

The North Hills News

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BIKE RIDE AND BEACH PICNIC **Huntington State Beach, August 5 @ 3:00 pm**

Get out your beach chairs... start folding the beach towels... and get your bikes out of the garage, because North Hills Church is having a **Bike Ride and Beach Picnic!** Bring the kids, cousins, family and friends! Sign up at the Information Desk today.

On Sunday, August 5, we will meet at Huntington State Beach at 3:00 pm. Those who are hankering for a little exercise in the fresh, salty air can join in the one-hour bike ride that will begin and end at Huntington State Beach. Demi Hechanova will be organizing the ride. This is for everybody – adults and kids!

The rest of us will kick back on the beach and relax until the bikers return. And then we'll have an

old-fashioned "weenie" roast!

You need to bring:

- Your choice of "weenie"
- Skewer for roasting
- Chair and/or blanket
- Swimsuit & towel
- Bike
- A friend

North Hills Church will provide:

- Drinks
- Salads
- Chips
- Buns & Condiments
- Marshmallows
- Paper goods

For more information, call Ramona Rue or Demi Hechanova. For a map to the beach, you can check out the North Hills web site: www.nhillschurch.org/beach.htm.

GO, GROW, & GLOW

By Terry Benson

As Americans, we enjoy an abundance of personal and national freedoms – freedom to worship as we choose, freedom to speak our opinions, freedom to travel, and more. Our celebration of American independence is a grand and delightful tradition that reminds us of the exuberance freedom brings. But the most glorious

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"declaration of independence" was not made in 1776 at Philadelphia, but in the first century on a Roman cross signed with the blood of Jesus Christ. The story of His birth, life, death, and resurrection has brought freedom to millions over the centuries – it is the "Good News" that still offers

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SABBATH SCHOOL PROMOTION, AND NEW CLASS STARTING

August 25 @ 9:45 am

Kids from all children's Sabbath School classes, from Cradle Roll through Junior High/Middle School, will be moving up on August 25. You are invited to come and celebrate their promotion during the Sabbath School hour.

August 25 will also mark the introduction of a brand new Sabbath School class. Kids in grades 6

through 8 will now be enrolled in... the **Pit Stop!**

You've probably seen the black-and-white checkered flags in the foyer of the church over the past few months. If you are interested in becoming a member of the **Pit Crew**, stop by the table and talk to Nelson Larrando, who is heading up this awesome ministry.

SO, YOU WANT TO GET ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

By Mike Carter

Did you ever wonder about what is going on at North Hills, and notice that some event or activity that you would like to participate in was not available? So what do you do? I suspect that you make some plans, gather the required information, identify a date, prepare some advertisements, and then post a flyer on the Information Desk, or on some available wall space.

This approach, while interesting in concept, unfortunately has a limited life expectancy. Why, you ask? Well, let's explore a better way to accomplish what you desire. Did you know that the Social Committee must coordinate any social event with the church office, before the event is approved? Each church activity should first be reviewed by the appropriate Ministry Leader, and then coordinated with the church office, before being announced. This is necessary so that any other activities that are in the planning stages can also be taken into consideration.

We now have a successful way to communicate, based on two foundational tools: the official church calendar and the Church web site.

Check out the steps below that will help all of us efficiently and effectively notify our church community about upcoming events.

- Check the calendar on the church web site for an available date.
- Make preliminary plans for the event .
- Review the activity with the appropriate Ministry Leader.
- Coordinate the event with the church office.
- Notify the Social Committee.
- Communicate the information to both Steve Hoffman and Pam Nunn, no later than the Thursday of the week prior to the day you want the event listed – on the web site, and in the bulletin.

Following the steps above will allow time for the official Church Calendar and the church web site to be updated by Steve and Pam. We certainly appreciate your interest and support in church affairs, as we are continually striving to improve our communication processes.



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ultimate liberty, and everlasting peace, and eternal life to “whoever believes.” To those who are seeking spiritual liberation, Jesus is “Freedom Finally”!

The past few weeks at North Hills we have been exploring the implications of this glorious spiritual liberation for those who profess to be the followers of Jesus. As Christians we enjoy the benefits of grace – some times taking our liberties for granted. But do we understand the responsibility that comes with this freedom? I am convinced that God wants us to spread the liberty of Christ in three specific ways:

1 Connecting with those who are far from God and leading them to accept Christ. All around us in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our communities there are people who need God. Some know it and some don’t, but we cannot wait for them to come to us. We must do as Christ did – “seek and save the lost.” This is the “*Freedom to Go*” that we talked about. This is why each of us should identify and pray for specific people in our lives who are not connected to God or to the church. This is why we must fill our church to overflowing – as long as there is one lost person seeking for God.

2 Developing and maintaining an atmosphere conducive to spiritual growth at North Hills. As the seeds of the Gospel and the Bible are planted in the hearts of those who we reach, the Holy Spirit will bring about growth in their lives. But God has given us the work of nurturing, teaching, correcting, and equipping those who accept Jesus so that they may become mature believers, full of the Holy Spirit’s graces. This is the “*Freedom to Grow*” that we talked about. Is this happening at

North Hills Church? Are we seeing people not only delight in the message of God’s love through Christ, but being transformed and matured in that same faith?

3 Serving others who are in need when it is in our power to do so. We live in a world full of disease, ignorance, poverty, oppression and spiritual emptiness. Jesus made a practical difference in people’s lives – he healed those who were sick, he taught those who were ignorant, defended those

who were downtrodden, He encouraged those who were in despair. As His followers, we must do the same. This is the “*Freedom to Glow*” that we have talked about. And it is the special task and privilege of the North Hills Church to make a difference for God and for good in our community, our world.

These three imperatives are what I believe God is calling North Hills to pursue. Every ministry, every department, every outreach and

activity should consider these questions: how is this helping us connect with those who are far from God and bring them into His household? How does this bring about greater spiritual maturity in the members of our church? What is this doing to alleviate suffering, ignorance, oppression, poverty or spiritual emptiness? If the Son has set you free, you are free indeed. Now go share that liberty with someone else!

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Pastor Jerry

The North Hills Calendar



August 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Ascend Rehearsal
5 Bike Ride & Beach Picnic 3 pm	6	7	8	9	10	11 KidZ Church 11 am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Sabbath Way Day Ascend
19	20 Board Meeting 7 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Ascend Rehearsal
2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Limited tickets available for Women of Faith! Call Pam at (909) 732-1744 <i>today!</i> </div>				7 Women of Faith	8 KidZ Church Women of Faith
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Sabbath Way Day Ascend
16	17 Board Meeting 7 pm	18	19	20 Deadline for Newsletter	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Ascend Rehearsal Newsletter

Visit the North Hills website, www.NHillsChurch.org, for changes and updates.