

May 2009

# Happenings

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# PazNaz



Rovina Hatcher

### Special Guest Speaker, Rovina Hatcher

Rovina Hatcher is coming to PazNaz on Sunday, May 24, for the Faith Promise convention on campus. Come hear her share her inspiring stories and support the World Evangelism budget through Faith Promise.

As a young girl, Rovina began to feel God calling her to missions. She responded publicly to that call at junior high camp in 1967. After meeting her husband, Mark, they served five years together in pastoral ministry. They then went on to spend 10 years in Korea before returning to the United States to pursue further education.

Currently, Rovina is a global missionary for the Church of the Nazarene. Her mission assignment is to Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in the Philippines where she serves as Assistant Professor of Christian education. She also assists with the technological development and the forthcoming on-line program of the seminary. She responded to this call after her husband passed away in 2004.

## TEACHING PARENTING THE POSITIVE DISCIPLINE WAY with emphasis on the Christian Home

**A Two-Day Training for Parent Educators**  
HOST: JOE WHITCOMB, Marriage and Family Therapist

Saturdays, May 2 and 9  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Room 249, Reed Hall

Cost: \$330

Contact Jan Morris at 626.351.2420 or  
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with questions  
or to sign up.



Some days the task seems bigger than you thought.

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## ● *In His Image: Special Needs Ministries*



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# Volunteer of the Month



*Diane Knowland*

## DIANE KNOWLAND

Diane started volunteering years ago when her older kids were about age 2. She started out volunteering in their Sunday School class at Bethany Church in Alhambra. Sometimes she would fill in and teach the New Christians class at Bethany in the evenings. Her kids were also involved

with Royal Rangers (a boys' club at Bethany) and Diane did some volunteer work with the Royal Rangers, such as preparing Christmas dinner for the boys and bringing in special treats.

With this experience and drive to help when she came to PazNaz, Diane immediately looked for a way to get involved. It was during a Sunday Morning service when she heard that special needs children were in need of volunteers. She got in touch with Pastor Steve Bundy and has been serving in this ministry ever since, nearly six years. Diane firmly believes God wants everyone to be involved in a ministry because his word tells us to serve his people.

When Diane works with the

# PazNaz News

## Missionary Chapters in May

### *Schendel Chapter*

Thursday, May 21, 10:00 am  
Birchard Hall / Casa Robles  
6355 Oak Avenue

Temple City, California 91780

*Program:* Guest Nazarene

Missionary Speaker, Linda Russell  
Claudia Stevenson - 626.292.1641  
Anita Swift - 626.355.4326

### *Prescott/Ragains Chapter*

Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 pm  
Gilmore Hall, South

Program to be announced

*Potluck Reservations:*

Margaret Street 626.584.0815 or  
Fran Walling 626.794.3993

kids, she strives for a relaxed atmosphere and uses props and treats (usually fruit) to illustrate God's love for everyone and to show how they can love him and others.

Working with *In His Image* has truly impacted Diane's life and given her the realization that, "we are a needy people and there are tremendous blessings when you serve God in any way you can. Whatever you do, do it with love in your heart...." And that's what Diane tries to remember and focus on, God's love.

- Pastor Julie Keith

## Children's Classes

**Sundays at 9:15 am and 10:30 am**  
**Inclusion Classes**

Students have the opportunity to participate in a classroom with their peers. A volunteer will be assigned to children or youth who need assistance based on availability of volunteers. Contact Pastor Julie Keith for inclusion placement.

**Special Education Classroom**  
**Rooms 122 & 123, Arms Hall**

These classrooms use an adapted Bible curriculum for special needs children. Participants learn in a safe and supportive environment geared towards their own special needs.

## Oasis Adult Ministry

**Sundays at 9:15 am**  
**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**  
**Room 115, Lower Sanctuary**

Oasis is a time of fellowship, Bible study, and connection for teens and adults with special needs. Please come, bring a friend, and study the parables of Jesus.

