

2025-26  
*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.”

For many years, faithful followers of Jesus at OroNaz have prayed for His vision, His mission and His Kingdom values to be lived out in Oroville, in our nation and in our world. In the year ahead, please pray we would follow the Lord’s lead and be united in His vision, His mission and His Kingdom values for Oroville Church of the Nazarene. Having clear vision inspires us, having clear mission moves us, having clear values steady us. These things help us be accountable to God and one another in His call to be and make Christlike disciples.

**VISION:** a clear picture of a preferred future that inspires action — *where* we are going.

**MISSION:** our core assignment — *what we do* to get to where we are going.

**VALUES:** a deeply held belief that guides what we prioritize and how we live — *how* we get to where we are going.

Daily prayers for OroNaz in 2026:

**Sundays: That we would know and follow Jesus.**

*Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)*

**Mondays: That we would be one as Christ Jesus and the Father are one.**

*Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. (John 17:11b)*

**Tuesdays: That His will be done here in Oroville, in our nation and in our world.**

*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)*

**Wednesdays: That we would keep our eyes on Jesus in everything we do.**

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:2a)*

**Thursdays: That we would obey the Lord’s command to go and make disciples.**

*Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)*

**Fridays: That we would love one another as Christ loves us.**

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (Mark 13:34)*

**Saturdays: That we would be CONFIDENT in His good and perfect plans for us.**

*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippines 1:6)*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

# *Pastoral Reports*



## DARLENE FRANKS

LEAD PASTOR

As I write my first annual report as lead pastor, I'm reflecting back on the verse from Philippians 1:6 that anchored us as a church at the close of the 2024-2025 church year: *"Being CONFIDENT of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

With *CONFIDENCE*, our Church Leadership Team (CLT) guided us through each phase of finding a new Lead Pastor following the resignation of Pastor Travis Marshall who faithfully served for six years. The CLT called the church to pray and to diligently rely on God's voice to guide our every step and appointed Pastor Seth and myself to partner in shepherding the church through this transition. Through much prayer and discerning, we sensed the Lord's leading to have our OroNaz family share testimonies of God's love, faithfulness and grace during the Sunday worship services around the following themes: *This is My Story, This is My Song* and *They Overcame by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of Their Testimony* (Rev. 12:11).

We heard the Lord speak powerfully during the testimonies of Brien Hatch, Chung Yam, Joey McCoy, Sue O'Hanlon, Seth Dekkenga and Donna Hottinger. We made room in our services to pray, praise and listen for the Lord's clear vision for the future. During this time of transition, we also hosted Upward Basketball for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year and proclaimed Good News around this theme, *With God, All Things are Possible!* We were touched and blessed as the Lord gave us renewed hope in a time of many changes, peace in a time of many unknowns and joy in the midst of the sadness of seeing our pastor and dear friends leave Oroville as they headed out for the next part of their journey.

The next part of our journey included a pastoral search, an interview, a church vote and installation of the new Lead Pastor on March 16, 2026, which I am humbled and honored to say, was me. Thank you church family for your genuine love, support and encouragement for Barry and myself in this new season with you. The Lord confirmed to us in many ways through His Word, His Body and His Spirit that He had called us to this new role for such a time as this.



From March through Easter our OroNaz family participated together in fasting, prayer, and a Good Friday community service with our brothers and sisters in the Church of Oroville. On Easter Sunday we celebrated with *CONFIDENCE* that God was making all things new, and for the next few months we focused on what eternal life truly is: *"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent"* (John 17:3 NIV). The gospel of John set the tone for the new church year by reminding us of His love for us and for the whole world! *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son that whosoever believes*

*in Him will not die but have eternal life.” (John 3:16) It wasn’t until many months later I realized that I was installed on 3/16 and also preached from John 3:16 - just another way for the Lord to confirm and give me confidence in my call to be Lead Pastor here. I hesitate saying “Lead” Pastor because Jesus is the head of the Church; He is the leader. I am called to follow and that is the kind of pastor I aim to be; a pastor who follows the Good Shepherd, grows in hearing His voice and helps others to do the same.*

Our *CONFIDENCE* as a church grew as we saw the Lord answering prayer and helping us put the missing puzzle pieces together on our ministry team. In March, we hired Bonnie McCoy as our new Ministry and Facility Administrator. What a perfect fit for our team and for our entire church body! In April, Pastor Dale Marsh joyfully handed off the Serenity Ministry baton to Pastor Sam Wood after faithfully serving for 33 years with his wife Valori. Pastor Sam was hired as both Recovery and Youth Pastor while being cheered on by his wife Harmony and two daughters, Poppy and Eirene. In May, we were blessed to hire Maddie Porta as our summer Children’s Ministry Intern and then doubly blessed to then hire her mom, Pastor Julie Porta who joined our team this fall as our part-time Interim Children’s Pastor. I believe with all my heart that the Lord brought this new team of servant leaders together for such a time as this. We are devoted to the Lord and one another in deep and meaningful ways. We have a team who is joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer (Romans 12:12) often reminding one another to *“fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith”* (Hebrews 12:2).



