

# The North Hills News

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## This Summer Take a Real Vacation!

Summertime is fast approaching with dreams of the “perfect” vacation dancing in our heads. And why not – the routine of life generally is too fast and too full of too many things that are less than important, and we need some respite, we need a change. *We just need to get away.*

Unfortunately, it’s often true that a vacation can leave us more exhausted and frustrated than we were when we started. So I would like to suggest a “vacation attitude” you can adopt to rejuvenate not only your body and mind, but also your spirit.

A couple of years ago Diana and I got to go on a dream vacation in Hawaii. In spite of the marvelous destination and the generous time allotment, several things helped make it a real vacation. I had to set aside the time, plan my itinerary, and then soak up the rays of the island sunshine. But primarily I had to “vacate”, or get away from my regular life in order to enjoy my time. So whether you plan to go to Ireland, Idaho, or just the iPod store this summer, try taking your vacation with these three “escapes” in mind.

**1. Take a vacation from *Debilitation*.** What debilitates you? What is it that wears you down until you feel like going limp from exhaustion? I’m sure the list could get quite long, but for me the biggies are worry, the frenetic pace of life, and interpersonal conflict. Sure, there are plenty of self-help books out there to help you “manage” each of these, but I would like to suggest a more lasting alternative:

- ◆ **Plan your “escape”** by slowing down, putting aside the worry, and giving God back his rightful place as Creator.

*“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)*

**2. Take a vacation from *Trivialization*.** What is it that makes your life seem trivial, purposeless? It may seem obvious that devoting your

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energies to small, unimportant matters can devastate that sense of meaning you need for life. But focusing on what we consider to be “urgent” matters will also take a toll. So many urgent things demand our attention, but so few of them are truly important. Here’s what to do:

- ◆ **Get out the “map” (the Bible) and find your destination** by rediscovering God’s purpose for your life.

*“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:16 (NLT)*

*“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

3. **Take a vacation from Condemnation**. Why do so many people carry a chronic sense of shame around inside? What makes you feel condemned? The Bible clearly names sin as a primary culprit – often we *feel* guilty because of some actual transgression or violation of moral principle. But legalistic expectations (whether your own or someone else applying them to you) can grind you down, as can the old “tapes” and false beliefs from life’s experiences. Here’s how to get set free:

- ◆ **Soak up the “Rays” of the Son** by basking in God’s unlimited, amazing grace. There is nothing you have done that He cannot forgive, there is no secret or inner doubt too dark for Him to resolve.

*“If we admit our sins—make a clean breast of them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. 1 John 1:9 (Message)*

*“Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.” Romans 8:1, 2 (Message)*

So no matter where your summer travels may take you, whatever your vacations plans may be, make sure you “don’t leave home without Him.”

*Pastor Jerry*

## Class 101 – Discovering Membership at North Hills

The next Class 101 takes place on Sabbath, June 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This class is for new and transferring members. Come find out what North Hills membership is all about, and how you can be a part of this exciting church family. Please sign up at the Information Desk or contact the church office at (909) 621-3079. Lunch will be served.



## “New Life” Baptism Class

Whether you are ready to take the “plunge” with Christ in baptism, or are just considering what it's about, this class will help you gain a better grasp on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Sign up at the Information Desk or contact the church office at (909) 621-3079. The class will be held on June 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served.

## Church Outing to see Pocahontas

Join us June 3, at 2:15 pm, as we gather a group to see the LifeHouse Theater presentation of Pocahontas, featuring Rachel and Kelsey Hechanova. We have a block of seats reserved. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$8 for children. Make your check out to Ramona Rue, and place it in the offering plate, or give it to Ramona. LifeHouse Theater is located at 1135 N. Church Street, Redlands. **If you need a ride, talk to Ramona. Deadline for reservations is May 26!!!**

## North Hills Lending Library

Have you seen the new North Hills Lending Library in the foyer? We invite you to take a look at the wide selection of books, videos, DVDs, and CDs available. All items belong to North Hills Church members, who have lent them to the church library for you to borrow and enjoy.

To check out an item, please fill out the book card provided on the left door pocket of the library cabinet, and place it in the pocket on the right side of the door. After the item is returned, please place the library card in the return pocket.