## Parent Connections and Sibshops

**Saturday, May 9 at 6:00 pm**

You are invited to be a part of the Parent Connections support group and Sibshops on Saturday, May 9. Sibshops is located in Room 122, Arms Hall and Parent Connections in Room 246, Reed Hall. Special needs childcare is available in Room 123 of Arms Hall.

Don't miss this great opportunity to come and receive support and encouragement, as well as reconnect with friends who share the joys and trials of raising a special needs child. Siblings are encouraged to come to Sibshops where they can connect with other siblings. For more information or to RSVP for childcare, contact Rubina at rubinah@paznaz.org or 626.351.2478.

# Jerry Nelson

in concert

Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 10  
10:30 am



## Important Stuff From Student Ministries

### Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 12:15 pm  
Room 134 Meguiar Youth Center

### Elev8 at PLNU

May 22-25, Cost is \$120 per student  
Students from the NYI Southwest Region will be gathering at Point Loma Nazarene University to compete in sports, music, art, and quizzing during this three day event. Students will meet at 4:30 pm at PazNaz on Friday, and will return around 12:30 pm on Monday.

### Sr. High Dinner & Movie

Friday, May 22, 6:00-10:00 pm  
Location: TBA  
No Cost

### Jr. High SNL

Sunday, May 24, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Location: TBA  
No Cost

### Weekly Activities

#### Sundays

*Student Worship* - 9:15-10:15 am  
Room 134, Meguiar Youth Center

*College Class* - 9:15-10:15 am  
Room 149 B, Reed Hall

#### Wednesdays

Evening Activities - 7:00-8:15 pm

*Sr. High*  
Room 134, Meguiar Youth Center

*Jr. High*  
Room 132, Meguiar Youth Center

## Faith Promise 2009

# His Hand in the World



## May 24

## ● *An Article from the Pastor...*



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***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. – Acts 1:8***

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann argues that there is one basic plot that finds itself woven into many contexts within the Bible. The biblical plot line has three movements. The first movement or scene is a theological struggle or conflict. Then in the second scene a messenger comes with the good news that the conflict has been resolved by God. And in the final movement of the plot the people respond by discovering God's new reality and appropriating that new reality into their daily lives.

The Scripture opens with people who are pushed and pulled at the whims of many gods. Life is a cycle of clan violence and natural chaos as people use their various gods to try and control nature or gain power over others. Into this challenge Abraham emerges announcing that there is no god except the God who desires to covenant with people. This God does not take away the lives of our children, and this God does not manipulate, but invites people to live by faith. God's desire is not to use people as his slaves, but to bless them in order that they might become a blessing in the lives of others. In a world in which people believed that they were in bondage to the gods this came as good news (literally *gospel*) and as salvation.

Abraham's descendents carried the unique promise found in relationship to this one God, but they eventually encountered the underside of the existence of superpowers.

Egypt as an empire was able to develop technology, wealth, and architecture never seen before on earth. But they could only accomplish it on the backs of slaves. Abraham's descendents were oppressed and hopeless; nameless foreigners enslaved for the sake of the greater good. Then Moses came with the profound good news that the God of their ancestors – whose name is Yahweh – has heard the cries of his covenant people and is coming to break their chains of bondage. To find this freedom means that they must reject the trappings of the empire and find their life and identity in the one symbolized by the Passover lamb. By marking their homes with his essence – his blood – they would be redeemed by his power.

The redeemed children of God would remember their distinctive status as a people shaped by their unique and unseen king for a time. But eventually they would forget and become just like all the other nations. Generations later they found themselves in exile again to a powerful empire named Babylon. Similar to Egypt much of their life was not their own. Their new king told the people when they could work, where they could live, and when they could pray. But instead of forcing them to

make bricks without straw he made life just comfortable enough that he bought their allegiance. The danger now was not just that they would never get out of exile. The danger was that they would stop crying out for deliverance. But many did cry out and Yahweh again heard their cry and sent prophetic messengers – like Isaiah – to announce the good news of comfort that God was going to deliver his people again. They must now prepare the way for the Lord and make straight paths for him to come in, and all the nations shall see his salvation together.

