



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

## WELCOME

Sunday, April 21, 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 the **upcoming vote for a new Sacramento District Superintendent and that transition process.**

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://OroNaz.org/give)), or through the **mobile app**, Church Center (download in your mobile app store).

Week 7 Updated 4/17/24

Needed Year to Date	\$98,688.18
Giving Year to Date	\$90,975.47
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$88,018.82

*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://OroNaz.org/finances)*

**Find contact information for our staff & leadership at the Connection Center or online at [OroNaz.org/leadership](https://OroNaz.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: Part 2**  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

Pastor Darlene Franks  
April 21, 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.*

## **Review of Part 1:**

God's Essential Nature – Genesis 1:26

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We reflect God's Nature when we are in Community – Genesis 1:31

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Why are we better together? – Genesis 4:8, Matt 18:15-20, 1 Peter 5

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*"We have a God shaped hole in our hearts that only God can fill. We also have a human shaped hole, that God has placed there, and that he will not fill."  
(John Ortberg)*

*"Christ works on us in many different ways – primarily through others."  
(C.S. Lewis)*

## Part 2: Church Community - Marbles or Grapes?

### Congregation

- ⇒ Life in Jesus is personal but not private
- ⇒ MinE
- ⇒ Connected, authentic, noticed, missed

### Aggregation

- ⇒ Exist unto self
- ⇒ Common interests without deep connection
- ⇒ Spiritual vs. Religious – Me, Jesus, my \_\_\_\_\_.

## What does Genuine Christian Community Look Like?

Hebrews 10:24-25

<sup>24</sup> *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* <sup>25</sup> *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

- ⇒ Pays attention to **others**
- ⇒ Speaks truth in love to **others**
- ⇒ Encourages **others**
- ⇒ Loves **others**

## How will I Grow in Genuine Christian Community?

- ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_
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WE were made for MORE!