

JULY 5, 2009



Keeping **CONNECTED**

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS AT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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 or turning in written comments to the church office by July 12.

Pray for Those Going Out

We have many teams heading out to the mission field and your prayer support is greatly needed. Pray for travel safety, fellowship, program success and God's will.

Guatemala Mission Trip
JULY 6-17

MS Colorado Mission Trip
JULY 18-25

HS Ensenada Mission Trip
JULY 24-AUGUST 2

Unleashed Germany Mission Trip
JULY 25-AUGUST 9

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 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.

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, (925) 998-7371 CELL.

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.

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.

\$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. For sponsorship information, contact Lyn Kiernan at lkiernan@sheperdsgate.org.