

2022-23 *Annual Report*



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OroNaz Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ who seek to worship God and share His love,
we desire to reconcile people to Christ and to equip them to be His
devoted followers.

ORONAZ ETHOS

: the characteristic spirit of a culture, or community .

"Living by faith.

Holding out hope.

Walking in love."



OroNaz Staff 2022-2023

From left to right, back row: Seth Dekkenga, Dale Marsh, Travis Marshall, Kristin Walburn, Theresa Swift, Dick Bryce, Thomas Leavenworth, Dena Doyle; front row: Darlene Franks, Lexi Ramsey, Stephanie Fowler, Kolleen Wells, Amy Hayse, Sue O'Hanlon, Sally & Glen Miller, Pam Thorne.

Not pictured: Megan Musick

Pastoral Reports



TRAVIS MARSHALL

LEAD PASTOR

Dear OroNaz Family,

As always you all have been on my mind and heart. Truthfully, a pastor's heart is always holding their people. This is a humble honor and yet at times it can become a great challenge too. In trying to lead you in the ways of Jesus and his gospel I can get distracted by trying to meet every expectation, satisfy each preference and advocate for every opinion. Pastors want to be liked too, you know, and for this reason we can so often become less like a shepherd and more like a mascot. However, the outcome to this pursuit is never healthy, not for me and not for OroNaz.

Disruptive Grace

This past I watched you grow, I've grown too and for that growth I am deeply encouraged and grateful. It's a new season for OroNaz and as followers of Jesus we never stop growing in Christ. Our journey has been filled with joys and sorrows; hellos like Lexi Ramsey joining the staff as Interim youth director and ministry administrator, and two big goodbyes with Levi Kniss, as God has called him to move to full time work with The Axiom and being a community missionary, and Rita Englund in feeling God's call to focus on the administration at Mount Hope Camp. We thank God for them and their families and bless them both as they follow God's lead and rejoice that they both will still be a part of the OroNaz family of faith. These events remind us that change is constant and disruptive. No wonder we naturally push back on change as we negotiate its disruption by resistance or protest of its certainty.

Nevertheless, there is an even more persistent grace that our gracious God pursues and covers us with amid our struggle. A past mentor of mine would say, "Grace is always disruptive before it's delightful." That phrase came to me recently as I have been in a season of anxiety. I have been trying carefully to bring my wounds to Jesus to process and find a path out of my anxious wilderness, but it just wasn't happening— matter of fact some days I feel more anxious and worrisome. I wish I could say that I found the blue pill, as it were, and all is well but even now as I write this, I am experiencing this shadow. However Jesus has reminded me of a short story he shared that depicts his grace as a treasure that would be worth forsaking all else to enjoy.



In Matthew's gospel, Jesus uses the picture of a valued treasure to teach us about true wealth that is able to satisfy our impoverished (and anxious) souls-- he called it, The Kingdom of God.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matt. 13:44)

Here comes the everyday ordinary guy in this story, not wealthy or poor, just a completely ordinary (kinda like me), as far as we know and he's just looking at some land. He walks around the property and stumbles upon the treasure of a lifetime. It could have been a jar of gold or silver, maybe coins or jewels-- but it had to have been something that would have taken his breath away. My mind pictures him seeing his discovery, heart pounding, looking around to see if anyone is watching, for he knows this treasure isn't his. His internal dialogue must have been saying, "I found this, but how do I make it mine?"

In history, money was a currency medium of exchange and not something that was saved or deposited at a bank. People didn't save in IRA's, invest in stock markets, or buy bonds. If they had wealth, they hid it for safekeeping, which made it possible for treasure to be left behind. So, the only way to rightfully take possession of such a treasure was to become the legal owner of the field. The lesson is not one of morality and whether the new owner was conning the previous owner but rather that there is a treasure worth so much that a person would be compelled, in joy, to gladly cash in everything else in their life just so they could have this one treasure.

Everybody has a category of wealth. Every culture (yes, even the church and our church) says, "this is to be admired, desired and sought after." So, we all go for whatever 'that' is until we are disrupted by grace (or wake up in the wilderness of our anxiety) and say "No, God's treasure is worth more than what I have." Grace (inner wealth) is an unequalled currency, something that is of external value can't eternally increase in value because it's a completely different currency.



The character in Jesus' story sold everything to buy that field so he had nothing at the time of taking possession of the treasure, nothing except the treasure-- he lost all to gain what was worth more than everything else. The same is true for me (and possibly you). This has given me great hope in the weight of God's love being much heavier than any amount of applause, size of our church, budget of the church, etc...



If we only think of this story in terms of a financial tale we miss the point completely—as magnificent as a huge amount of money might be, no one can obtain enough money, satisfaction, approval, security, self-confidence, friends (or whatever...) to compare with a heart enamored by the infinite currency of grace. It is by these times of disruptive grace that I am walking with the One that delights in me. Could it be that I'm not the only one anxious and worrisome? Maybe this is your story personally, but I also think it's been the story and culture of OroNaz. We are unlearning many things driven by fear through the disruption of God's beautiful grace. This is the journey and season God has for OroNaz— are you willing to keep walking in the disruptions of God's grace to know more fully His delight?

