 18, college is going to cost you \$200,000 a year!”

With what can we compare an old man’s observation of an eight day old? Though a stranger to Joseph and Mary—Simeon asked to hold Jesus. At first the old man praised God for the child in his arms: “Now, Lord, you are releasing your servant in peace, according to your promise. For I have seen with my own eyes the deliverance you have made ready in full view of all nations, a light that will bring salvation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel (Luke 2:29-32 reb)

If an old man holding your infant should say the same of your infant as Simeon did of the infant of Joseph and Mary, wouldn’t you quickly take your child back? Just as Mary did so, Simeon looked at Mary and the infant, Jesus, and said something more bizarre: “This child is destined to be a sign that will be rejected; and you too will be pierced to the heart. Many in Israel will stand or fall because of him; and so the secret thoughts of many will be laid bare” (Luke 2:34-35 reb)

We don’t know how Joseph and Mary reacted to Simeon’s comments. Perhaps, they quickly went home hoping the old man Simeon didn’t follow them. One thing is certain: the old man’s prediction is proven every day. Jesus has been a sign of the falling and standing of millions. What are your thoughts when you hear the name, “Jesus”? He continues to lay bare the thoughts of many.

—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.

Stacey Spelleri—injured in a parking garage after attending a concert at UCLA—has two broken feet.

Bea Watts (a friend of the Siegmunds) - was on the MetroLink train that crashed

Robbie (Cathy Siegmund's sister) - had surgery for kidney stones

Drexel & Beverly Branstetter - prayer of thanksgiving as their son, Brady, as he usually takes the 3:45 train home but worked late and did not take it last week (and as a result was not on Metrolink train crash)

Jeremy & Beth (son-in-law and daughter of Sarilyn Harrison) - Jeremy, who is 26, has a rare form of arthritis caused by a virus that will eventually leave him bedridden. They are very worried about the future.

Roberts Family (friends of the Stegall's) - father, Tom passed away; recently lost a sister-in-law. Keep the family in your prayers and that the Stegalls will be able to encourage the Roberts family to come to North Oaks.

Lourdes (mother of Mary Jones' grandson) - difficult pregnancy. Mary thanks everyone for their prayers—her low back pain turned out to be a kidney stone.

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.

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
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Office Hours:
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Mon-Thurs

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Drexel Branstetter
Dan Garcia
Rick Head
Bret Lunde
Dan Stegall

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Welborn Hayhurst— New Zealand
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Showers—Katie Stegall

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

September 21

Greeters: L. Hinojos/M. Jones

Usher: I. Spear

Control Room: Shane Herrington

Welcome

Song Leader—Mike Bline

Worship Blessing

Nelson Vasquez

Lord's Supper & Collection

Ivory Spear

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Jim Stately

Servers

Matt Arnone/Kenny Cedeno

Side Servers

Brent Faragher/Jesse Head

Scripture

Zach Smith

Family Prayer

Mike Rupel

Announcements /Closing

Steve Bowling

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Ken Perkins

Speaker: Ray Davis

September 28

Greeters: G. Lovelace/C. Mason

Usher: T. Jackson

Control Room: Brent Faragher

Welcome

Song Leader—Joe Herrington

Worship Blessing

Rick Head

Lord's Supper & Collection

Dan Garcia

Prayer for Fruit of the Vine

Dan Stegall

Servers

Mark Nikander/Thomas Jeffris

Side Servers

Will Head/Jeff Terranova

Scripture

Dave King

Family Prayer

Mike Faragher

Announcements /Closing

Bret Lunde

Next Week at 6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Joe Herrington

Speaker: Ron Sherman