Books that contain so much good news that we call them "Gospels" begin with God's people oppressed again by the world's superpower. Caesar is forcing the people to move from place to place so that he can count them and tax them. A messenger arises in the wilderness announcing the good news that the Messianic hopes percolating for generations are about to be fulfilled. So the people must prepare the way again. They must come out to the waters of the Jordan and in baptism put their old lives and their former identity to death and prepare for the new Way, the new Truth, and new Life that God was preparing to reveal.

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## ● Women's Ministries



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### A Night of Devotion and Praise

Join your Girlfriends for this refreshing evening Friday, May 15, from 7:00-9:00 pm in Lee Chapel. Contact Debbie Hammock at 626.351.2475 to arrange for free childcare.

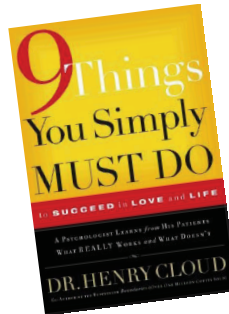
### MOPS - Fall 2009

Take advantage of the Early Bird special by signing up for the Fall 2009 semester of MOPS by May 15. Registration is only \$50 (plus \$25 for childcare). Contact Debbie Wong at mops@paznaz.org for more info.

### Girlfriend to Girlfriend with Debbie Daniels

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  
Join this ladies' group in Gilmore Hall, North as they study the book, *9 Things You*

*Simply Must Do To Succeed In Love and Life* with Debbie Daniels. The price for the book is \$15, but time spent with Girlfriends is priceless. Books will be available at the Women's Ministries cart on Sundays or in class. Free childcare is available with a reservation. Contact Debbie Hammock at 626.351.2475.



Mark your calendars! The next event for Single Mothers will be a Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 10, after the 10:30 am service. For more information or to RSVP, contact Carri Siraganian at 626.277.7542. Childcare is provided at all Women's Ministries events. To make childcare reservations, contact Debbie Hammock at 626.351.2475.

## ● Pasadena PrimeTime



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April was a great month for the Pasadena PrimeTime Ministry. These seniors enjoyed a wonderful day trip as well as a three-day getaway. On April 2, 38 PrimeTimers visited the Museum of Tolerance with a lunch stop and shopping at the famous Farmers Market in Los Angeles. Then on April 20-23, a great group from PazNaz enjoyed the annual Tri-District PrimeTime Retreat in Murrieta. Pastor Scott Daniels was the guest speaker and Pastor Scott Anderson led the music for these relaxing three days. Approximately 300 attended with about 50 from PazNaz. Have a look at the PrimeTime group above.



PrimeTimers at the Tri-District Retreat

### Pasadena PrimeTime San Antonio Tour

May 11-16

There are still a few spaces left for the Pasadena PrimeTime San Antonio Tour. The Alamo, Paseo Del Rio, Witte Museum, Texas State Capitol, and a visit to Enchanted Springs Ranch with a chuck wagon dinner are just a few of the great places planned for the tour.

Don't miss the opportunity to sign up for the July-December activities beginning June 8. Great things

have been planned for you. Please visit the new PazNaz website at [www.paznaz.org](http://www.paznaz.org) and go into the Pasadena PrimeTime section. Some of these events have a limited amount of space, so check out the activities, prices, and sign up as early as possible in the PrimeTime office.

**PLEASE NOTE**—Karen Burruss, the PrimeTime assistant, has new hours and will be working Monday through Thursday. The PrimeTime Office will be closed on Fridays.

## ● Children's Ministries



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### The Humility of Christ

This spring PazNaz Kidz will be learning Philippians 2:1-11, which speaks about the humility of Christ and how his followers are to have the same attitude. It is very difficult to serve and put others first. However, Jesus set a perfect example for his followers, and because of his spirit that lives within those who follow him, it is possible to emulate his humility. The challenge for PazNaz Kidz is that they would be this example of Christ in their homes, schools, and with their friends. On May 30 during the 10:45 am service, PazNaz Kidz will recite this passage and sing a special song that goes along with verses 9-11. Copies of the NIV passage are available in the elementary Children's Department.