For me, the instrument of God's disruptive grace that has been helping me to unlearn so much has also been my greatest foe: my anxiety. I am coming to humbly embrace that my anxiety is leading me to lean in and let go of myself and trust in the disruptive grace of God.

With Joy,

Travis Marshall



Pastors and spouses from this year's Pastoral Retreat

SETH DEKKENGA

*DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS
& TECHNOLOGY*



Dear Friends,

Over this past year, I have continued to serve in the areas of worship ministry, communications, and technology. I am grateful for the opportunity to be called to this role in this season at OroNaz Church. God has led us faithfully, and I hope to share and remind us of some highlights from this past year.

WORSHIP + TECHNOLOGY

During the twenty years I have served in leadership roles in churches and ministries, God has drawn my heart to raise up worshipers of Christ and to build unity in the Church through Christ-centered worship. Mentorship has been a key part of that journey, encouraging and equipping people in worship leadership. As the Lord called us to Oroville, it's from this heart and foundation I serve and offer leadership at OroNaz. One big encouragement for me is how God is speaking to the team very personally, affirming how He has been leading us as staff and leadership at OroNaz.

Raising up...

"Raising up worshipers of Christ" carries through rehearsals, worship gatherings, and ongoing connecting and training times. Our team has grown together as we have connected, prayed together, and worked on music at rehearsals; connected one-on-one to encourage and in some cases offer mentorship; gathered



together for what we call Worship Collective gatherings - sharing in food and fellowship, prayer and worship, communion, teaching and conversation; and every week for worship gatherings and other special services throughout the year.

Presence + Activity

Something God put on my heart many years ago was paying attention to how He is speaking and moving. This past year, I heard it articulated in a way that resonated with me personally: How are we paying attention to the presence and activity of God in our lives, both personally and in the church? This question has shaped many of our conversations and times of prayer and reflection as a team in this past year, and I have invited us all together on a number of Sunday mornings to consider this in our lives personally and corporately at OroNaz. *How are you noticing God's presence and activity in your life and in the life of OroNaz Church?*

Prayer + Worship Nights

One highlight for me this past year was our acoustic prayer and worship nights. In 2021, we had "Make Room" prayer and worship times, and this was a continuation of those times as the Lord stirred in our hearts to gather together for reflective and intimate times of prayer and worship.



Worship Technology

We have been continuing to build on the sanctuary audiovisual systems and make improvements that would facilitate our worship gatherings and help us in worship together. We did some simple but significant maintenance and cleaning with our sound system that brought clarity in the overall sound in the sanctuary, and we are moving forward with replacing a couple projectors and cabling that we have been having issues with thanks to some funding that became available. One big project was moving our livestream setup into the sound booth. This freed up a significant amount of floor space and gets our team a bit closer so they can communicate more easily. Other improvements on the radar, as funding is available, include lighting maintenance and updates and some additional projection improvements and stage design.



COMMUNICATIONS

Our core communications team includes Theresa Swift, Bonnie McCoy, and me. If it's on the screens, in the bulletin, email list, on the website, or on social media, we're the team creating and putting together content for all of that! There have been several others who have written content, recorded videos, or taken pictures that has been a huge help and we are grateful for that.

Bonnie led the charge with getting our church management and giving switched over to Planning Center, and that has been a significant improvement in how we serve together as a team and church community. There is lots more we can add and build on within the Planning Center tools, and we look forward to growing into them over these coming months and years.

Theresa continues to serve faithfully with the bulletin, our email list, and countless other ways every day as she receives and relays various things that need to be communicated.

I am grateful for the teams I am able to serve with, and I look forward to how God will faithfully lead us - His kingdom come, His will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven!

In Christ,

Seth Dekkenga

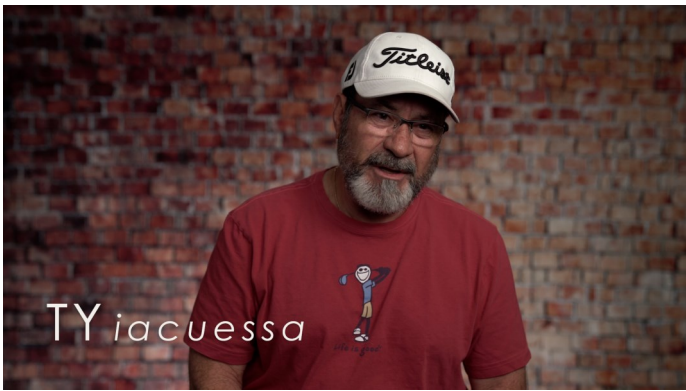
"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!" Psalm 115:1



Artwork from Advent 2022



Screenshots from just a few of the videos we created throughout this past year





LEXI RAMSEY

*INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR
& MINISTRY ADMINISTRATOR*

If we haven't met yet, my name is Lexi Ramsey and I started working at OroNaz Church in October 2022. My title is long and there are a lot of different things I do here at the church. I will share about a few of them but first to get to know me a little more, I have grown up at OroNaz church since I was born back in the 80s. I moved away several times, for college at Point Loma Nazarene University, and other times to live in places God

called me to including Kenya, Boston, Germany, Maui and India. But I have always returned to my hometown of Oroville and my home church, OroNaz. I have three daughters, two are grown, and one is 11 year old Melody. All my daughters came to me by either adoption or legal guardianship, and I have been called to a life of singleness.

