

FEBRUARY 7, 2010



Keeping **CONNECTED**

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS AT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Next Week—Worship & Music Director Dave Hook Arrives

Sunday, February 14 will be Dave's first official Sunday with us. He will be working part-time until early June when he will join our staff on a full-time basis. We look forward to all that God will do through Dave's ministry here.

The Café is Coming

On Sunday, March 7 we will launch two new worship gatherings in the Hall at 9:00 and 10:45. FAQs about the Café can be found in the February *Bell Tower*, at the table in the lobby or in the church office. Our youth pastors will share their vision during services on February 14 and elders will be available that morning to answer questions.

The staff is working hard on the Café but it won't happen without your help. Volunteers are needed in a number of areas. Please stop by the table in the lobby to sign up or use the attached Communications Slip and drop it in the offering basket.

Children's Ministry

Get Ready for Summer!

Some exciting summer dates to put on your calendar :

- Summer Sunday Kick-off: June 6
- Sports Camp, June 21-25
- Blank Canvas, June 30
- VBS, July 12-16
- Wild & Wacky Wednesday, July 21

Registration for these events begins Sunday, May 2

Children's Choir (1st-5th grade)

Children's Choir has begun and is meeting in the choir room from 3:30-4:45PM on Tuesday afternoons. Our new Children's Choir Director is Becca Cochran. Miss Becca is a seasoned music teacher and graduated from Nyack College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She has attended VCC for 4 years with her husband (Ryan, our Middle School Pastor). Register in the church office.

New Day for Homework Club

Kids, Homework Club is back and returns on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:45PM for its Spring Session in the Kidz Connection Portable. Each Tuesday we have teachers who are willing to sit down with you and work through your homework. This is a great time to just have some one-on-one help (besides Mom or Dad) with your homework and some encouragement along the way. Our Homework Club Coordinator is Suzette Sousa and she welcomes any questions you may have about HC. You can reach her at 455-8026.

Student Ministries

Homework in the Hall

Come after school Tuesday and/or Wednesday to get your homework done. Adult supervision provided. Work on group projects or study together with your friends or classmates. Snacks available.

- Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 3:00-5:00PM
- For all middle and high school students

Upcoming Events

Our middle and high school ministries have many opportunities coming up this spring and summer (see the February *Bell Tower* for details, page 12)

- Equip weekend for middle school "Peer Care, Peer Share", February 19-21
- High school retreat, March 19-21
- High school 'Xtreme Camp, June 13-18
- Middle school 'Xtreme Camp, June 19-24
- Middle school sports camp outreach, July 24-31 (tentative)
- High school Ensenada trip, July 24-August 1
- OGN (Operation Good News) at home, August 4-6

Classics

Game Day

Join us for a fun day playing games and hearing from guest speaker, Jay Ashcraft on Wednesday, February 10 at 1:00-3:00PM in the Seminar Room. Bring a dessert to share. Contact Rosie Gillman at 846-3110 for more information.

Men's Ministry

Mark Your Calendar—Men's Retreat

- 2010 Men's Retreat, April 9-11, Redwood Christian Park
- Cost \$189, scholarships available
- Sign-up at the Men's table or contact Tony Miceli at 570-0986

Early Risers *Becoming God's Man in 2010*

- Samuel Part 2—The Courageous Prophet
- Join a great bunch of guys for breakfast, discussion and prayer every Wednesday, 6:30-7:30AM
- Walk ins welcome, contact Ted Saito 829-4380

Thursday Evening Bible Study

- Thursdays, 7:00-8:30PM, Fireside Room
- Walk-ins welcome, contact Ron Ward, 462-7727 or ron@imageprint.com

Women's Ministry

Weekly Bible Studies

- Studies meet on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15AM and Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30PM
- Child care is provided on Tuesday mornings
- For more information contact Brenda Black at brendagblack@yahoo.com

100 Words Seminar

What if you only had 100 words to share Jesus with a friend? Do you know what you would say? Come join us at our regular Bible Study time (Tuesday, February 9 at 9:15AM, or Wednesdays, February 10 at 7:00PM) to learn how to share your story in 100 words. Jan Villott will help us consider how God has impacted our lives and how our experiences can help change someone else's life. Contact Brenda Black at brendagblack@yahoo.com for more information.

Adult Ministries

*i*NVERSION Begins Sunday, February 21

The *teaching* Gathering will start at 5:00PM in the Hall followed at 6:00PM by individual *com*Groups. All young marrieds, singles, college, career, etc. are invited. For more information contact Heath Hardesty at 846-6622x41 or hhardesty@valleycommunitychurch.org or download the February *Bell Tower*, page 6. Childcare provided.

Adult Bible Fellowship

This Sunday at 10:30AM, Jon Knight talks about Acts 5 (Ananias & Sapphira). Join us for snacks, fellowship, teaching & prayer in the Seminar Room, walk-ins welcome!

Around the Valley

Valley Pregnancy Center PACE Class

Beginning in February the Valley Pregnancy Center in Dublin is offering a PACE (post-abortion counseling and education) class for women who have had an abortion. You will find compassion and understanding through a 12 week confidential Bible study for the wounds left from abortion. The class will lead you through the healing process of God's forgiveness and love to new peace and freedom in your life. For more information call Sharon Landes at VPC, 828-4458.

Christian Writers Seminar—February 19 & 20

This great conference is for anyone who is exploring whether God is calling them to write for publication; covers all types of writing. A number of Bay Area Christian authors will be speaking including VCC's own Rick Acker who will present *Finding a 25th Hour in Your Day* and *How to Write Suspense*. The Seminar will take place on Friday & Saturday, February 19 & 20 at Redwood Chapel in Castro Valley. The cost is only \$99 (much lower than comparable conferences). Information and registration at www.christianwriter.org.

California Women's Retreat

The California Women's Retreat will be held February 26-28 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel. The theme will be *Finding God Up Close and Personal*. See www.cawr.org for more information.