

## Communications Slip

Tear off slip and place in the offering.

- Information change     1st time visitor  
 Repeat visitor         Occasional attendee  
 Regular attendee       Out of town visitor

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

- Single    Married    MS    HS    Adult

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

PRIMARY EMAIL

### I'm interested in:

- Speaking to a pastor  
 Learning more about Valley Community Church  
 Joining a Small Group  
 Christianity and/or I'd like to find out more about Jesus  
 Add me to the communications list  
 Serving opportunities at VCC  
 Baptism  
 Church membership

Use back of slip for sign-ups, comments, and/or prayer requests.

## Group & Community Life | Life IS better together!

Are you enjoying being a part of our message-based small groups? Would you like to use your creativity to write discussion-oriented small group lessons that enhance and apply the Sunday morning messages? We are developing a team of writers to serve in this way. Contact Jay Ashcraft to discuss giving it a try at 846-6622x42 or [jashcraft@valleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:jashcraft@valleycommunitychurch.org).

**Thank you to those who have** volunteered to work a Sunday in August when our regular Sunday School teachers are on a break. We only need two more spots filled for the 3 & 4-year-old class on August 22, both services. If you can help, please sign the Communications Slip or contact Barb Kennedy at [kurtbarb.kennedy@comcast.net](mailto:kurtbarb.kennedy@comcast.net).

**Where are the kids?** The month of August our students will have substitute teachers and different rooms for learning God's. On September 5 we will be back to our regular rooms and our teachers will be returning refreshed! 3 and 4-year-olds in the Tiger Room. Kindergarteners and 1st graders in the Cougar Portable. 2nd-5th Graders in the Kidz Connection Portable.

**The Café** has a need for people on the Food Team once a month. You could either set up the donuts and food items before 2nd service or put everything away after 2nd service (begin at 12:15). Sign up on the Communications Slip or contact Vanora Benjamin at [vanorabenzamin@yahoo.com](mailto:vanorabenzamin@yahoo.com).

**Lost & Found**—with all the excitement of Extreme Camp, Sports Camp, and VBS our Lost & Found is overflowing. Please stop by the cart at the Gathering Place today! We will be donating any remaining items this week!

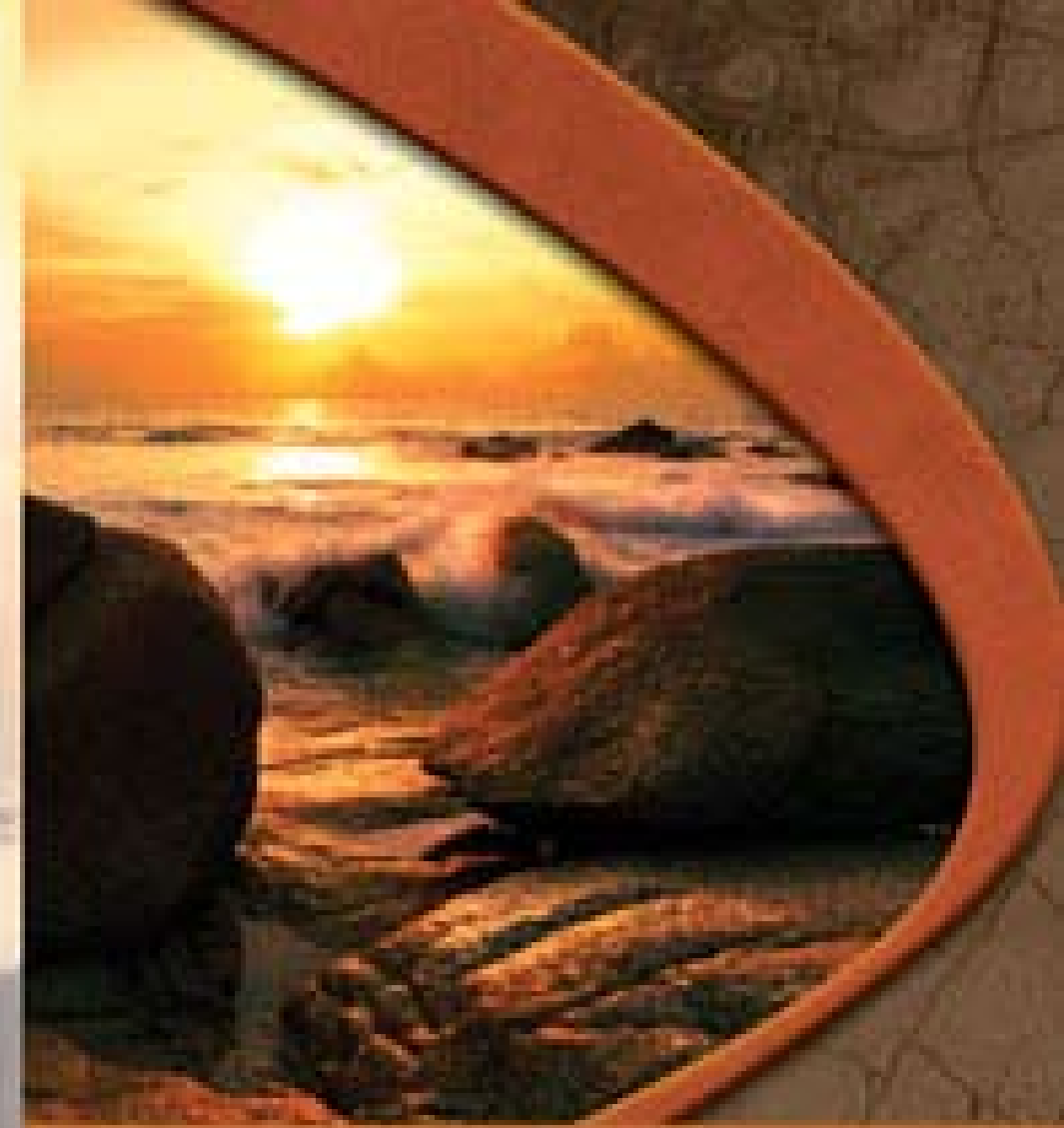
**Classic ladies...** here's a chance to refresh, relax and relate...Thursday, August 12, 2:00PM at Janet Moore's, 1537 Courtney Avenue in Pleasanton. Have a favorite book? Please bring a new copy to share with the girls who will soon be residing at Freedom House ([freedom-house.us.com](http://freedom-house.us.com)). For more information and to RSVP, contact Rosie Gillman at 846-3110.