This is my first time working at a church and there have been a lot of wonderful new things to learn. I want to say thank you to this church family for your support and encouragement. I can tell that you have been lifting me up in your prayers as I have taken on this new role of Interim Youth Director/Ministry Administrator.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Looking back over the last year of Youth Ministry I have to take the time to thank the last Youth Director, Levi Kniss, for his many years of service. He led the youth the majority of this year, taking them on a mission trip to Mt Shasta to help a small Nazarene church, coordinating numerous youth group nights, bonfire nights, fundraisers and Jr high and high school summer camps. The youth all love Levi, they look up to him and still talk with him often. Levi is still a part of youth group, he comes when he can, is now one of the adult volunteers on the Youth Leaders Team and he still helps run the Holy Grounds Café.



I have felt God leading me to empower our team of both high school and adult leaders to be taking over more and more responsibilities at youth group. One of our high school students, Dylan Sapp, feels God's call on his life to become a youth pastor so I gave him the opportunity to be our guest speaker at youth group a few weeks ago. It went great. He shared with his fellow youth that change isn't always bad; change can be a good and perfect gift from God and it opens up new opportunities for us. After he spoke, I had another high school student,

Thomas Leavenworth, approach me saying he would like a turn to share something God has put on his heart, so he gave the message at youth group a couple weeks after Dylan. Thomas spoke about faith and belief and how it is okay to doubt and encouraged us all to pray "Lord, help my unbelief."

To encourage bonding and fellowship at youth group we always eat a meal together and now instead of me buying pizza every week (like I was doing) we have three different volunteers that once a month cook us dinner and on the first Tuesday of the month when we meet at Axiom we know have a Taco Bar potluck. This has been a huge blessing for the youth to see that the adults in this church family care about them and are willing to provide food, come serve and get to know them. Another new adventure we have begun are Sunday morning classes. Both High School and Junior High students now have designated Sunday School times to grow in their understanding of God's love and what that looks like in their every day lives.



Part of youth ministry is fundraising. We had a great opportunity in December to help a woman in Gridley with a mandarin tree that was exploding with fruit. She called the church looking for help with picking the mandarins and in exchange for helping she allowed our youth to sell the mandarins as a camp fundraiser. It was a lot of fun picking the mandarins together and a big thank you to everyone who bought mandarins from the youth on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We used the money from the mandarins to send 8 youth to a Winter Retreat camp at Mt Hope Bible Camp in February. The youth had an amazing time learning the theme of camp "it's not all about me!"



MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION

I have the privilege of overseeing a lot of things at the church office including things like scheduling greeters for Sunday, taking care of outside contracts with our IT company, pest control and other facility contractors. We have been having some children help us with greeting Sunday mornings and it is such a joy to see them welcome people to church! I also get to help plan and coordinate things like the Christmas Drop & Shop event at the end of last year and I help with the After Party for Family Worship Services. I am also learning all kinds of new information about Human Resources and the laws that apply and don't apply to churches. There is a lot to do when it comes to the daily operations of the church office and I am part of a great office team with Theresa Swift as the church secretary and Kolleen Wells as the financial officer and of course all the pastors. The office culture is great, we all love and support each other, often stopping in the middle of a busy work day to pray together. God is so good to us, he provides what we need and he uses all things for the good for us who love him.

In His Grace,

Lexi Ramsey



DARLENE FRANKS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF CHILDREN &
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

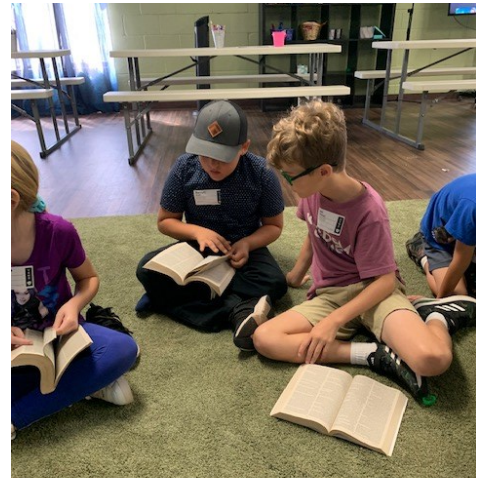
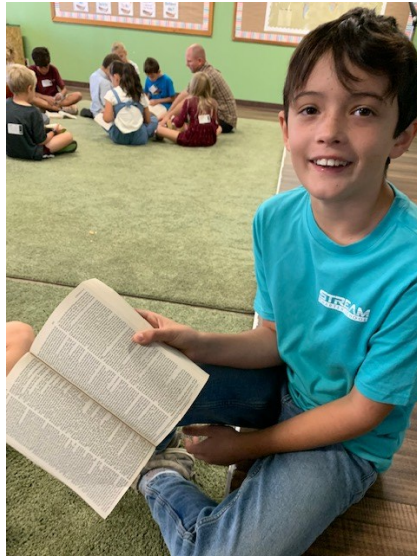
Thank you for your love, prayers and support for children and family discipleship at OroNaz. I have been so encouraged to see the Lord's good work in, for and through our church family in many meaningful and fruitful ways. I see our kids growing in their love for Jesus, in His Word, in their faith, and in their love for one another. I also see a hunger in our families to go deeper in their walk with Jesus and to know how to disciple their kids to know him better. I am excited to share with you how this is happening in this annual report for kids and family discipleship.