As our team prayed for direction, we agreed together in the Lord to walk our church family through *Kingdom Values of Christian Faithfulness: Intimacy, Passion, Vision, Evangelism, Multiplication, Family Priority, Stewardship and Integrity*. From April until Advent we walked with Jesus in community learning these Kingdom values and what it means to be living stones, a spiritual house, whose lives are built on Jesus the cornerstone! The pulpit was shared by our pastors and congregation throughout this series in which we concluded with **Follow Me Discipleship Summit**, facilitated by Hal Perkins and Kyle Phillips. Passion to be and make disciples of Jesus was ignited as sixty of us gathered for three days to practice the Lord’s presence, listen to His voice, and commit to meeting with Him, meeting with one another, and living more aware of Him moment by moment. Since the summit, a weekly cohort has formed and attendees have joined DBJ (Disciplined By Jesus) groups online and in person. We are serious about not only being His disciples but multiplying disciples and living out the Lord’s command to *“Go make disciples, baptizing in His name, teaching others to obey everything He commanded, knowing that He will surely be with us through it all!”* (Matthew 28:19-20) A special thank you to Pastor Seth, for walking with me through the many months of prayer and planning for the Summit. And thank you to the staff and volunteer team who served, hosted and stepped in wherever needed. There will be lasting fruit in the Kingdom because of your “yes.” We are so much better together!



The 2026 calendar year began with our Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service and a call to 21 days of fasting and prayer. As we leaned into the Lord's strength, we experienced renewed joy and peace and a deeper awareness of His nearness. As we pressed into prayer, we saw His hand at work through healing, restored and new marriages, salvation, baptisms, comfort in grief, and growing faith. We welcomed new members into our church family and also grieved with hope the loss of our sisters in Christ, Sharon DeHoff, Kaitlin Kruse, Faye Redfern and Barbie Wall.



We recently launched our newest series titled *One Another* based on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. *Two are better than one....three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.* We have been encouraged and challenged by several commands of Jesus to pray for one another, show hospitality to one another, encourage one another, honor one another, speak truth to one another, and bear one another's burdens - highlighting the New Commandment Jesus gives in John 13:34: *"Just as I have loved you, you should love one other."* The vision is to see us truly living in Him with one another, for we know that in Him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:21). To do this we must be devoted to Christ and to one another like the early church was – not just dabbling in the apostles' teaching and in breaking bread and in fellowship and in prayer, but CONFIDENTLY, intentionally, and consistently being devoted to LIFE together in Jesus, with one another.

One of the highlights for me this year was seeing our church family pray regularly for one another on Sundays during Prayers of the People, in the prayer room before and after church, with prayer groups online, on campus during the week and in homes around our community. In particular, I remember the Sunday when the sermon was about praying for one another. I invited people forward to be anointed with oil and many responded! It was a beautiful sight to see all ages crying out for healing, hope, wisdom, guidance and more faith. We have seen many answers to those specific

prayers and many more prayers answered throughout this year. I know that as we continue to humble ourselves, pray and seek His face, He will hear, forgive and heal! Let's keep growing as a praying church. Let's rejoice always, give thanks in all circumstances, and pray without ceasing. Let's keep asking, seeking and knocking. He will answer. We will find. The door will be opened! Please pray with me this year that we would continue to approach His throne of grace with CONFIDENCE, receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

My heart is full of gratitude for the many who CONFIDENTLY led teams and served week in and week out in our several different ministries. In December and January we celebrated our Church Leadership Team, staff and volunteer ministers with dinner and a time of appreciation and encouragement for the many hours committed to servant leadership throughout the year. Thank you to all who go the extra mile to make sure every ministry team is equipped and empowered for His Kingdom work. I am truly blessed by each leader and their committed teams, and we look forward to those who the Lord is calling to join in ministry this new year! As we continue being and making disciples of Jesus, may we be salt and light in Oroville and beyond. May others encounter Christ through our unity, compassion, and unwavering hope, and may the Lord, in His kindness, add to our number those who are being saved.

We see the faithful hand of God in every step of this past year. He guided us through pastoral transition, strengthened us through prayer and fasting, formed a unified ministry team, ignited fresh passion for discipleship, and deepened our love for one another through both joy and sorrow. Through it all, just as Philippians 1:6 teaches us, we remain CONFIDENT that He who began a good work in us is faithfully bringing it to completion.

