



Redeemer Reflections

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A publication of Our Redeemer Church, Garden Grove,

Our Mission Statement: To spread the Good News to all through joyful worship and service, so that others may believe and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. *Our Redeemer Lives!*

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

8:30 am Traditional Worship
10 am Prayer & Praise Worship
Sunday School: 10:15 am
Adult Education: 10 am
Nursery Care is provided

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Thur: 8:30 am-2:30 pm
Fri: Closed

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10 am ~ Traditional Service
5:00 pm ~ Family Service
9:00 pm ~ Candlelight Service



10:00 am

Reflections from the Pastor by Pastor Brian Taylor



Dear Friends:

I recently watched the movie "Wonder Woman". It was an action movie that actually had a message to share. The movie began with the goal of Wonder Woman needing to kill the God of War, Ares. Ares wanted to kill mankind and Wonder Woman believed that killing Ares would put an end to war and evil. The Christian parallel would be to believe that if Satan was killed, evil on earth would end.

At the end of the movie, Wonder Woman and Ares face off. Ares argues that evil is not caused by him, but by mankind. If they joined forces and killed off mankind, that would eliminate evil in the world. He argued mankind deserved to be killed.

At that point, I thought of Noah and the flood. When God saw all the evil on the earth, God could have decided to end the "human experiment." Certainly, mankind deserved to die. But God decided to continue to love his sinful creation, and saved Noah and his family. Which by the way, did not stop evil on the earth.

Wonder Woman counters the argument of Ares by saying, it's not about what you deserve, it's about what you believe. As a "god", she believes in love. She believes in loving mankind, not giving them what they deserve.

That is our belief about God. It is not that there is an evil being who is the source of evil in the world. Within each of us is the potential for good and evil. WE ARE THE SOURCE OF BOTH GOOD AND EVIL IN THE WORLD. As Christians, we believe that the best way to overcome evil is to be filled with the goodness and love of God. Each day we need to die to sin and rise in the power and goodness of Christ. As we nurture our relationship with God, who is love, we are empowered to reflect God's love in the world.

The need to die to sin never stops. Each day brings with it the opportunity to do good or evil. Because we are fallen human beings, there will be times we fail to do good. When that happens, we confess our failure, our sin, receive the forgiveness and love of God, and start all over again.

If you haven't seen the movie, I encourage you to watch it, and view it through the lens of faith: God doesn't give us what we deserve, within each of us is the potential for good and evil, we believe in love and forgiveness.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian



CARE AND KINDNESS

December 13th

9:30 am



If you'd like to be involved in bringing communion and friendship to one of our homebound members, then join us. We also have a card ministry that sends beautiful cards to homebound, grieving, or ill members who enjoy a cheerful greeting and a few words of support and love. Email Pastor Brian at RevBST@aol.com or call at the church office at 714-539-9541 for information.



A Holly Jolly Christmas The Men's Breakfast Fellowship will meet Saturday, December 9th, at 7:30 A.M. in Endter Hall. All men of the church are invited. A great breakfast is always served by our own "church chefs". The program for the morning will be Christmas music presented by Jerry Englehardt and Will Fleming along with humorous Christmas card slide show. And don't forget your cans and bottles!

Join one of the four women's circles at ORC for Bible study, fellowship & sharing! For more information, please contact a circle Leader. **Visitors and new members are always welcome.**

WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Grace

December 11th at 6:30 pm

K. Roznos house

*Susan Kent - Leader

714-454-8545 Cell

714-842-9867 Hm

Sincerity

December 10 at 4 PM

A. Agosta house

*Yvonne Bischof- Leader

714-539-0942

Michelle Timothy - Leader

New Faith

December 21st at 7 pm

house

*Val Fleming- Leader

714-539-9428

New Joy

December 19th at 6 pm

S. Collier house

*Sue Hanson - Leader

714-963-6203



BOOK CIRCLE

Our book circle meets the 4th Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. for fellowship and discussion of a variety of literature, current and classic, fiction and non-fiction. All avid readers at ORC and their friends are invited to join us. Call Ron Stearns at (714) 891-9462 for more information.

Up-coming selection:

Dec. 8 *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther*, by Roland Bainton. Celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with the definitive biography of Martin Luther. Our annual holiday potluck will again be hosted by Sandee and Larry Collier.

Jan. 26 *Life on the Mississippi*, by Mark Twain

Feb. 23 *The Shell Collector*, short story by Anthony Doerr

Red Hat Workdays

December 4th at 10 am

Bring a sack lunch and bags of wrapped candy. Call Erna for details.