Jesus asked the following question to his disciples after he washed their feet: *"Do you understand what I have done for you?"* (John 13:12) This is a question the kids hear often in our time together each Sunday. Not only do we talk about what Jesus has done, but we look at how He has done it. In this report, we will look at the good God has done this year and how He has done it! *"Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."* (John 21:25)

Here are some of the highlights of 2022-2023. Lord, help us to see the good and how you have done it:



Sunday Kid's Worship: The kids at OroNaz are growing in their relationship with Jesus and His Word as we gather together each week in Children's Church. Our babies, toddlers, preschoolers and elementary age kids are learning the Story of God through a gospel centered curriculum called The Gospel Project. They will soon complete the Old Testament and will begin learning the New Testament stories for the next year. This is the completion of their first full cycle through the Bible using The Gospel Project curriculum. During our time of worship, the kids engage in written activities, singing, prayer, Bible lessons, mission lessons, large group games, small group discussions, Scripture memory, an occasional craft, weekly snacks, and outdoor play when the weather is nice. The kids are growing deeper in their relationships with one another and with Jesus as they practice His presence each week using the *Discipled by Jesus* method. The goal is to truly be discipled by Jesus every time we meet together. Is there anyone we'd rather be discipled by? He is the teacher and we are His disciples learning to listen to His voice through His Spirit, His Word and His Body. I'm excited to share more about this method with parents this next year beginning with a parenting class called, *If Jesus were a Parent*.



Family Worship Services: On the fifth Sunday of every month we continue to be blessed by gathering together with all ages for a time of family worship. Family is a priority here at OroNaz and it's encouraging to see the positive response from all young and old alike. Some of our themes for Family Worship Service were: Do you believe?; Jesus, Our Living Water; Jesus is Light; and Fruit of the Sprit. We experience life in the Spirit at these services and are always excited to plan for the next one. It's been life giving for the pastors, staff, and laity as we listen together for what the Lord wants to do in us, for us and through us during these services. We not only enjoy the interactive services but the after parties have been a big hit for sure. It's been a joy to see the church family gather for a meal, games, jump house and most importantly great fellowship. Family Worship Services have definitely helped cultivate a culture of unity, love and joy here at OroNaz and for that I am so grateful!



Kid's District Summer Camps: In July of 2022 thirteen children from OroNaz attended our Sacramento District Summer Camp. The theme was *Kingdom Come* and the kids learned the powerful truth that Jesus is King and He has a Kingdom that is unshakeable! Camp is a great opportunity for kids to draw near to Jesus on their own, away from home, and to see the bigger picture of the Body of Christ as they meet others from around the Sacramento district. The campers worshiped in many ways through singing, games, swimming, zip line, crafts, Bible station, prayer walks and chapel two times each day in the outdoor amphitheater. A huge thank you goes out to the youth and adult camp counselors from OroNaz (Lexi Ramsey, Ruthie Anaya, Bailey Marshall, Dylan Sapp, Taryn Sapp, and Shaniah Ruggerberger) who poured out their hearts for the children all week long! Dates for District Kids Camp 2023 at Diamond Arrow: July 17-20 & July 21-24.



Family Blast: In the month of August our Children's Core Leadership team (Stefanie McCoy, Wyll Primer, Shannon Primer, Dena Doyle, Sue Guinn, Rita Englund and myself) decided to go outside the box with a four week VBS that we called Family Blast! We gathered every Sunday afternoon with kids and families enjoying Monumental Worship, skits, Imagination Station, Oasis Water Games, KidVid Cinema, Bible Adventure and a family meal. More than 70 people from our church got involved in leading and serving at Family Blast. Thank you to all who gave generously in your time, talents and treasures to make this summer family ministry a success. It was a joy to see kids and families grow in their love for our Monumental God as they learned about the Lord's constant presence, love, plans, strength and sovereignty through the life of Joseph.



Advent & Drop and Shop: During our time of BEHOLDING Jesus this year, kids and families were encouraged to not only glance at Jesus but to gaze upon Him. One way we helped families do this was by having them make advent garlands together. It was sweet to receive pictures of kids stringing their beads and learning the story of the coming of the King through a fun yet meaningful craft. A big thanks goes out to the many hands who put these advent craft bags together! We also give thanks for the team who put together our Christmas project, Drop and Shop! It was a time of sweet fellowship and partnering together to love and serve one another in the Body of Christ and in our community. One of the high points of this ministry was when our local sheriff's department reached out to Susie McCoy to offer us 15 bikes for kids. What they did not know was that we had exactly 15 families on our Drop and Shop list. Fifteen families were given a total of 26 bikes. Our staff was blessed to meet the kids and their families at the sheriff's department to behold the love and joy of Jesus this Christmas as the children received their bikes!