In His CONFIDENCE,

*Pastor Dar*

# SETH DEKKENGA

*CREATIVE AND EXECUTIVE PASTOR*



As I reflect on this past year at OroNaz, I'm reminded again that God often works in seasons. This season has felt like one of cultivating deeper rhythms: learning to slow down, be attentive to God's presence and activity in our lives, and respond in obedience with humility. My heart has continued to be focused on raising up worshipers of Christ - not just singing songs on Sunday morning, but forming people who are learning to live as worshipers of Jesus in everyday life.

It has been a joy to watch that kind of worship grow and deepen in our church family.

## **GROWING A CULTURE OF WORSHIP**

One of the most encouraging things this year has been seeing more young people step into worship ministry roles. Several students have shown interest and started serving both musically and behind the scenes in tech, and even more importantly, we've seen deeper engagement during worship at youth group. Their hunger for God and willingness to participate has been a powerful reminder that worship is not about age or experience — it's about the heart.

We also began a monthly gathering called The Well — an evening of worship through singing, prayer, and Scripture. Each gathering has had a slightly different focus, including reflection and examination, prayer stations, and practicing listening to the Lord. These nights have created space for us to slow down and simply be with Jesus together.

Every few months, we gather everyone involved in worship ministry for our Worship Collective. These have been sweet and meaningful times of sharing a meal and worshipping together through song, prayer, and celebrating communion. More than rehearsing music or technical things, these moments have helped us grow as a spiritual family and deepen the relationships that support our ministry.



## **DEVELOPING PEOPLE, NOT JUST PROGRAMS**

More than all the tasks, planning, and coordinating, I love being able to invest in people — helping them grow not only in skill, but in confidence and spiritual maturity. It's been a privilege to walk alongside team members as they discover their gifts and grow in Christ through serving one another.

The worship ministry at OroNaz is intergenerational, and that is a beautiful picture of the church: different ages, different backgrounds, one voice of praise to the Lord.

## SUPPORTING THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE

In the “executive” side of my role, I’ve been grateful to support Pastor Dar and our staff team in strengthening how we work together. That has included helping clarify ministry roles, improving communication, and using tools like Planning Center and Basecamp to help us plan well and care for people more intentionally.

I’m grateful for the partnership of our entire staff team in this season, and especially for Bonnie, our Ministry & Facility Administrator, who joined our staff last year after faithfully serving as a volunteer in the church office. Her steady presence and care help keep the day-to-day details of ministry, communications, and facility use running smoothly.

While much of this work happens quietly, it makes a meaningful difference in how effectively we serve as a church — helping us function with unity, clarity, and care so we can stay focused on the mission God has given us.



## LOOKING AHEAD

As I look to the coming year, my prayer remains the same: that we would continue to grow as worshipers of Christ — in our homes, our workplaces, our relationships, and when we gather together.

I’m excited to continue building on these things:

- Encouraging worship across all ages and abilities
- Investing in the spiritual formation of those who serve in worship ministry
- Creating more spaces to seek the Lord together through unhurried worship
- Strengthening the systems that help our ministries stay healthy and unified



More than anything, I'm grateful for a church that desires God's presence, grateful for those who faithfully serve, and grateful to be part of what the Lord is doing here. It is a joy to grow together as worshipers of Jesus.

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



# SAM WOOD

YOUTH AND RECOVERY PASTOR

Greetings Oroville Church of the Nazarene,

If we have not met yet, my name is Sam Wood, and I came on staff as the Youth and Recovery Pastor in April of 2025. My wife, Harmony, and our two girls—Poppy (3) and Eirene (1)—moved here from Chico, where I served in a similar role for about five years prior.

Let me start by saying how grateful we are to have been welcomed into such a beautiful city and congregation. Harmony and I have been married for just about eight years. We met through her older brother, who tried to set me up with Harmony’s friend—but it completely backfired, and Harmony and I hit it off immediately. A year later, we were married!

We have known Pastors Dar, Dale, and Seth for several years through shared Sacramento District experiences, and we were thrilled when Pastor Dar asked us to pray about the possibility of coming to Oroville—and the Lord said yes (ask me about that story sometime!). This is our first pastoral transition, and although there have been some challenges, we feel God’s grace and provision on a daily basis. We are excited to raise our kids in this church and community.

## SERENITY

Last April, Pastor Dale Marsh officially retired from Oroville Church of the Nazarene as the Recovery Pastor after 32 years of faithfully leading Serenity Recovery Ministry. I have known Dale through the recovery community for several years, so you do not need to tell me how big of shoes these are to fill. He is truly a legend—known for his passion to see those who are lost and suffering from addiction find freedom in Christ. Please continue to pray for Serenity as we carry on that legacy.



God gave me freedom from addiction over 11 years ago while I was in the Salvation Army program in Chico, and through the ups and downs since then, I have never looked back. After getting married, Harmony and I ended up at a Nazarene church in Chico where there was a small Serenity Recovery Group that was soon entrusted to our care. Over the next few years, we had a front-row seat to seeing God transform it into a large family-centered ministry where countless lives were changed and families were put back together. We left Serenity there in great hands, and we are excited about the vision God has given us for Oroville.

