

Welcome to

ORONAZ

OROVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

OroNaz.org



WELCOME

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

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!



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

A graphic with a rainbow gradient background (orange, red, purple, blue, green). The words "Youth Ministry" are written in a large, white, cursive script font, centered on the graphic.

Youth
Ministry

Youth Ministry has two weekly connection points for grades 6–12: Sundays during the worship service and Tuesday Youth Group from 6–8pm where we share dinner, play games, worship, hear a relevant message, and break into small groups to grow in faith and friendships. A highlight each year is our summer camp, this year's theme is *Whole Hearted*. Students will experience an unforgettable week led by Pastor Sam with a dynamic guest speaker from Sacramento. We'd love your support through upcoming fundraisers and our student-led café, where every purchase goes toward sending as many teens as possible to camp! Stay tuned for the summer schedule, and reach out to sam@oronaz.org to get involved.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation is the lifelong process of growing in faith. It is the work of Christ in our hearts transforming how we think, how we live, and how we relate to God and others. At OroNaz, we desire to help our people grow. One way we encourage growth is by offering different groups and classes throughout the year. Some classes happen on Sunday mornings at 9am and run for 8 weeks, while others are on-going. Check oronaz.org/grow for a full list of Christian Formation opportunities.

GET CONNECTED LUNCH



If you're new or haven't yet attended, please join us on **Sunday, May 31st** after morning worship for a free, quick lunch with pastors and leadership to hear more about life here at OroNaz. We'd love to get to know you better! Use this QR code to register.

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YOUTH & KIDS SUMMER CAMP DATES: High School Camp June 21st-24th, Middle School Camp June 25th-28th, Kids Camp June 29th-July 3rd. Each will be at Mt. Hope Bible Camp. See Pastor Sam or Pastor Julie if you're interested in sponsoring a camper to help cover the cost for this amazing opportunity for kids to grow in their relationship with God and with other believers their age.

Check sacnaz.org/district-camps for full details and to register your campers before June 1st to lock in early bird pricing!

NEW HERE? WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!

STOP BY THE
CONNECTION CENTER
IN THE LOBBY

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

- Join us at 10am for Youth Sunday: celebrate with those who are graduating or promoting into and from middle school, high school and college as the youth help lead worship and bring us God's word.
- Cornerstone Ice Cream Social is happening at 4pm for those who are approaching or are in the season of retirement. Sign ups coming soon, you won't want to miss this fun time of sharing and fellowship!

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES, 9am, in the Fellowship Hall and Room 117.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, 10am, in the Sanctuary.

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING, 12-1pm in the Prayer Room, open to all.

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

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

YOUTH GROUP, Tuesdays, 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Room.

TREASURES OUT OF TRAUMA WOMEN'S GROUP, Tuesdays 6-7:30pm, Room 112.

PRAYER MEETING VIA ZOOM, Wednesdays, Noon, OroNaz.org/prayer.

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

DISCIPLED BY JESUS PRAYER MEETING, Thursdays, 6-7am, in the Fellowship Hall.

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

If you haven't filled out a Connection Card or added your email address to Church Center, you're missing out! We send out weekly emails with info on upcoming events and a link to our weekly Refresh devotional videos.

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), or through the **mobile app**, Church Center (download in your mobile app store).

Week 11 Updated 5/13/26

Needed Year to Date	\$ 137,171.76
Giving Year to Date	\$ 137,215.78
Expenses Paid YTD	\$ 125,119.81

Our staff, CLT, and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at Finance@OroNaz.org to start a conversation.

Find contact information for our staff & leadership at the Connection Center or online at OroNaz.org/leadership

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Pastors and Staff Available Monday-Thursday

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ALL THINGS NEW

ASCENSION COMMANDS, AUTHORITY & PROMISE

Pastor Darlene Franks

May 17, 2026

Acts opens in the forty days after Jesus' resurrection. Luke tells us Jesus continued teaching the disciples about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). The disciples are standing between promise and fulfillment—Jesus is about to ascend, the Holy Spirit has not yet come, and the church has not yet launched. In this transitional moment, Jesus leaves them with clear instructions: **wait**, **receive**, and **witness**.

Acts 1:4-11 (NIV, emphasis added) *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait** for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will **receive** power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

WAIT

Isaiah 40:31 (NRSVUE) *but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength.*

Isaiah 30:18 (NRSVUE) *Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;...blessed are all those who wait for him.*

Luke 24:49 (NIV) *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

RECEIVE

John 7:38-39a (NIV) *By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.*

John 20:22 (NIV) *And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) *For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*

WITNESS

Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSVUE) *And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

1 Peter 3:15 (MSG) *Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.*