Upward Basketball: "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the Children of God" – Romans 8:14. OroNaz Upward leadership team hoped and prayed for this truth to become a reality in our lives and in the lives of the kids and families who took part in Upward Basketball this year. Upward's mission is to introduce kids to Jesus Christ through sports and that happened in a beautiful way as we focused on a different fruit of the Spirit for nine weeks in practice and at halftime of every game. Early in the season we saw God at work in the life of a young boy, in his grandparents and in the lives of his coach and teammates. This young boy was afraid and unwilling to participate in the first practice. He had never played basketball before and didn't know any of the kids on his team. His coach tenderly tried to encourage him but he wouldn't budge from the sidelines. As the coach looked on, he had a good thought. *"I'll ask my players if they can think of a way to put the fruit of the Spirit of LOVE into action."* He gathered his players together and asked the question. Before he could finish his sentence, the boys excitedly ran to their teammate and showed him the LOVE of Jesus. They told him they were so glad he was on their team, that they were happy to meet him and then they all gave him a high five with sincere enthusiasm and LOVE. Those who witnessed this were in tears as they saw Jesus become flesh among them through this coach and his players. The children of God were being led by His Spirit. The boy and his grandparents were surprised at this act of LOVE but grateful and touched. They came to his next practice and to his first game the next week. We continue to pray for him and his grandparents to know and LOVE Jesus through this experience!





This is just one of the many ways Jesus led during Upward and we can't wait to see more lasting fruit from the obedience of those who have followed so faithfully. A special thank you to Pastor Travis for His desire and prayers to bring Upward back and to Dena and Hunter Doyle for saying yes to His call to be our fearless leaders! Your YES is seen by God and all of us on the Upward team.

OroNaz Ministry Team: We have an amazing team of more than 50 servant leaders on the OroNaz Kidz ministry team! We have a Children's Core Leadership Team who meets monthly to pray, plan and listen for how the Lord is leading to make OroNaz Kidz Ministry the best it can be for God's Kingdom. We have biweekly and monthly children's workers as well as weekly volunteers who prepare snacks, clean toys and prepare crafts and activities for the children's classes each Sunday. I'd like to thank my sisters and brothers with all my heart who so faithfully support, love and serve the kids and families here at OroNaz! Also, a big thank you to the support I get from the other staff and pastoral team members, ministry leaders, facility team and church leadership team at OroNaz! I am so blessed and grateful to partner with you all!



Finally, I'd like to give a sincere thank you to Rita Englund, my friend and children's ministry administrative assistant. Rita recently stepped down from her staff position in children's ministry but continues to use her many gifts with her husband, Bud, and family at Mt. Hope. Rita has been a faithful minister to children and families at OroNaz for 25 years, as well as part of the leadership team for Sacramento District Camps. Thirteen of those years Rita served on staff for OroNaz Kidz and administered beautifully and humbly in the transition before I was hired. Her impact will be seen at this church and in this community for years to come. Thank you, sister Rita, for your many years of loving kids, humble service, and gracious sacrifice for Jesus and His Kingdom. We are all excited for what the Lord will do in you, through you and for you as you trust in Him.

In His great love,

Pastor Dar



DALE MARSH

RECOVERY PASTOR

We just completed our thirtieth year of Serenity Recovery Ministry. It's been amazing to see what God has done through OroNaz over these years. Often in recovery meetings we like to lovingly give each other a hard time. Often when someone gets a birthday chip for a lot of years you'll hear someone shout out, "Nice Start!" That's kind of how I feel about reaching this milestone of thirteen years in our ministry. We really believe that God has many good things ahead for us as we move into a new season with our recovery ministry.

This year we continued working with Came To Believe Recovery and are finding higher recovery success rates than ever before. Our two retreats in 2022 were well attended and had a great impact on people's lives. It has been wonderful to watch our Serenity Leaders work with new comers and those who still suffer from addictive diseases. We sponsored two retreats last year at Camp Del Oro in Nevada City. We have now scheduled our next retreat for May 5-7 2023 in Nevada City.

Through the Came To Believe retreats we've also been able to renew our relationship with the Oroville Rescue Mission. ORM has a live in program for drug and alcohol addiction program and have been excited to have their folks attend our retreats. They now join us every Thursday evening for our Came To Believe Meeting.

The enthusiasm of our leaders who have participated in the retreats has been a great thing to witness. David M has not only done our Serenity Dinners but is leading our CTBR meetings when I can't be there. Our ladies Marjorie Y, Martha D, Stephanie F and Valori M. Are ministering to the ladies in ways we've not seen before. They are loving these ladies and showing them there is a good life in recovery and that God really does have a plan for their lives.



I've been greatly encouraged by being able to minister at several of our local recovery facilities. This includes Tri County Treatment and, in Bangor, Sierra Health and Wellness. The facility in Bangor is for veterans. I've been able to get some veterans in our local recovery community to join me in Bangor on Wednesdays.

