

faith and fun

Connections

A PUBLICATION OF NORTHPARK COMMUNITY CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

9 TO 5 FOR CHRIST
JUST CELEBRATED
20 YEARS IN MINISTRY!



9 TO 5
FOR CHRIST



NEW
BEGINNINGS

PARKIN' AT NORTHPARK...
- 106 cars
- 20 vendors
- 400+ community visitors
- \$5800 raised for missionaries we support.



2023
CAR SHOW

A BUMPER CROP OF MIRACLES

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 NLT

I love to garden. I have several raised beds and containers in my backyard and every year I love to fill them with all sorts of vegetables and herbs and then I anxiously await the harvest. Somewhere about the middle of summer though, my patience gets the better of me and I begin to lose interest. Either the veggie yield is not quite what I was hoping for, the bugs get to me, or the weather just gets too hot and I don't want to go outside and deal with it. I wish I could say that gardening was the only thing I start then leave incomplete, but I've started many projects, crafts, and books over the years, only to have them end up in the donation pile.

Sadly, at times this carries over to my relationship and patience with God. I find myself losing hope when the answer for the things that I'm praying about, or people that I'm praying for, doesn't come right away. When I don't have an instant answer, my prayer efforts start to wane and become less frequent until I just stop praying altogether.

Imagine if God did this with us. Imagine if, when He guides and directs us in the way we need to go, He loses interest in us or gives up on us when we don't listen or we act too slowly? I don't know about you, but for me, if this was the case, life would be rather hopeless! Thanks be to God that He does not give up on us! Instead, just when we are at the end of our rope, the Lord sends a person, a verse, a song, or something that encourages us to keep going one more day. If we want to model Christ's love for others, one way we can do that is to not give up or lose hope. Instead, we need to keep going, to keep praying, to keep doing this one more day.

In a time when giving up seems so much easier than staying the course, I pray that the Lord will send some form of encouragement that speaks directly to you and gives you the very thing you need to keep going so that when the time comes to harvest, you will see a bumper crop of miracles.

SO LET'S NOT
GET TIRED of doing
GOOD

Janine
Janine Minassian
Women's Ministry Director

So let's not get tired of doing good



GALATIANS 6:9

NEW BEGINNINGS

Saturday, September 16, 2023
10:30 a.m.
Northpark Worship Center
Cost: \$15

Women of all ages are invited to our quarterly luncheon. Our next meeting theme is, "Re-purposed". We'll enjoy amazing fellowship, worship, and the Word. In addition, we will experience delicious food, goodies galore, and wild and crazy fun!

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. for the event, please visit our website at northparkchurch.org/women or contact Dar Rossi at 714-323-1124.

In order to prepare for the September meeting, Dar is in need of the the following donations:

- Used dryer sheets
- Pill bottles
- Paper towel rolls
- Toilet paper rolls
- Jewelry
- Old jeans
- Men's ties
- Old socks (they don't have to match)
- Old pantyhose
- Bottle caps, especially water bottle caps
- Jars
- "Used up" hand lotion tubes
- Eyeglass cases

If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Dar.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Northpark Room 101
Book: *Sensible Shoes*

by Sharon Garlough Brown

Here's a new, upcoming opportunity to connect with other women through a love of reading! Purchase your book in whatever format you prefer and start reading! Then, we'll meet together to chat about the book.

For more information, visit northparkchurch.org/women, or contact Robyn Scroggins at 559-970-8555.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

2023-2024 Registration opens in August

Our Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group meets September-May and is open to all moms with kids ages birth-5. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. We would love to welcome you to our MOPS group! Find more information at northparkchurch.org/MOPS.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

If you've ever wanted to read the entire Bible in a year, now is your chance! Experience God's Word each day using *The Daily Walk Bible* (NLT).

For more information, contact Donna Weber at 805-305-0229

9 TO 5 FOR CHRIST

Second Monday of the month (next meeting is July 10 at Northpark)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location varies each month

Cost: First time guest \$18 / Regular attendee \$20 / Pay at the door \$22

Join us the 2nd Monday of the month for fellowship, dinner, and an inspirational speaker. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend for a double blessing!

We recommend and appreciate you making a reservation by the Friday prior to our meeting online at 9to5forchrist.com or by calling Penny at 559-349-1974.

For more information and future meeting dates and locations, visit www.9to5forchrist.org or contact Joyce Eden at 559-259-2468.



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2023

Friday - Sunday
October 6-8, 2023
Calvin Crest Conference Center
Oakhurst, CA
Cost: \$265 (triple occupancy room)
\$280 (double occupancy room)

We are so excited to announce our 2023 Northpark Women's Retreat! Join us for incredible worship, rich teaching, fellowship, and fun.

Registration will begin in mid July and space is limited. For more information, please contact Janine Minassian at 559-862-9393.

WOMEN'S BEGINNER YOGA

Thursday evenings through August 31
(no class on 7/13 or 7/20)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Northpark Room 203
Cost: Free

All ages and skill levels are welcome! Bring a yoga mat, water and any yoga props you want (blocks etc.) Some loaner items will be available if needed.

This class is facilitated by certified yoga instructor, Cheryl Tristan.

Space is limited, so please sign up in advance. You can register online at northparkchurch.org/women. You can also contact Cheryl with any questions or to register at 559-907-5303.