



## Communications Slip

What would you like us to know?

Tear off slip and place in the offering.

NAME(S)

PHONE(S)

EMAIL

### Sign-ups:

Children's program help in August:

8/2  8/9  8/16  8/23  8/30

### Comments/prayer requests:

CONFIDENTIAL

PUT ON PRAYER CHAIN

## Community Life | Life IS better together!

Thoughts on *transformation*:

"Transformation occurs through a joint effort between God, who supplies the power, the love, the knowledge and the vision, and each one of us, who bring nothing more to the table than our openness and willingness." (Mindy Caliguire)

"Not only is His death the basis for our forgiveness, it's also the foundation for our transformation." (Herb Vander Lugt)

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

Our aim: *Transforming lives in a Christ-centered community.*

**VBS donations needed:** We need 275 glass baby food jars for a craft. They may be short or tall, but need to be glass. In addition, VBS needs paper goods, non-perishable food items, baked goods and fruit trays. Sign-up at the registration tables today after services or come by the office during the week.

**VBS Set-Up & Tear Down Help Needed!** Can you help us get ready for VBS? We need help setting up on Saturday & Sunday, July 11 & 12 and tearing down on Friday, July 17 at 12:30PM. Contact Sandie Powell at 447-5883 or flukefancier@yahoo.com.

**Sports Camp Update:** Our Children's Ministry Sports Camp in June was a HUGE success. We had 93 children playing games, singing praises, and hearing the gospel. Many of these children were not from our church family. Forty-six children prayed to accept Jesus Christ into their hearts for the first time. Praise God! Thanks to all who helped make this a great week!

**What to do when you don't know what to do:** You're invited to join the Adult Bible Fellowship (every Sunday 10:30, Seminar Room) as it starts its summer session today studying James' Epistle using Dr. David Jeremiah's book. Drop-ins are encouraged to join us for refreshments, fellowship and great Bible study.

**VCC Job Search Support Group**—Meets the second and fourth Thursdays in the Conference Room at 6:30PM. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 9. If your job situation is precarious, join us. If you are aware of a company that is hiring, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Terry Simeon 373-0942 or Andy Prentice 487-7284.

**Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Class**, Wednesdays, July 8-September 9, 7:00-9:00PM in the Fireside Room. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last year or two? Brochures are available in the church office, pre-registration is required. Contact Linda Husted at 833-9013.

**Congratulations to Will & Jenny Miller** on the birth of a daughter, Delaney Reid, on Friday, June 26. Delaney was 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 inches long. Proud grandma is Penny Nordin.

**Congratulations to Dan & Caris Noble** on the birth of a son, Timothy Indiana (Indy), on Monday, June 29. Jason was 7 pounds, 4 ounces and 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Terry & Christie Catron.

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# Welcome

JULY 5, 2009

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## *Welcome Center*

We're glad you could worship with us today! If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you. Stop by the Welcome Center after either service to receive a free gift, meet some VCC folks, and find out more about our church. You can also fill out the green Response Card in the pew and drop it in the offering basket.

## *Getting & Keeping Connected at VCC*

To get a better idea of who we are as a church and what kinds of programs we have to help you along the way in your spiritual journey with Christ, please pick up the *Getting Connected* booklet at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Whether this is your first visit or you've been here for years, we would be happy to help you connect further.

For more information about the ministries of Valley Community Church please refer to the information brochure in the pew as well as *Keeping Connected* for current events. *Keeping Connected* is updated every Friday and is available by electronic subscription, on the church website at [www.valleycommunitychurch.org](http://www.valleycommunitychurch.org) or pick up a printed copy in the Narthex.

*In our vision we are:*

- G**rowing deeper in the Word & Prayer
- R**eaching out
- A**ctively serving
- C**elebrating God
- E**xperiencing Christian community

## *Disability Services*

Disability services are available, see an usher for assistance.



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## *Bylaws Draft Available*

The elders have prepared a draft of the bylaws that culminates five months of hard work to update them. Copies are available in the church office. Based on feedback by the congregation, a second bylaws draft will be generated leading to a final version in September. You may give feedback to the Bylaws Review Committee by emailing [bylaws@valleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:bylaws@valleycommunitychurch.org) or turning in written comments to the church office by July 12.

## *Pray for Those Going Out*

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### **Guatemala Mission Trip**

JULY 6-17

### **HS Ensenada Mission Trip**

JULY 24-AUGUST 2

### **MS Colorado Mission Trip**

JULY 18-25

### **Unleashed Germany Mission Trip**

JULY 25-AUGUST 9

## *This Week*

### **Sunday**

10:45AM Adult Bible Fellowship (BLT)  
11:00AM Unleashed, College & Beyond  
5:00PM Journey2Gether

### **Monday**

Guatemala mission trips departs

### **Tuesday**

7:00PM MS BLAST

### **Wednesday**

8:45AM Wild & Wacky Wednesday  
7:00PM HS FOCUS

### **Wednesday**

6:30AM Men's Bible Study

### **Thursday**

6:30PM VCC Job Search Support Group  
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

### **Saturday**

9:00AM VBS set-up

## *Coming Soon*

**July 13-17:** Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, July 15, 6:30PM:** Women's Summer Bible Study begins