One of the other important things that Pastor Travis has supported us on this year is letting our building be used for some local recovery community events. Last year we began hosting one of the Butte County AA Quarterly Speaker meetings and our Lake Oroville Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous had their annual spring picnic at our facility. We are in the planning stages for these two events in 2023 right now. This is a great way to connect with our local recovery community and to let them know that OroNaz cares about and supports what they do for our community.

Here are a couple of praise stories demonstrating that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves:



For the first one I'm going to call this lady Lynn for the sake of her anonymity. Lynn has been well known in our community and in the past had occasionally asked me or Valori a few questions about recovery. I kind of thought she was asking for a friend or family member. One day this fall she joined us at Serenity and has let our Lord change her life in an amazing way. She got a great sponsor and is planning on attending our next retreat. She never misses a Wednesday or Thursday night meeting.

David J is one of the men I sponsor who has done well in his recovery. Today he is the house leader at an Elijah House SLE. He brings his guys to our meeting every week and always has them help us out on dinner night. He has been a great example to many of our folks of how God can change our lives.



It's the many stories like this that I could share over the years that keep our enthusiasm high. God just always shows up. As we move into this next year I'll be semi-retiring, which means that my paid position will be reduced ten hours a week. This time will be totally devoted to recovery ministries. The idea is that I will stay on in this position until God brings someone I can mentor into the position of Director of Recovery Ministries. I just want you all to know how much Valori

and I have appreciated your support and prayers over the last thirty years. Please be praying that God will bring someone for us to mentor into the leadership role for our recovery ministries. We hope and pray that these thirty years have just been a, "Nice Start!" I know He has good plans for us and will be with us every step of the way.

Be Blessed,

Dale Marsh

Ministry Reports

SUE O'HANLON

HOPE COUNSELING MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



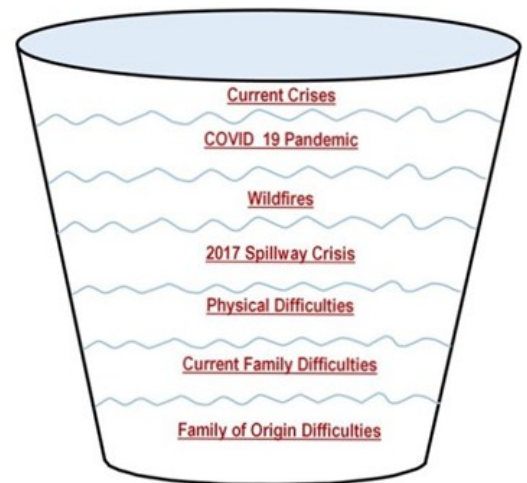
Jesus said, 'In this world you will have troubles, but take heart, I have overcome the world.' John 16:33

Today's world is broken by sin, and we all encounter pain and troubles. When we walk through these hard times and dark waters, Jesus calls the body of Christ to walk with us. And sometimes we need some extra help along the way.

Butte County has been hit especially hard hit with trauma in the last five years. Below is a picture of what I call our "Collective Trauma Bucket" (see below). As you can see, many areas are different for each individual and each family. Some people struggle with trauma in their childhood, some with difficulties in their current family's problems—ADHD, disabilities, addiction, domestic violence or divorce. Some have illness or death, etc. For some people, their trauma bucket is already quite full. On the top half of the bucket, notice all the trauma that we have all gone through in Butte County. We all went through the horror of the potential dam crisis and the evacuation that was terrifying for many. Then we had all the fires, many that caused some of us to be evacuated more than once. We had the Camp Fire which destroyed the town of Paradise, killing so many, and changing the lives of everyone in Paradise and the surrounding communities. Fires in Oroville, Concow and Berry Creek. We have hosted as an evacuation center many times, with the Camp Fire keeping us out of our church for 8 weeks.

And then there was Covid 19, with fear, illness, death, lockdowns, unrest etc. Add to this the trauma and changes that our church has endured. Many have come through all this at great cost emotionally and have been left anxious and depressed.

And when our trauma bucket is too full, the regular traumas of life sometimes seem just too big to bear. They spill over the top of the bucket causing symptoms like anger, anxiety, depression, addictions, acting out behavior and even suicidality. This is why the counseling we offer at Hope Counseling is more important than ever.



We are specially trained to help people in their struggles, whether it is with stress, depression or anxiety, relational issues, life transitions or struggles with God. We offer a wonderful grief support group called GriefShare, run by Brien Hatch. Brien does a wonderful job of walking alongside people who have experienced loss. We occasionally offer other groups as well.

We are a group of professional therapists, associates, and therapist trainees. All our counselors have a Christian world view, and each of us has personal relationship with Jesus. We are prepared to work with clients on spiritual issues, but we are happy to work with people of all faiths or no faith at all. Although our therapists hold different licenses (LMFT, LCSW, LPCC), each of these are masters level licenses and we are all trained to provide all types of individual, couple/family, and group counseling services. Our trainees and associates are under the supervision of a licensed therapist as required by state law.