Serenity is outreach-focused by nature. We open our doors to the community for anyone seeking healing from addictive agents—drugs, alcohol, sex, pornography, food, gambling, unhealthy relationships, and more. The primary tool we use is the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and when people thoroughly work the steps, Christ meets them in the process, bringing healing to whatever addiction is separating them from God. It is truly beautiful to witness changed hearts and minds.

Each week we meet from 6:00–7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a lesson on the 12 Steps and have time for small group discussions. The last week of each month is our Birthday Night Celebration, where we share a family-style dinner (shout-out to Desiree, Jeff, and the amazing kitchen crew!) and hear from a guest speaker. It is not uncommon to see over 200 people from the recovery community on Birthday Night.



In addition to our weekly meetings, we send Serenity members to *Come to Believe* retreats, teach at retreats, and regularly serve in inpatient rehabilitation centers. One exciting development this year is a new program that opened on Lincoln Street, which graciously invited me to teach a weekly relapse-prevention class. We have been able to bless the men in that program and provide opportunities for them to attend Serenity and our worship services regularly.

Over the past year, we have seen growth in regular attendance, developed a thriving mid-week children's program (see Julie Porta!), and built strong connections with several rehabilitation programs in town. God has been very good to us, and we are excited as we head into our first full year of ministry in 2026.



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

I have been working with youth for about five years—something I never imagined myself doing. I always knew it was an incredibly important ministry... just one that someone *else* should probably be doing.

One year, I heard that the senior pastor was taking the teens on a backpacking trip—something I grew up doing—so I offered to help chaperone. When we packed up and hiked back, I had tears pouring down my face because I had completely forgotten how challenging being a teenager can be. The high highs, the low lows, the silly moments mixed with real pain. Feeling like you know everything, yet being deeply unsure of your place in the world. At that time, there was no one responsible for leading the youth, so I volunteered—and that’s how I accidentally became a youth pastor. In the years since, I’ve learned many lessons about youth ministry—and I still have many more to learn. The most important lesson is this: youth ministry is a long game. Our role is to give students as many opportunities as possible to encounter God in authentic ways. It might be through a message, a conversation during a game, camp, a mission trip, a retreat, or even a text message. But when a student reaches that moment and decides, *“God is real. God is good. And He wants to be my best friend,”* everything changes—not just for them, but for their friends, families, and the church.



Everything we do in youth ministry is about creating space for that defining decision. When I came on staff in April, I was blown away by our students. It was a small group, but they already felt like family—something that is incredibly hard to build. The goal became clear: protect that culture and grow the family. We began meeting weekly on campus to create consistency and momentum. When summer arrived, we moved youth group to my house, which was a joy—especially watching our teens bond with our little family. Currently, we meet every Tuesday from 6:00–8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, games, worship, a message, and small groups. We also meet during the Sunday worship service for games, a message, and discussion.

Thank you to Brien Hatch, Emily Leavenworth, and Joey McCoy for serving our teens with such love and care.



Summer Camp was a major highlight of the year. It was powerful to watch students go from intense field games to heartfelt worship at the altar. Several students shared their testimonies during the fireside service in front of more than 230 people. Our OroNaz Youth made us incredibly proud. We brought 23 students and 3 adult leaders to camp—fully funded through earnings from our Holy Grounds Café. Heather Hardie equips leaders, trains workers, stocks shelves, and pours her heart into the café. Thank you to everyone who supports camp by buying a drink!



Another exciting highlight is our youth preparing to attend Nazarene Youth Conference 2026 in Salt Lake City. They are bonding deeply, serving the church, creatively fundraising, and—most importantly—anticipating a powerful encounter with Jesus. I look forward to sharing the fruit of that experience when we return.

In addition to growth in attendance, summer camp, and NYC fundraising, we attended a fall retreat in Sacramento called *Fan the Flame*, hosted a movie-night fundraiser, and began discussions for a potential mission trip to Costa Rica in 2027. God has been so good to us in 2025, and we are excited for where He is leading us in the year ahead.

In His Faithfulness,

*Sam Wood*



# JULIE PORTA

INTERIM CHILDREN'S PASTOR



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your love, prayers and welcoming support as I have started in my new role here at Oro Naz! It has been a joy to see the heart for loving and serving the youngest members of our congregation. Hearing the stories of faithfulness and dedication to children and family ministry, has been such an encouragement!

My heart for ministry is rooted in Colossians 2:6-7. *"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."* Over the last 5 months, my goal is to ensure that our babies, toddlers and school age children are rooted in Christ through their times of worship within spaces designed just for them. In a world that is often changing and shifting, it is vital that our children know and understand the truth of God's word and have opportunities to be shaped and formed through biblical discipleship. With the help of our volunteers, our children experience just that each week!

