



*Welcome to*  
**ORONAZ**  
OROVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## WELCOME

Sunday, April 14, 2024

**THANKS FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP AT ORONAZ!** Please fill out a Connection Card via the Church Center app on your phone (see QR code) to share prayer requests, find ministries & get plugged in! Through Church Center you can find a complete list of staff & leadership information as well as links to the numerous ministry opportunities we have available.

Visit us at the Connection Center in the lobby if you'd like personal help or have any questions.

Scan this QR Code to open the Church Center app & don't forget to turn on notifications so you don't miss anything!



## MONTHLY MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



Maybe you don't have a lot of time, but you've got some skills and you don't mind sharing them? Join the Facility Team. We have a number of ways for you to participate with this industrious team. We need people that are willing to paint, change AC filters, clean gutters, weed eat, mow lawns, blow the parking lot and all of the other tasks related to stewarding the OroNaz facility and maintaining it as a warm, welcoming place to share good news. If you're interested in joining the Facility Team volunteer list, please contact Lexi Ramsey or sign up at the Connection Center.

## PRAYER EMPHASIS

We have a Prayer Emphasis during our worship gatherings and encourage you to continue in that focus throughout the week. This week we will pray for ***Unity in the Church and our Nation.***

The Prayer Room (in the lobby) is open before and after Sunday morning worship. This is available to everyone, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We have people there after Sunday morning worship services who can pray with you and for you, or you can use this space quietly on your own. God is ready to hear anything you have to say.



*As we gear up for another season of Summer Camps, we want to share some ways you can **make an impact** by supporting our kids and youth!*

**Holy Grounds Café**—Anything you buy, from a donut to a cup of coffee, goes toward supporting our kids & youth!

**Support Wall**—We have a Support Wall in the Lobby where you can take an envelope and sponsor full or partial camp amounts, from \$10 to \$750).

**Pie-A-Pastor**— We have tip jars at the café for each of our pastoral staff. Whoever gets the most tips before June 2 gets pied during our Youth Service on June 2nd!

**All Church Pizza Night**—Join us at Shakey's Pizza on Monday, April 29, between 5-8pm. If you tell them you're with OroNaz, a portion is donated back to us to support summer camps.

**All Church Movie Night**—May 10 at 6pm, more details to come!



## WEEKLY EVENTS

**SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING**, 8am in the Prayer Room, open to all.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES**, Sundays, 9am, in various rooms. See class pamphlet at Connection Center.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**, during 10am worship after the offering, Room 112.

**YOUNG ADULT HANG**, Mondays, 7pm, in Family Room.

**PURE DESIRE MEN'S GROUP**, Mondays, 6:30-8pm in Pastor's Conference.

**YOUNGLIVES**, supporting teen and young adult moms and dads, 2nd & 4th Mondays 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall, childcare provided.

**WOMEN'S RENOVATION STUDY**, Tuesdays, 10am-noon, Fellowship Hall.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL MINISTRY**, Tuesdays, 6-8pm, in the Sanctuary.

**YOUTH GROUP**, Tuesdays, 6-8pm in the Youth Room (Room 116).

**PRAYER MEETING VIA ZOOM**, Wednesdays, Noon, [OroNaz.org/prayer](https://oro-naz.org/prayer).

**SERENITY 12-STEP RECOVERY**, Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, in Fellowship Hall.

**CAME TO BELIEVE RECOVERY**, Thursdays, 6-7:30pm, in Fellowship Hall.

## FINANCIAL CONNECTION

You can give your tithes & offerings **in person** Sunday morning in the offering bags/boxes or mail/drop-off at the church office), **on our website** ([OroNaz.org/give](https://oro-naz.org/give)), or through the **mobile app**, Church Center (download in your mobile app store).