For our youngest clients we have a wonderfully equipped play therapy room. Since play is a child's language, this is a great place for kids to feel safe and begin to explore the struggles they are experiencing. Our therapists are very effective at gaining trust with children, enabling kids to begin to grow and resolve the issues they are experiencing.

For couples and families, we use Emotionally Focused Therapy. This is a highly researched and effective therapy. We have had the privilege of seeing many couples rekindle their love and develop strong marriages and families. We stand in awe as we see God restore marriages and families!

One of the unique things we offer is dealing with struggles in faith. Often faith issues arise when people encounter the trials of life. We are trained and experienced in Theophostic Prayer Ministry (aka Transformational Prayer Ministry or TPM). This is a prayer intervention that helps people challenge their false beliefs, and to hear God's truth and experience His healing presence. This is a truly amazing ministry and we have seen God do miraculous things in people.

Many of us are also trained in other trauma modalities including EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), Brain Spotting (BSP), and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. With the recent fires we have made it our goal to be as highly trained in trauma treatment as possible.

Years ago, God laid a vision on our hearts: to create a safe place for the church and the community to get quality professional counseling that support the Christian faith. Because when tragedy happens, faith issues, and the questions about God, are often part of the healing. We had no idea that God would take that vision and grow us into a thriving professional group that not only provides counseling and education, but trains up new therapists as well. It has been my true privilege to direct this ministry and to see God work in such a personal way in peoples lives.

I am grateful for each of the counselors and therapists that have worked with us along the way. Each has brought their own gifts and abilities, and each are so appreciated. Our current staff includes: Stephanie Fowler, LCSW, Amy Hayse, LMFT, Megan Musick, AMFT, APCC, Kristin Walburn, MFTT, and myself, Sue O'Hanlon, LMFT, LPCC.

It is a true privilege to serve,

Sue O'Hanlon



Pictured: Amy Hayse, Sue O'Hanlon, Kristin Walburn & Stephanie Fowler

KELLY YAM

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES COORDINATOR



Our goal in Christian Formation is to nurture spiritual growth in three areas: learning the story of God (biblical literacy), living out the story of God (practical living) and expanding the story of God (becoming and making disciples). We do this by offering a selection of classes led by gifted teachers who love the Word of God and lead others to discover how God's story (the gospel) transforms our every-day lives. We just completed our first full year of spring and fall classes.

Our spring classes consisted of:

Treasures Out of Trauma – Arlene Hendriks and Stephanie Fowler guided their class in learning to pay attention to their personal patterns of thinking about life, and look to the Bible for practical Truth, allowing God to transform the way they think, and receive His counsel about their true worth.

1 & 2 Thessalonians - Brien Hatch led his class in a study of Thessalonians discovering the hope we have as we learn to live by faith through difficult times.

Foundations of the Faith – Kelly Yam led this class as they discussed the following core essentials of our faith: how God has revealed himself in Scripture; Jesus, fully God and fully man; the reliability of the Bible; what the gospel has accomplished and how it shapes our lives; what it means to be a follower of Jesus; baptism; the purpose of the church; and worship.

Biblical Finances - Joey McCoy taught what the Bible has to say about personal finances and how these biblical principles apply to our everyday lives. All we have belongs to God, and we are to be good stewards of it.

Our fall classes included:

Daniel – Harold and Linda McCoy led their class to explore how a few of God's men navigated their self-centered culture and remained faithful to God as God remained faithful to them. Then they discovered how to apply those examples to our lives in the culture we live in today.

Philippians – Brien Hatch and his class considered how to “rejoice in the Lord always” even in difficult times while having the same attitude as Christ Jesus. They cross-referenced other places in Scripture making connections that helped bring biblical characters to life.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day Devotional – Kim Marshall and Stephanie Fowler led this class just for women. The ladies were encouraged by each other and were reminded of God's presence with them daily.

Coming up in spring '23, we are especially excited to offer a parenting class, “If Jesus Were a Parent”, and a fun class for the kids that will involve breakfast snacks, Bible stories from Daniel, and crafts.

We aim to create a welcoming environment where every person feels valued; where questions are encouraged; and discussion is a necessary part of learning from one another. We invite you to choose a class that interests you and join us for the next session of Christian Formation.

For the Kingdom,

Kelly Yam





JOEY MCCOY

CHURCH TREASURER

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions."
Exodus 16:4

The Bible has so much to say about our finances. This past year the Finance Team has made it a priority to add a monthly teaching element as part of the Financial Connection in the bulletin. This has been a great tool to teach and remind us how God intended us all to manage personal finances. OroNaz's Finance Team; Pastor Travis Marshall, Kolleen Wells, Vern Englund, David Connor, and myself; follow these same biblical financial principles as we steward the finances of OroNaz.