## KidZ Korner

With God as our King we have named our children's department **KidZ Kingdom**. The KidZ Kingdom leadership “Round Table” is made up of:

**Royal Celebration Leaders (Worship):** Debi Davis, Assistant Taryn Foti. Leading children through praise and worship to their heavenly king.

**Royal Festival Leader (Fellowship):** Ramona Rue. Planning fellowship opportunities for children and their parents.

**Royal Pilgrimage Leader (Sabbath School/Small Groups):** Promila Kandal. Developing intimate relationships with each child in their small groups.

**Royal Service Leader (Ministry):** Cindy Weber. Providing opportunities to minister to other children in the community and globally.

**Royal Crusade Leader (Evangelism):** Jeanette Lorrando. Providing opportunities for children to accept Christ..

## Coming Events in the KidZ Kingdom...

Vacation Bible School will be Monday through Friday, June 25-29, from 5:00-7:30 pm. The theme this year will be “Take the Plunge!” – a water park adventure. Also, children's books will be available for purchase from the Scholastic Book Fair during Vacation Bible School.

**Parents:** Diana Benson will be offering a class at the same time as VBS for any adult who would like to learn to sew, quilt or do mending.



## June

### **June 3, 2:15 pm – North Hills Outing: “Pocahontas” at the LifeHouse Theater**

Join the North Hills Church Family to see "Pocahontas", featuring Rachel & Kelsey Hechanova. LifeHouse Theater is located at 1135 N. Church Street, Redlands. Contact **Ramona Rue** for more info.

### **June 9, 11:00 am – KidZ Kingdom presents KidZ Church**

KidZ Church is for kids age 5-11. Experience worship, Bible stories, and lots of fun activities!

### **June 9, 1:00-3:00 pm – “New Life” Baptism Class**

Sign up at the Info Desk or contact the church office at (909) 621-3079. Lunch will be served.

### **June 9 & 23, 1:00 pm – Ascend Rehearsal**

*Ascend*, the youth worship team of North Hills Church, will rehearse in the sanctuary.

### **June 16, 1:00 pm – Sabbath Way Day**

### **June 18, 7:00 pm – Board Meeting**

### **June 23, 1:00-3:00 pm – Class 101: Discovering Membership at North Hills**

For new and transferring members. Sign up at the Info Desk or contact the church office at (909) 621-3079. Lunch will be included.



### **June 25-29, 5:00-7:30 pm – VBS: Take the Plunge! Make a Splash with Jesus!**

Join us for the ride of your life in this water park adventure at North Hills Church! You'll soak up thrilling Bible stories and learn that...the coolest place to be is **in the Son!** Ages 5-12.

### **June 30 – VBS Celebration & Swim Party**

As Vacation Bible School comes to an end, we'll have a special Celebration church service, and a swim party afterward at the Day's house – 5857 Layton Street, Alta Loma. See Debi Davis for more details.

## July

### **July 7 & 21, 1:00 pm – Ascend Rehearsal**

### **July 14, 11:00 am – KidZ Kingdom presents KidZ Church**

Be sure your kids are here for KidZ Church! Ages 5-11. Bring a friend!

### **July 16, 7:00 pm – Board Meeting**

### **July 21, 1:00 pm – Sabbath Way Day**

### **July 29 – Bike & Beach Outing**

See Ramona Rue for developing details about this fun event for the whole family!

# The North Hills Calendar



Visit the North Hills website, [www.NHillsChurch.org](http://www.NHillsChurch.org), for changes and updates to coming events!

June	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1	2
	3 Pocahontas 2:15 pm	4	5	6	7	8	9 KidZ Church Ascend Baptism Class
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Sabbath Way Day
	17	18 Board Meeting 7 pm	19	20	21	22	23 Ascend Class 101
	24	<b>Vacation Bible School: TAKE THE PLUNGE!</b> 5:00 – 7:30 PM June 25-29					29

July	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5	6	7 Ascend
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 KidZ Church
	15	16 Board Meeting 7 pm	17	18	19	20	21 Sabbath Way Day Ascend
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 New issue of <i>North Hills News</i>
	29 Bike & Beach outing	30	31				