Here are some of the brief highlights during my time here:

## 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 encounter His presence each week as we gather together. Kids are encouraged to apply the biblical lesson to their own life, and let the word of God shape and form who they are in Him.

## FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES

On the months that had a fifth Sunday we continued 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. Just starting here at Oro Naz, this time of worship has truly been a joy to see the church family gather together! I can see the impact that this intentional time of intergenerational worship has had on the community here at OroNaz.





## SERENITY KIDS CLUB

Wednesday evenings are so much fun! We have an opportunity to love and serve a group of kids mid-week. On average we serve 12-20 kids. Some of these kids are joining us as a result of a parent attending the Serenity meeting, other kids are dropped off for mid-week fellowship with their friends. Our evening consists of multiple rotations that consist of fellowship, family dinner, worship through song, bible story, craft, free play. Watching this mid-week connection lives out Acts 2:42, *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”* Each of these elements is built into this mid-week connection designed just for our kids! With the help of faithful volunteers, adults and teens, this has been a ministry highlight!

## KID’S DISTRICT SUMMER CAMPS

In July of 2025 8 elementary students and 8 youth and adult counselors attended Sacramento District Summer Camp. The theme was **Finding Clues that Point to Jesus** and the kids learned the powerful truth from 1 Peter 3:15: *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect!”* 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 big thank you goes out to the youth and adult camp counselors from OroNaz (Megan Reyes, Dylan and Taryn Sapp, Shania Ruggenberg, Jude and Levi Dekkenga, Darlene Franks and Maddie Porta) who served as counselors and program staff for camp this year! Also, thanks to our very generous church family for prayerfully and financially supporting our kids! Dates for District Kids Camp 2026 at Mt. Hope: June 29-July 3.



## DROP AND SHOP

This year, a dedicated team helped to plan and coordinate an outreach/inreach event to bless so many families! It was a time of sweet fellowship and partnering together to love and serve one another in the OroNaz Body of Christ and in our community. We served 35 kids, over 14 families this year. As a result of implementing a nomination form, this year we served families in the Oroville community reaching families for Jesus. This allowed us to bless families outside of the local church community. One of the high points of this ministry was when our local sheriff’s department offered us 15 bikes for kids. Pastor Dar 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!

## ORONAZ MINISTRY TEAM

We have an amazing team of servant leaders on the OroNaz Kidz ministry team! It has been a joy to partner with each and everyone of the volunteers! Thank you for your love and support as I continue to learn and grow with you in my new role. The current volunteer team consists of 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 each one who so faithfully supports and serves 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 grateful to partner with you all in this new role!



Finally, I would like to say thank you to all those who have welcomed and supported me into this ministry. The support, love and prayer that has covered me in this new role over the last 5 months has been such an encouragement. Personally, I want to thank you for those faithful prayers for my granddaughter! I do believe that God is hearing and answering those prayers. Also, I want to thank Pastor Dar for supporting me in learning all things "Kid Min" here at Oro Naz. Her support, along with the other pastoral support, is the reason I give God thanks as I continue to learn and grow here at Oro Naz!

In Him,

*Julie Porta*



# *Ministry Reports*



# BONNIE MCCOY

MINISTRY AND FACILITY ADMIN

Greetings OroNaz,

I am excited to share with you some of the things that God has been doing in the life of our local church body this past year. When I was earning my degree for Managerial and Organizational Communication at Point Loma Nazarene University 20 years ago, I couldn't have imagined how God was going to use those learned skills or my particular set of talents for his kingdom work. Through my years volunteering with the Communication

Team and now as a staff member, I am continually amazed at how God brings all kinds of people and a variety of talents together to fulfill his desire to reach all people with his loving embrace. I feel truly honored to be able to facilitate communication and practical needs for the variety of ministries here at OroNaz. When ministry leaders need things like bulletin or screen announcements, updating website information, sign-up sheets and class supplies, they come to me! When staff, ministry leaders and community members need to coordinate use of our beautiful facility, they come to me! Pastor Seth continues to be a patient, supportive supervisor as I have been learning the mountain of details it takes to provide ministry leaders and community members with everything they need in as seamless and unobstructive ways as possible.

The following is a list of some of the various ministries here at OroNaz that are all doing kingdom work:

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

This is a ministry canopy that encompasses many branches of our discipleship mission to grow deeper in relationship with Christ and one another. Areas of Christian Formation include on-going and seasonal classes that happen on Sunday mornings, small group bible studies and Lifegroups that occur throughout the year in various locations and on different days of the week, as well as service opportunities in our Oroville community. Thank you to all those who hosted a Lifegroup during 2025; you provide such a unique space for people to connect and learn from one another. Thank you also to Kelly Yam, Harold and Linda McCoy, Brien Hatch, Joe McCoy and Barry Franks for your time and efforts teaching our 2025 Sunday morning classes. We are all so blessed by how God uses your passion and talents to bring His word to us every week!