Each year, the Finance Team starts this process of stewardship by developing a plan, as the Bible suggests in Luke 14:28-30. OroNaz started off the 2022/2023 fiscal year with an annual budget of \$775,714. Throughout the year, the church experienced fluctuating attendance, tithes, and offerings. Over the past few years, we have been able to set aside funds for emergency purposes, as is suggested through the story of Joseph in Genesis 41:35-26. On three separate occasions this past year, we needed to transfer a total of \$38,100 which we had in savings/reserves in order to cover payroll. We ended the 2022/2023 year receiving \$673,272 in regular tithes and offerings. Although this total amount was short of the original anticipated budgeted amount (\$775,714), God continued to provide for all our needs. Pastors and staff have done an excellent job of being mindful of expenses to help keep total church expenses down. Our church's final expenses for the 2022/2023 budgetary year totaled \$737,116.

2022/2023 Approved Annual Budget	\$775,714 (\$64,643 monthly)
2022/2023 Received Tithes and Offerings	\$673,272 (avg. \$56,106 monthly)
2022/2023 Transferred Reserve Savings	\$38,100
2022/2023 Paid Expenses	\$737,116 (avg. \$61,426 monthly)

In the beginning of Genesis, we are taught about the principle of first fruits through Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:4). Later in Exodus, Moses establishes the Mosaic Covenant and what it means to tithe to the church (Exodus 13:12-13). Just as an individual is called to tithe to his/her church, OroNaz gives a portion of our tithes and offerings to the Nazarene denomination. In this past year, OroNaz's Shares for Others included: \$43,328 to the World Evangelism Fund in support of world-wide missions, \$18,157 to support Pensions and Benefits for Nazarene pastors, \$18,157 to Point Loma Nazarene University in educational support, and \$32,288 to our Sacramento District Office to support district ministries. These amounts represent 100% payment of our Shares for Others.

The Finance Team at OroNaz strives to steward the resources God gives to the OroNaz church. Through the past 4 years, we have dealt with reduced budgets from prior years; however, we have continued to meet our financial goals. The decisions made by the Finance Team are always done so with these three goals in mind:

- Supporting OroNaz ministries to spread the Gospel
- Reduce debt on our construction loan
- Prepare for the unexpected

The Finance Team is consistently adjusting and fine tuning our approach in the financial process. We have reduced OroNaz's 2023-2024 annual budget to \$716,904 (down \$58,810). This reduced budget aims to keep expenses close to anticipated giving for the upcoming year. OroNaz, the CLT, and the Finance Team look into the coming year with transparency, accountability, and stewardship in regards to our church's finances and budget.

Thank you, congregation, for your steadfast faithfulness and financial giving. Every dollar has a motive attached and we must seek to steward and manage the money and resources God continues to provide to his church. We cannot out give God, but we can join Him in His generosity.

In Him,

Joey McCoy

Financial Update/2022-2023

Expenses	Budget	Actual YTD	% of YTD Budget Used
Property Taxes/Special Assessments	3,700.00	2,493.36	67%
Real Estate Loan	31,082.88	31,082.86	100%
Church Reserve	4,800.00	4,800.00	100%
Pastoral Expenses (Salaries/Housing)	297,860.00	295,969.48	99%
Retirement Matching Contribution	10,729.80	8,536.69	80%
Pastor's Professional Expenses	6,000.00	4,920.77	82%
Pastor's Mileage Allowance	6,000.00	4,882.40	81%
Employee Compensation	129,961.00	127,748.13	98%
Subcontractors	7,020.00	6,945.00	99%
Conferences	2,400.00	2,829.96	118%
Pastoral Edu/Staff Development	1,500.00	248.28	17%
Office Expense	24,675.00	24,387.78	99%
Maint/Repair	18,000.00	15,589.52	87%
Church Utilities	54,797.00	53,211.83	97%
Insurance	14,200.00	12,114.41	85%
Promo/Communication	2,168.00	3,495.87	161%
Gifts/Appreciation	2,000.00	1,079.95	54%
Kitchen	1,600.00	850.67	53%
Janitorial	2,500.00	1,694.17	68%
Equipment	11,500.00	10,558.25	92%
District Allocations/Shares for Others*	106,970.00	95,967.18	90%
Ministries			
Children's Min	4,800.00	4,066.90	85%
Youth Min	4,800.00	3,925.67	82%
Christian Formation Classes	1,750.00	229.43	13%
Lifegroups	500.00	11.86	2%
Cornerstone Ministry	500.00	280.16	56%
Serenity Ministry	2,000.00	2,147.58	107%
Worship	4,800.00	5,211.29	109%
Funerals	2,500.00	450.05	18%
Counseling Ministry	3,000.00	2,836.07	95%
Outreach/Front Porch Events	1,200.00	1,470.45	123%
Hospitality	1,500.00	1,133.08	76%
Safety & Security	4,900.00	3,994.21	82%
NMI-World Missions	4,000.00	2842.09	71%
Total	775,713.68	738,005.40	95%
ACCU Loan			
Beginning Balance 2022-2023	295,141.66		
Principal Payments 2022-2023	46,364.01		
Interest Payments 2022-2023	11,234.81		
Ending Balance	248,777.65		
Ygrene Energy Fund (Solar and Roof)			
Beginning Balance 2022-2023	241,587.05		
Principal Payments 2022-2023	21,228.78		
Interest Payments 2022-2023	26,925.79		
Ending Balance	220,358.27		





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