Week 6 Updated 4/10/24

Needed Year to Date	\$84,648.37
Giving Year to Date	\$78,156.67
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$86,762.96

*Our Pastor, CLT, and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback.*

*Please email the Finance Team at [finance@oronaz.org](mailto:finance@oronaz.org) to start a conversation.*

*Full Financial Connection and more information at [OroNaz.org/finances](https://oro-naz.org/finances)*

**Find contact information for our staff & leadership at the Connection Center or online at [OroNaz.org/leadership](https://oro-naz.org/leadership)**

**Oroville Church of the Nazarene**

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Church Office Hours: Mon – Thurs, 8:30am – 12:30pm, 1-4:30pm

Closed Fridays

# Better Together

PASTOR DARLENE FRANKS ECC. 4:9-12

**Better Together**  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

Pastor Darlene Franks  
April 14, 2024

*"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. <sup>10</sup>If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. <sup>11</sup>Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup>A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.*

We often hear how we have a God-shaped hole in our hearts that only God can fill. John Ortberg says that *"we also have a human shaped hole, that God has placed there, and that he will not fill."* We need God **AND** we need each other.

## **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!**

### **FOUNDATION 1: The Nature of God**

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."* Genesis 1:26

#### ***What does this say about God?***

God is Community.

God doesn't make an individual, He makes a community.

We are made in the image of God!

He is community and so that makes us community.



**FOUNDATION 2:** Humanity in community reflects the nature of God  
*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."...But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Genesis 2:18-25*

**What does this say about us?**

This is the first time God says, "It's NOT good!"  
So, what is the cause for celebration?  
Being together, in community, is VERY GOOD!




*"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."*  
Genesis 1:31

**FOUNDATION 3:** Isolation Destroys

*So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.*  
Genesis 2:6-7

**How will we master it?** Together! In relationship with God and one another. "Two are better than one, for a triple braided cord is not easily broken."

**WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!**

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# FINANCIAL CONNECTION

In the recent church survey, an individual asked about understanding the basics of OroNaz. So, here are the basics:

OroNaz is a locally funded church, meaning: our church functions completely based on the tithes and offerings given each week. This funds all of the operations of our local church: maintenance and upkeep of our facility, salaries for pastors and staff, ministry budgets, etc. OroNaz also participates with the Church of the Nazarene denomination globally through our *Shares for Others*. Each week when tithes and offerings are given, we then share a portion to help fund the operations of our denomination.

The Church of the Nazarene has always been heavily involved in world missions with the goal of making Christ-like disciples in all the nations. Our local church contributes 5.5% of all tithes and offerings received to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) to participate in supporting missionaries and missions throughout the world. In the '23-'24 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$38,187 to support the WEF.

At a more local level, OroNaz sends 4% of all tithes and offerings received to the Administration Fund. In the '23-'24 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$27,629 to the Sacramento District Office. These funds are managed by our local district to meet the needs of churches and district ministries within the Northern California region. In addition, our local church contributes 2.5% of all tithes and offerings received to the Educational Fund. This fund is managed by our regional university, Point Loma. In the '23-'24 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$15,884 to support the educational needs of Point Loma.

Finally, OroNaz sends 2% of all tithes and offerings received to the Pensions and Benefits Fund. In the '23-'24 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$15,542 to help provide a modest benefit to retired pastors and missionaries of our denomination.

Just as an individual is called to tithe to his/her church, OroNaz chooses to give 14% of all tithes and offerings to the Nazarene denomination to support the many needs here, near and far. God continues to provide for our every need. As OroNaz gives our Shares for Others to our denomination, we are participating in the great commission making Christ-like disciples in all the nations.

If you ever have questions about finances, feel free to reach out to us at [finances@oronaz.org](mailto:finances@oronaz.org).

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**FINANCIAL CONNECTION:** As Paul writes, “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”. We are keeping the church family updated on our financial blessings and challenges. Please pray and/or give as God leads.

**March** is the 1st month of the annual budget year that runs March 2024 to February 2025. Thank you for your continued financial commitment; it is a testament to what God is doing in us and through us.

Our Pastor, CLT, Treasurer (Joey McCoy) and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at [finance@oronaz.org](mailto:finance@oronaz.org) to start a conversation.

Projected budget March 2024-February 2025:	\$751,364
Needed for March 2024	\$62,614
Giving for March 2024	\$62,614
Expenses paid in March 2024	\$52,112
<b>Needed Year to Date</b>	\$62,614
<b>Giving Year to Date</b>	\$64,464
<b>Expenses Paid Year to Date</b>	\$52,112

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date	
World Evangelism Fund	\$2,761
Nazarene Benefits	\$1,004
Education	\$1,255
District Ministries	\$2,008