Save recycled cards (other than Christmas) and refresh your "kit" with craft supplies you will need now in the fall.



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL DATES

~Wednesday & Thursday,
DECEMBER 6th & 7th~
CRAZY Christmas Sock Day

~Wednesday & Thursday,
DECEMBER 13th & 14th~
UGLY SWEATER Day

~Wednesday & Thursday,
DECEMBER 20th & 21st~
CRAZY Christmas Hat Day

~Friday, DECEMBER 22nd~
Our REDEEMER Christmas Program
No AFTERNOON Day Care

~Friday, DECEMBER 22nd~
Winter Break DECEMBER 25th - January 5th

OUR REDEEMER PRESCHOOL

December 2017

Happy Birthday to
you!



Jacquelyn S.
Miss Glenda
Ayden J.

December 4th
December 19th
December 21st



Help ORP by going on
Yelp &
Facebook and give us a
review

facebook

Chapel Times for November
December 4th & 5th
&
December 18th & 19th



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Our Redeemer Preschool Christmas Program



Our Christmas Program will start at 11:30 with the children singing in the Endter Hall, following the performance we will get together for Cookies.

***There will not be Afternoon Day Care**

Wednesday & Thursday, December 6th - 7th: **Crazy Christmas Sock Day**

Wednesday & Thursday, December 13th - 14th: **Ugly Sweater Day**

Wednesday & Thursday, December 20th - 21st: **Crazy Christmas Hat Day**





A SCANDINAVIAN BREAKFAST MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 11 AM

Please bring a Scandinavian dish:
Egg dishes, Danish, cookies, juice, etc.
Bring \$5.00 wrapped Christmas exchange gift. It will be fun!!

Please bring a friend, the person you sit next to at church! 50 and over are always welcome!

An RSVP is always appreciated 714-775-4162.

Please check the bulletin board in the Narthex and read the monthly Reflections
for monthly meeting information.

The Joy
of CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATE THE SEASON



Holiday Open House

Larry & Sandee Collier are hosting their 8th
annual holiday open house on
Sunday, December 10 from 2-5 pm at their home.

Please bring your favorite dessert to share.
The Orange High School Chamber Singers will
provide entertainment at 2:30 pm.

RSVP by Dec.3rd to (714) 602-7658

OFFICE NOTES



Newsletter Article Deadlines:
January Newsletter = December 8th

Annual Reports
are due no later than January 8th



December 3-Mrs. Sharon will be leading music with Mrs. Patty leading the younger group and Mr. Will leading the older group.

December 10-Mrs. Sharon will be leading music with Miss Mary leading the younger group and Mr. Will leading the older group.

December 17-Today will be our Sunday Cool Christmas Party! Crafts, music and a fun lesson!

North Hall is transforming. New tables and chairs for the older group, new chairs for the younger group, new rugs, upgraded electrical outlets (thanks Corky), and new bookshelves are coming. Many thanks to the Warner Trust Grant and to Thrivent for helping with this project. Stop by and see it!!!



December 3-Arrow Tag!!! It's finally happening! Arrow Tag-where Dodge Ball meets Archery! Meet at church at 5:00 pm (eat first) and wear comfortable clothes and shoes to run in. We will play Arrow Tag in Costa Mesa then stop for at a fun ice cream place on the way home. Bring \$5 for ice cream!



December 10-Sunday Night Alive! 6:30-8:30 pm. Advent kick-off and more!

December 17-Christmas Holiday Surprise!



Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will go to support children of local schools in our area. Gifts that are donated will go to a child who may not otherwise receive a gift for Christmas.

Please bring your gifts wrapped and ready no later than:

Sunday, December 10th

Help bring a smile to a child's face for Christmas!



S.H.I.P Self-Help Interfaith Program

"A Program specifically designed to help those who are serious in getting back on their feet"

The S.H.I.P program houses clients that are currently on a 120 day shelter program who are saving money to get back on their feet. We house twice a year at which time the congregation provides meals while on their stay. We hope to see you at the signup table today on the patio!

There are a number of ways that you can help:

Make a full dinner and deliver to the S.H.I.P house

or

- You can contribute needed items to make the SHIP program work; such as:
Breakfast items - milk, cereal, etc.
Lunch to go items - lunch bags, sandwich bags, cookies, fruit, etc.

or

- If you are really busy and don't have the time to make a dinner, buy a dinner!

or

- Simply donate money to contribute towards those needed items to fill in the blanks.