## CORNERSTONE

Our ministry for those who are in or approaching retirement is a thriving, valuable ministry for our church body and for Oroville. Not only do they host 5 big events throughout the calendar year to make sure senior adults always have a place to belong and feel loved, this year they chose to partner with our Youth Ministry as they raised funds for their upcoming trip to Nazarene Youth Conference in June. It was beautiful to see the love and support across the generations as these pillars of our church family invested in the next generation! Under the steadfast leadership of Pastor Ed Redfern and Sally Miller, Cornerstone continued to provide an amazing variety of guest speakers at their events who spoke life and encouragement to those in the retirement stage.



## FACILITY

If you think it's an easy task to keep our 14.5 acre property with buildings totaling over 16,000 square feet in good repair and looking as beautiful as it does, you would be wrong. It takes a team of dedicated volunteers who give their time and attention to make sure our facility and grounds are ready to host not only church/ministry events but also provide much needed space for our community in times of grief and celebration. Our Facility Team met monthly to address issues like roof leaks, paint repairs, landscaping/grounds and general upkeep. Thank you Andy McCoy, Pam Thorne, Dick Bryce, Glen Miller, Dan Libby, Vern Englund and William Leavenworth for your continued service to OroNaz. Without this team, we would not have been able to open our space for a number of large community funerals, weddings, retirement and birthday celebrations this past year. It was a very unique blessing to be able to help families and organizations coordinate the use of our facility through these times, many of which required a box of Kleenex in my office as families shared about their loved ones that had passed and how we could support them through the use of our facility for their funeral. I look forward to continuing to help facilitate the use of our building for ministry use and community events and am anticipating the Lord to move in mighty ways to provide not only the people we need, but also the funds necessary to keep our facility in top shape for the coming years.

## FOOD

Our Food Team has kept us happy and fed through many church events this past year! Under the direction of Frank Burnett, who coordinates a team of volunteers to cook and serve food, as well as a kitchen crew to work behind the scenes, and Vern and Gina Englund who kept our kitchen stocked with necessary items like plates, cups, cutlery and the ever necessary ranch dressing, we were able to host a number of beautiful ministry events this past year. In 2025, the Food Team stepped in when we had things like Get Connected Lunch, Easter Breakfast, congregation member funerals, Pastor Travis' send off, Pastor Dale's retirement celebration, Family Worship After-Party meals, Christmas Eve cookies and cider and so many more! I would never pick a favorite child or a favorite ministry, but I will say that I am very happy to always leave full from any OroNaz event.



## HOSPITALITY

If you have been met with a warm welcome and handed a bulletin, had someone pray for you in the prayer room, requested prayer through our Connection Card or received a welcome gift from the Connection Center, then you have been blessed by our Hospitality Ministry! What you might not have noticed are the members of our Safety Team who help

keep our campus secure and who are prepared to assist in medical emergencies. Christelle Burnett and her team have prayerfully led the Hospitality Ministry to become a thriving group who welcomes, prays for and keeps safe all those that step on to the OroNaz campus.

### **MEN'S/WOMEN'S**

Through on-going bible studies, small groups and seasonal events like Yard Party we aim to connect groups of men and women in deep and meaningful friendships that go beyond Sunday mornings. In 2025, we were blessed to add a Women's Lifegroup at Angela Brown's house and we continue to benefit from the deep wisdom of Patty Clark leading Tuesday morning Women's Classes. There are a variety of men's small groups that meet throughout the week not only here at OroNaz but also out in the community. One of the seasonal highlights were the twice per year Yard Parties that were each "Just the Guys" or "Just the Girls." We had some great food and fellowship connecting around fire pits, yard games and craft tables and were able to get to know one another in these casual, comfortable spaces.



I have a hard time expressing how grateful I am to have been given this opportunity to return to the workforce after years at home with my kids. God has been so gracious to provide this space for me to learn from amazing teachers like Kolleen Wells, who patiently and steadily handles *so much more* than any of us are aware. God has gifted not only me but us all with the amazing leadership of Pastor Dar who exemplifies caring devoted leadership to the whole staff and it's an honor to call her my boss. I am so excited to be working along side and daily learning from the whole OroNaz staff which God has so carefully put together and I can't wait to see what he has for us in the 2026/27 year!

With Gratitude,

*Bonnie McCoy*



# SUE O'HANLON

HOPE COUNSELING DIRECTOR

Blessings in the name of Jesus!

We at Hope Counseling Ministries continue to be extremely grateful to the church for giving us a place on church grounds to provide this vital ministry. This church has really embraced the need to help people grow not only spiritually but relationally and emotionally as well.

