

NORTH OAKS

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER 18, 2009

Welcome to Family and Friends Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

587 – *Sing and Be Happy*

Not in Book – *Days of Elijah*

23 – *Our God, He is Alive*

Worship Blessing

226 – *Come Thou Fount of
Every Blessing*

792 – *My Eyes Are Dry*

Communion

Contribution

Children's Worship

959 – *Just A Little Talk with
Jesus*

Scripture: Matthew 13:14-17

**Lesson: Encounters with Jesus:
Simeon—Revealed Secrets**

948 – *I Am Resolved*

Family Prayer

Thank you for coming

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

There is a nursery available for infants and toddlers and Children's Bible Hour during the worship service. We are happy to have you with us and invite you to come back and visit us again.

Please join us for lunch immediately following the morning service. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.



Today at North Oaks

- Lunch in the Multipurpose Room (everyone is invited to stay)
- Men's Training Class @ 4:30 p.m.
- North Oaks Lights Softball Game @ 5:20 Bridgeport Park
- Davis Life Group @ 6:00 p.m. Multipurpose Room

In This World, Nothing Lasts Forever

- New cars grow old.
- Clothes wear out.
- Roofs spring leaks.
- Windows crack.
- Appliances break.
- Computers crash.

In this world there is but one thing we can count on: God is good and His love endures forever.

*"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever,
His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Psalm 100:5.

To Keep You Informed:

- ⇒ www.northoakschurchofchrist.org (download sermons, including Chris Goldman's lessons from Camp Whitsett; check calendar or bulletin)
- ⇒ <http://rays-rama.tripod.com> for challenging weekly Bible reading and quiz
- ⇒ Facebook— go to www.facebook.com and search for North Oaks Church of Christ and North Oaks Church of Christ Recycle Page



CALENDAR

- October 18 Friends/Family Day
- October 18 Men's Leadership Training @ 4:30 p.m.
- October 24 Make A Difference Day
- October 25 Baby Shower—Allison Robinson
- October 25 Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- October 25 Men's Leadership Training @ 4:30 p.m.

- October 29 Ladies' Class @ 11:00 a.m.
- October 29 Youth Costume Party at the Lunde's
- November 1 Men's Leadership Training @ 4:30 p.m.
- November 1 Youth will Lead Service; Trunk or Treating immediately following

North Oaks Notes

Family News

Leila Humphries had a heart attack last Saturday. She now has a stent and is recovering nicely. Keep Leila in your prayers as she recovers. Also keep Anne Sticksel in your prayers as she is battling esophageal cancer.

Deacon Nominations

The elders announced last Sunday they are seeking nominations from the congregations for new deacons to serve here at North Oaks. The elders ask that you prayerfully consider potential deacon candidates and that those that are nominated will consider their qualifications and their potential service in this church. Please submit your written nomination to one of the elders. See I Timothy 3:8-12

Youth Will Lead Service / Trunk or Treating

Mark your Calendars for November 1—Youth will lead the 6:00 p.m. service followed by Trunk or Treating. Bring candy for the kids and chili or dessert. Questions: see Dia Vasquez.



Wedding Celebration

If you have contributed to Erin Davis and Matt Wildings' honeymoon fund and would like to sign a card, please see Julie Vetrie. You can also donate cash (give to Julie) or donate on-line at:

<http://www.honeyfund.com/wedding/erinplusmattequalemarriage>

Help the Children

"Items needed at Help the Children-Santa Clarita cereal; deodorant; toothpaste; shampoo; feminine hygiene products; diapers; baby wipes.
Place in container next to the desk in the lobby.



Baby Shower for Allison Robinson
 October 25 immediately following the morning service in the Multipurpose Room.
 Registered at Target and Babies R Us.
 (It's a Girl!)
 See Katie Stegall if you would like to help with food or decorations.

Prayer Concerns

- Lorena Becerra**—pray for her brother, Lui. He is going through a hard time—pray that he keeps the Lord in his heart to make him strong and faithful.
- Bob Gill**—pray for Virginia Tucker, the wife of a friend and a 12-year breast cancer survivor. She has lost a lot of weight and the doctor's don't know why.
- Robinson Raheem**—God has given her another position at work and she asks for prayer to be all that she can according to God's word and that her light will shine to others and lead them to God. Pray for her family that they keep God first in their lives and give Him, the Lord, their first fruit.
- Ivory & Lorriane Spear**—prayer of thanksgiving for their new granddaughter, Safiya Elaine Morris.
- Laura Tate**—pray for safe travel as they were traveling to Oklahoma last week to bury her brother who died last week.
- Julie Vetrie**—Faye Thomas continues to have unexplained fevers and fatigue. Pray for her recovery and for a diagnosis and treatment for her to return to her normal state of health.