**Friday, July 17, 6:00PM:** Friday Friends

**July 18-25:** MS Colorado Mission Trip

**Wednesday, July 22:** Wild & Wacky Wednesday

**Thursday, July 23, 6:30PM:** VCC Job Search Support Group

**Saturday, July 25, 7:00AM:** Pleasanton Ridge Hike

**July 24-August 2:** HS Ensenada Mission Trip

**July 25-August 9:** Unleashed Germany Mission Trip

**Friday, August 7, 6:30PM:** Women's Meet and Greet

**Thursday, August 13, 6:30PM:** VCC Job Search Support Group

**Sunday, August 23, 10:00AM:** All-Church Worship/Family Picnic

*July 5, 2009*  
9:00 & 10:45AM

HOW  
great  
& is our  
GOD

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*God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.*

EXODUS 2:24-25

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**Worship in Song**

**Offering**

Carissa Martin

**Message**

Danny Hall

*Our God is Sovereign*

Exodus 2-3

**Response**

# *Our God is Sovereign*

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## **I. The Power of the Promise v. The Pervasiveness of the Problem**

## **II. Transcendence v. Immanence**

## **III. What Sovereignty Means for Me**

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### **Questions for Small Group Discussion**

1. Describe what you think it means that God is sovereign.
2. Give an example from your own experience of how you have had to trust in God's sovereignty.
3. Why do you think trusting God is both "dangerous" and a source of peace as well?

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# Keeping **CONNECTED**

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS AT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## Men's Ministry

### Bible Study in Livermore

- Thursdays at 7:00PM, at Doug Robert's home, 1870 Broadmore Street, Livermore, 449-1928

### Men, you're invited to join the Early Risers

- Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30AM, in the Seminar Room
- Breakfast foods served, excellent discussions with spiritual insights
- Walk-ins welcome, contact Bud Engel, 846-9497

### Thursday Evening Study—Fireside Room

- Thursdays, 7:00-8:30PM, prayer & fellowship
- Drop-ins welcome, contact Ron Ward, 462-7727

### Pleasanton Ridge Hike

- Saturday, July 25 at 7:00AM
- Bring the family; reach out to friends
- Meet at Golden Eagle Estates, 1800 Foothill Road
- Contact Gordon Zagar, [BUSC\\_D4@live.com](mailto:BUSC_D4@live.com) or 408-571-8370CELL

## Women's Ministry

### Summer Bible Study

Five weeks beginning July 15 at 6:30PM, Room A205. Facilitated by Women's Ministry Team. Visit the Women's Ministries table between services for more information, or call Marie Ghiringhelli at 461-9441.

## Student Ministries

### Middle School

#### MS Sports Ministry Mission Trip—July 18-25

We will be going to Denver, Colorado for a Sports Camp outreach event. Applications are available in the Student Ministries Office.

#### Denver Mission Trip Fundraiser

TNT and Thriving Ink are teaming up to raise support for the Denver sports camp. Come into the shop on Wednesday, July 8 from 6:00-9:00PM and check out the unique clothing this family owned and run business has. A percentage of their sales during this time will be going to support the mission trip. There will be snacks and live music—hope to see you there!

Thriving Ink Co., 55 W. Angela Street. Pleasanton (next to Amelia's Cafe)

#### 8th Grade Graduation Party

- Tuesday, July 14, 6:30-9:00PM
- Ruby Hill's Community Center (invitations will be coming in the mail)

### High School

- HS Ensenada Trip—July 24-August 2

## Childrens Ministries

### August Volunteers Needed

August is just around the corner, the month of the year when we give all our year-long volunteers a well-deserved break. We can't thank them enough! Parents, please consider volunteering one Sunday, one service during August as your thanks to our regular teachers. All of our classes will need two volunteers. Please sign the Communications Slip with your availability.

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### Missions

The Missions committee is looking for several new team members. This dynamic, active committee meets once a month and is responsible for our long term missionaries, mission agencies, short-term mission trips, and mission education. You must be a member of VCC to serve on this committee. If you have an interest in missions this is a great way to learn and participate. Contact George Viebeck, [Viebeck\\_george@emc.com](mailto:Viebeck_george@emc.com), (925) 998-7371 CELL.

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### Around the Valley

#### Women of Faith

Women of Faith is coming to San Jose July 10-11 at the HP Pavilion. More information and registration available at [www.womenoffaith.com/sanjose](http://www.womenoffaith.com/sanjose).

#### Everyman's Battle Weekend – San Jose, July 17-19

A place to join a band of brother fighting the battle to reclaim your sexual integrity. During this intensive three-day workshop you will work with a Christian counselor who will arm you with the weapons you need for victory. 1-800-NEW-LIFE or [www.everymansbattle.com](http://www.everymansbattle.com).

#### \$100 Discount available for Mount Hermon Summer Camps

First time registrants will receive \$100 off the cost of any Summer Camp Program at Mount Hermon or Kidder Creek including Family Camp, Ponderosa Lodge, and Redwood Camp. Brochures and coupons are available outside the church office

#### Chicks with Sticks–Women Helping Women • Golf Fore A Cause

Hit the links at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in the beautiful wine country of the Livermore Valley for the Inaugural Chicks with Sticks Golf Tournament. Proceeds to benefit the women & children of Shepherd's Gate.

- Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, Livermore
- 4-Person shotgun scramble, \$99 per player includes cart, range balls, green fees, box lunch & buffet dinner

If you don't golf, you can help by becoming a sponsor! Help support Shepherd's Gate where women & children in crisis receive the help & healing they need to restore their lives & break the cycles of abuse & addiction.

For more information about this event go to [www.shepherdsgate.org](http://www.shepherdsgate.org). For sponsorship information, contact Lyn Kiernan at [lkiernan@sheperdsgate.org](mailto:lkiernan@sheperdsgate.org).