### Forest Home Summer Camp 2009



Summer Camp is coming for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders on June 21-27. The cost is \$350. Registration and information is available in the Children's Department. A \$50 deposit is due now to ensure your child has a spot. There are only 19 spots left for Indian Village and 16 for Adventure Mountain. Please make checks payable to PazNaz.

PazNaz Kidz will be hosting a Spaghetti Luncheon Sunday, June 7, in Gilmore Hall to help raise money for camp. Children attending and parents of children attending can help earn money towards camp by selling tickets and serving. See Pastor Matt for more information.

Parents and church leaders, now is the time to start praying to see if God is leading you to be a camp counselor this summer. Contact Pastor Matt Schilz for more information about this amazing experience.

### Girls' Night In - May 8 Boys' Night In - May 15

Dinner and Discussion: 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Sleep Over: 9:00 pm - 9:00 am  
Room 102, Lower Sanctuary  
Cost \$5 per person

Boys and Girls get many confusing messages about who they should be from the media, school, peers, and sometimes even their parents. But what does God say? How can the church help boys and girls discern the many messages they hear and listen for the voice of God?

There are three important topics that will be discussed with the boys and girls: Image, Value, and Power. PazNaz Kidz would like to create a safe place for them to come together and discuss how God wants them to live in freedom from the world's expectations of image, value, and source of power. This will give girls a chance to talk about how the media has influenced them personally and what kind of messages they are sending out. The boys will have a chance to talk about their competitive nature and how they may or may not be fitting in with their peers around them. Alcena Hoague and Luann Pannell will be leading Girls' Night In. Pastor Matt and Patrick Brock will be leading Boys' Night In.

### We Are All Witnesses

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God's good news – his Word – became flesh and walked among the people. Jesus encountered people in the midst of all kinds of struggles. He met lepers, tax-collectors, prostitutes, the lame, the mute, and the deaf. Each encountered in Jesus the good news of salvation and redemption. But most frequently Jesus encountered the blind (both physically and spiritually). By faith those who could not see experienced the opening of their eyes and the opportunity to see the world rightly.

Jesus also encountered the empire and those caught up in it – both the oppressed and their oppressors – inviting them into a new form of existence called the kingdom of God. This invitation was met with great resistance. Those in authority

would not willingly give up their position and power. Those at the bottom failed to enter in because of the fear of death that the empire held over them. They were right to be afraid. Jesus was forced to come face to face with the empire's threat of death. Death is the enemy that holds all of humankind captive. But Christ came as a messenger of good news that not even death itself can hold back the power of God. The reality of Christ's resurrection invites all people to live now by faith that the kingdom of love is the true and eternal kingdom.

The early church, and in particular the apostle Paul, realized that the death and resurrection of Christ was good news for everyone. Those who live under bondage to sin and those who live under the bondage of the law have equally been set free by the power of love and the power of God's

Spirit. Paul's transformation bears witness to the reality of God's saving work.

This is God's continual work. He finds people caught in various forms of oppression. He then raises up a messenger to proclaim the good news of salvation. And then those who have been held captive must discover how to appropriate this new creation into everyday life.

This raises some important questions for us. What is the captivity that we face from which God wants to set us free? How can we be messengers of good news into the lives of others? How do we live out the new reality of salvation in our day-to-day existence?

God has been and still is bringing about his redemption. And we are all witnesses of his new creation.

- Pastor T. Scott Daniels

# A month long Celebration from PazNaz Compassion

**Art Auction & Celebration**

**May 7**

**National Day of Prayer**

**May 7**

**Golf Tournament**

**May 16**

**LA Marathon with  
Child S.H.A.R.E.**

**May 25**

**Community Workday**

**May 29 & 30**