Ray's Rama



I'm often asked, "*How do you pick a good church?*" To find a good church consider the following five questions:

Is the church composed of members who have been rescued?

It is one thing to say "Jesus saves" but quite another to realize that he does. A church composed of rescued members is joyous and ever thankful for being given a new lease on life. Rescued people are empathetic to those who fall short being aware of their own failings. A church of rescued people finds room for those whom Jesus has rescued.

Does the church see its need to change to be Christ's community?

Those whom Jesus rescues are transformed into a unique community with a mission to serve God and to reflect godliness. Living for God is not easy. There are selfish habits to be unlearned and new Christ-like patterns to be adopted. Thus, a good church is more concerned about its own failings than with the failings of the world for it hears Jesus calling it to a higher standard than the world.

Is the congregation caring for its members and people outside itself?

The community of Jesus' making cares for people both in and out of the congregation. In a good church, members not only attend Sunday service but they are involved in serving one another throughout the week. Since Jesus died for all, a good church serves people outside its membership. When a church cares for people its membership reflects the social-economic and ethnic groups of its area.

Is the church looking forward to Jesus' return?

A good church doesn't get too full of itself. A good church realizes it is merely a bridge between the good news of Jesus' earthly ministry and the full unfolding of God's promise at the return of Jesus. Whatever trials are endured and whatever successes are achieved, a good church knows that the work of Jesus is far greater than its own.

Is the church dialoguing with the Bible?

A good church recognizes the Bible is a unique message given by God with information which cannot be discovered by any other means. A good church doesn't just use the Bible it dialogues with Scripture. A dialogue between church and the Bible prevents blind literalism which makes every text of the Bible of equal importance. A dialogue between church and the Bible prevents relative rationalism which limits any guidance that the Bible may provide for today.

I'm glad you are here this morning. I think North Oaks is a very good church but please look at us with these five questions in mind. While no church is perfect, a good church ought not to be passed by.

--Ray

Keep in Prayer: Charles Bice-Bey—chronic leg pain and needs surgery (also needs a desk job); Cora Dalrymple—health problems; Kristin Dickson—pregnancy; Mike Davis—leukemia; Tom Hertel—health problems; Kim Rincon (friend of Bob Gill)—health problems; Allison Robinson—pregnancy; Dale Smith—blood clot in his leg; Anna Sticksel—cancer.

Worship Assignments

<u>Schedule of Services</u>	October 18	October 25
<p>Sunday 9:35 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Davis Life Group Life Groups meet during the week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minister</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ray Davis ray@northoakschurchofchrist.org Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Associate Minister</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ron Sherman ronshewin@msn.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Youth Ministers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dan Garcia Dan Stegall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Elders</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Steve Bowling Mike Faragher Joe Herrington Mike Rupel elders@northoakschurchofchrist.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Deacons</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drexel Branstetter Dan Garcia Rick Head Bret Lunde Dan Stegall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Missions</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Harry Hamilton—Chile City of Children Manuelito Navajo Children's Home</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><u>Bookkeeper</u>— Jackie Lowe <u>Bulletin</u>— Janet Faragher (faraghers@sbcglobal.net) <u>Church Calendar</u> - Debbie Rupel (debbie_rupel@yahoo.com) <u>Directory</u>—Gregg Babb greggory1@aol.com <u>Email Prayer Requests</u>— Tracie Bowdoin (Tracie91342@yahoo.com) <u>Showers</u>—Katie Stegall <u>Meals for Funerals/Shut Ins</u>— Faye Thomas/Janet Faragher</p>	<p><u>Nursery</u>: J. Huff; S. Sherman <u>Control Room</u>: Thomas Jeffris</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Song Leader/Worship Blessing</u> Lance Bohannan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lord's Supper & Collection</u> Rick Head</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Servers</u> J. Stately; M. Nikander; P. Johnson M. Rupel; Kenny Perkins; K. Ceden; K. Bowling; Jesse Head</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Scripture</u> Philip Givens</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family Prayer</u> Mike Faragher</p>	<p><u>Nursery</u>: A. Pratt; M. Jones <u>Control Room</u>: Brent Faragher</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Song Leader/Worship Blessing</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lord's Supper & Collection</u> Bret Lunde</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Servers</u> T. Jeffris; C. Rupel; D. King; A. Terranova; N. Vasquez; M. Nikander W. Head; J. Terranova</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Scripture</u> Blaine Chiappetta</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family Prayer</u> Joe Herrington</p>