Statistically, one in four church attendees on any given Sunday, will experience anxiety, depression, relationship issues or some other mental health symptoms. Historically many churches have responded with words like "You need to pray more, read more scripture, or serve more." Or maybe, "Why don't you just give it to God?" While these phrases may be well meaning, they often leave people hopeless, thinking something is wrong with them. OroNaz is different. Our pastors have been preaching about "one another". Often the answer to these symptoms, and the people who experience them, is not to *just try harder*, but rather to reach out and let others in. We do need one another and sometimes a professional is needed or can be very helpful.

Hope Counselling Ministries is a group of professionally trained therapists and lay counselors. We each have a personal relationship with Jesus and hold a Christian world view. Often for Christians, the struggles of life can challenge our faith, and we are trained to address those issues. We are equally prepared to help those of other faiths, or no faith at all, and issues of faith will only be discussed with requests or permission from clients.

We work with all ages and see individuals, couples and families. We have a wonderful, well-equipped playroom to work with our youngest clients. Since play is a child's natural language, the playroom provides a safe place for them to deal with hard issues.

We are all trained in Emotionally Focused Therapy, which is a highly researched and effective method for working with couples, families, and individuals too. We are also trained in trauma techniques including EMDR, Theophostic Ministry (aka Transformational Prayer Ministry), and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. We have seen wonderful results using each of these tools.

Brien Hatch is our Griefshare leader and he has effectively served in that role for the past 20 years. Death and grief is something that we all must deal with but can require extra support. This is wonderfully provided by Griefshare, a group that helps people walk through the different aspects of grief with others in the same situation. Whether the death was recent or many years ago, Griefshare helps people get unstuck in their process.

Our current therapists are Stephanie Fowler, LCSW, Kristin Walburn, AMFT (almost ready for licensure) and myself, Sue O'Hanlon, LMFT and LPCC. We do not exist in a vacuum though! This ministry relies heavily on the support of our wonderful church staff, the Church Leadership Team, and Pam Thorne, Dick Bryce, and Glenn Miller for their support of our building and grounds. So, thank you each one!

Serving in joy!

*Sue O'Hanlon*



Stephanie Fowler



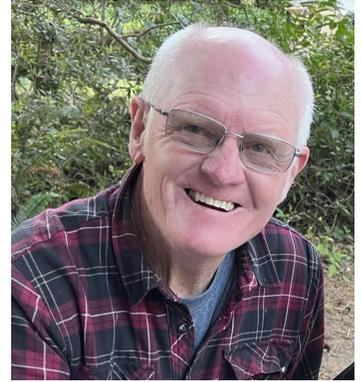
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Brien Hatch

# JOE MCCOY

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT



## 2025-2026 OroNaz NMI (Nazarene Missions International) Year in Review

Nazarene Missions International is the organization for mobilizing the local church in missions in the Church of the Nazarene.

We are one people: Encouraging people to pray for all efforts of world evangelism, informing people of the world's needs and what the church is doing to meet those needs, challenging children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church, and raising funds for mission outreach.

### Here is how OroNaz participated in this mission:

- Easter Offering - \$880 received and sent to NCM (Nazarene Compassionate Ministries) for Myanmar earthquake relief.
- Delegates attended the District NMI Assembly "The Reunion" in Yuba City. OroNaz received the "Four Continent Award" – for our involvement in missions in four continents.
- LINKS/Care and Concern missionaries - Rusty and Diane Robbins - See the mission board in the foyer with information about their mission. Provided \$1000 for transition expenses as they moved to their new assignment: Executive Director of Jesus Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), based in the USA.
- Crisis Care Kits – Spring and Fall drive yielded 114 kits of basic hygiene items delivered to Sacramento Compassionate Warehouse.
- In August Family worship was Missions Focused. Kids participated in a Lego building contest replicating Alabaster funded buildings.
- School Pal Paks – Delivered 50 packs of basic school supplies to the Sacramento Compassionate warehouse to be sent internationally.
- Thanksgiving Offering - \$2115 sent to JFHP to purchase a Small Solar Pack. This is a backpack that includes all the necessary equipment to show the Jesus Film in the most remote locations.
- Disaster Relief – sent \$2000 to NCM to provide immediate and long-term support (food distributions, temporary shelter, and recovery support) for communities affected by Hurricane Melissa.
- Alabaster Offering - \$1300+ raised to support the construction of churches, school buildings, and medical facilities worldwide.
- World Mission Broadcast – monthly support sent providing a global network of programs contextualized for listeners and viewers around the world.
- This fiscal year, through a portion of your tithes, OroNaz has given over \$32,700 to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). The WEF brings the message of Christ's transformational love across the street and around the globe by supporting our missionaries and their work.