Thank you in advance for supporting our SHIP!

Blessings!
Susan Kent

December Worship Assistants

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please arrange for a substitute.

Council Persons of the Month

8:30 Will Fleming 10:00 Tina Ray

8:30 am Communion Assistants

12/3 Lori Martin
12/17 Lori Martin
12/31 Lori Martin

10 am Communion Assistants

12/10 Becky Vinson
12/31 Becky Vinson

Communion Assistants Christmas Eve 12/24

10 am (2 assistants needed)
5 pm Beck Vinson (2 additional assistants needed)
9 pm Beck Vinson (2 additional assistants needed)

Greeters

11/5 *
11/12 *
11/19 *
11/26 *

Lectors

12/3 Dorothe Bair
12/10 Chris Erickson
12/17 Tina Ray
12/24 10 am Tom Kent
5 pm Cathy Seabourne
9 pm Tom Kent
12/31 *

Ushers

8:30AM Dan Corth, Ray Valenzuela,
Dave Frostad

10:00 AM Yvonne Bischof & Darlene Davis

Altar Guild

Setup: Cathy Seavourne & Wendy Taylor
Clean Up:

Soundboard/AV

8:30 See weekly bulletin
10:00 Jerry Healy

***PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT (714)539-9541 OR EMAIL: OFFICE@ORCGG.ORG
TO VOLUNTEER FOR ONE THE EMPTY SLOTS ABOVE. THANK YOU!**

December Birthdays

12/01 Cate Guardino	12/20 Erika Taylor
12/01 Bonnie Hepfinger	12/20 Heather Wilson
12/02 Hilda Lucin	12/27 Tracy Mendoza
12/02 Nancy Vansickle	12/28 Lori Martin
12/03 Susan Sauter	12/29 Tina Ray
12/11 Kyle Wilson	12/29 Beth Turnbull
12/14 Gary Mathany	12/30 Stephanie Larcome
12/15 Zaid Humphrey	
12/16 Makayla Erickson	
12/18 Lori Myers	
12/19 Peggy Carson	
12/19 Gary Spaberg	

December Anniversaries

12/27/70 Tina & Buddy Ray	12/30/02 Douglas & Angelika Rupp
12/27/69 Walt & Alice Rosenthal	12/30/67 Corky & Jan Krabbenhoft
	12/31/98 Christopher & Carrie Guardino

Reflections is a publication of Our Redeemer Church. Deadline for submissions is noon on the 15th of each month.

Sunday

Reflections deadline is 9 am Wednesday morning for the following Sunday's bulletin.

Please email your submissions to Charlene Cable at office@orcg.org.

Articles may be edited for content and space.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

At the time I write this, we have just celebrated Reformation weekend with a stirring organ concert by Tom Mueller, followed by wonderful services of worship to observe both 500 years since the Reformation, and the Confirmation of Niall and Jackson.

This weekend also marked the end of Our Redeemer's 60th Anniversary Celebrations, and before I "sign off", I wished to express my thanks to the many people who helped make all the events enjoyable and memorable.

- To Pastor Brian for his willingness to step in, be it grilling brats or trying to make the movie work at our Elvis night.
- To Pastor Rebekah, for her organizational skills, and helping out just when I needed that extra set of hands.
- To Patty Erickson, for keeping our social media and website up to date, and for organizing the kitchen at our Anniversary Banquet.
- To Carol Tuntland for her objective viewpoints, encouraging me to see beyond the logistics of events. And to Sandee Collier and her Circle, for their dedication and hard work helping with the Anniversary Banquet.

We could not have enjoyed the events that we did without the help of these fine people, who made my task so much easier. Thank you!

--
John Prothero



**Free
Blood Pressure Check
Sunday, December 10th**



between services
on the patio.
See you there!

FLU SHOT RESULTS

On October 7th our Nurses gave 66 Flu Shots to members and friends of Our Redeemer.

Many of the same people return to us and appreciate the No-lines and No-cost.

We are thankful to Hoag Hospital for supplying the vaccine and the supplies for it.

We are happy to be serving you and we hope everyone will avoid getting the flu. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Health Ministry

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AND
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FLU SHOT**

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- ⇒ You have a joy to share
- ⇒ Someone in your family is in the hospital
- ⇒ You want communion brought to your home
- ⇒ You want to add someone to the prayer list
- ⇒ Your address, phone number or email address changes