## Ways to be Involved

- Pray for our global missionaries and their work.
- Attend “The Reunion” at OroNaz in April and hear from Cheryl Crouch, General NMI Director
- Participate in Crisis Care Kit (CCK) and School Pal-Pak drives.
- Alabaster offering – collect your coins all year long, with offering collection usually 2x/year.
- Look for our updated Mission Board – New LINKS missionaries Oscar Benitez and Rebeca Xaxa from Argentina.
- Come to worship on 6/14/26 when Rusty and Diane Robbins of JFHP will be our guests.
- Keep current with what’s going on – Facebook has a Nazarene Missions International page, as well as a Nazarene Compassionate Ministries page. Many of our missionaries have blog posts – ask me for info if you’re interested.
- Come to our monthly NMI meetings – usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

NMI helps **DEVELOP MISSIONARIES**.

NMI assists in **SENDING MISSIONARIES**.

NMI **SUPPORTS MISSIONARIES**  
through prayer and giving.

NMI **EDUCATES INDIVIDUALS AND CONGREGATIONS**  
as to the work of Nazarene Missions.

NMI **WELCOMES AND HOSTS**  
missionaries when they return for home assignment.

NMI helps **EQUIP MISSIONARIES**  
to return to their field of service.

NMI is the **GLOBAL MISSIONS ADVOCATE**  
in every local church.

NMI **NURTURES THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS**  
in everyone.





# JOEY MCCOY

CHURCH TREASURER

This past year, the OroNaz Finance Team (Pastor Darlene Franks, Kolleen Wells, Vern Englund, Ron O’Hanlon, and myself) have continued to make transparency a priority through the bulletin’s Financial Connection with weekly updates. We are extremely grateful for our congregation’s continued commitment and God’s constant provision for our needs.

Back in the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the Finance Team developed a different method for funding operations and ministries of the church. For the past three years, our budget has been divided into two primary categories:

Essentials	Ministries/Others
These budgeted items are all <i>known amounts</i> that are paid every single month.	These budgeted items are funded periodically, specifically when the Tithes and Offerings received exceeds the “Essentials” monthly amount
These budgeted items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor &amp; Staff Payroll</li> <li>• Utilities &amp; Insurance</li> <li>• Office Operations</li> <li>• Shares for Others</li> </ul>	These budgeted items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Ministry Budgets</li> <li>• Facility Maintenance</li> <li>• Reserves/Savings</li> </ul>

This style of budgeting has served OroNaz well this year. It has allowed for the fluctuations in monthly Tithes and Offerings (a high of almost \$93,000 and a low of \$42,000). When the month’s giving exceeded the “Essential” budgeted amount, Ministry/Other categories received a pre-determined, CLT approved portion of the giving to their designated accounts. Although monthly giving hovered just above our “essential” costs for much of the year, the generosity and consistency of our congregation allowed us to almost fully fund our ministries. By the end of the budget year, \$68,083 of the desired \$71,245 was transferred to ministry accounts. With your continued partnership and faithfulness in tithing, we will continue to fund ministries here in our church as we stand as a beacon of hope to the community around us.

To summarize the 2025/2026 year:

2025/2026 Approved Annual Budget	\$637,218 (avg. \$53,102 monthly)
2025/2026 Received Tithes and Offerings	\$618,490 (avg. \$51,541 monthly)
2025/2026 Paid Expenses	\$586,135 (avg. \$48,845 monthly)

Just as each individual is called to tithe to his/her church, OroNaz has made it a priority to give a portion of our tithes and offerings to the greater Nazarene denomination called Shares for Others. **For those of you who may be new to OroNaz, the greater Church of the Nazarene denomination does not fund daily operations of OroNaz. In other words,**

**OroNaz not only funds our own local church operations, but also contributes to the operations of the global Church of the Nazarene!** This past year, OroNaz Shares for Others included: \$33,886 to the World Evangelism Fund in support of world-wide missions, \$12,322 to support Pensions and Benefits for Nazarene pastors, \$15,405 to Point Loma Nazarene University in educational support, and \$30,806 to our Sacramento District Office to support district ministries. These amounts represent 100% payment of our Shares for Others.

The Church Leadership Team (CLT) has adopted the OroNaz 2026-2027 annual budget of \$648,448. This budget aims to keep expenses close to anticipated giving for the upcoming year while continuing to leave margin for funding the Ministry/Other accounts. With a slight increase to the overall budget, we strive to support church ministry budgets while still supporting pastors, staff and the OroNaz campus. Here at OroNaz, the CLT and the Finance Team look into the coming year with faith, transparency, accountability, and stewardship in regards to our church’s finances and budget.

2026/2027 Approved Annual Budget	\$648,448 (avg. \$54,037 monthly)
2026/2027 “Essential” Expenses	\$565,030 (avg. \$47,086 monthly)
2026/2027 “Ministry & Others” Expenses	\$85,218 (avg. \$7,101 monthly)

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 our church.

We cannot out-give God, but we can join Him in His generosity.

Faithfully,

*Joey McCoy*







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