**Wedding Invitation:** VCC church family is invited to the wedding of Lisa Miller and Bill Xenakis on Saturday, August 7 at 4:30pm in the sanctuary and reception to follow at Blue Agave. Invitations with details and RSVP information can be picked up outside the church office and in the lobby of the sanctuary.

**Western BBQ & Dance Fundraiser** for Robert Harrison. He recently underwent two life-saving liver transplants in the span of three weeks to treat a condition known as HHT (Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasias). See *Keeping Connected* for details.

**Congratulations** to Ray & Michelle Dickinson on the birth of a son, Matthew Dean. He was born on Monday, June 14 and was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 20½ inches long. He joins big brother and sister Noah and Megan.

**A memorial service** for Tim Lundell will take place today, August 1 at 2:00PM. After the service there will be a reception in the Hall. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Mission Aviation Fellowship, [www.maf.org](http://www.maf.org).



Valley  
Community Church  
*transforming lives in a Christ-centered community*

AUGUST 1, 2010

## Welcome – Getting & Keeping Connected

We're glad you could worship with us today! If you are a guest, we would like to get to know you. Stop by the Welcome Center after either service to receive a free gift, a Bible if you need one, meet some VCC folks, and find out more about our church.

To get a better idea of who we are and what we offer to help you along your spiritual journey, pick up the *Getting Connected* booklet at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

*Keeping Connected* is available each week highlighting current ministry events and opportunities. Pick up a copy in the lobby or check it out online at [www.valleycommunitychurch.org](http://www.valleycommunitychurch.org). Our monthly newsletter, *the Bell Tower*, is also available to download. In it you will find out what is going on in the life of our church and congregation.

### This Week

#### Sunday

10:30AM Adult Bible Fellowship (BLT)  
2:00PM Memorial Service  
6:00PM iNVERSION

#### Wednesday

6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
8:00AM HS A.B.L.E. begins  
7:00PM Women's Book Club

#### Thursday

7:00PM Men's Bible Study

#### Saturday

7:30AM iNVERSION Habitat for Humanity  
6:00PM Friday Friends Swim Party  
7:00PM Unleashed Mystery Party

### Coming Soon

Thursday, August 19, 7:00PM: Women's Ministries Fall Kickoff

Sunday, August 29, 9:00 & 10:45AM: 5th Sunday Celebration (no Café)

Sunday, August 29, 6:00PM: Congregational Informational Meeting

Sunday, September 5: Promotion Sunday

Sunday, September 12, 12:15PM: Small Group Leader Equipping

Sunday, September 19: Brown Bag Sunday

Sunday, September 19, 12:15PM: Group Link (new small group formation)

Sunday, September 26, 5:00PM: Church-wide Celebration and Appreciation

## Of Note This Week...

### *ABLE* (Apologetics, Biblical worldview, Leadership, Evangelism)

There is still room and time to register for our first-ever A.B.L.E. conference. The sessions on Apologetics, Biblical worldview, Leadership, and Evangelism will encourage, equip, and enlighten students high school age and above. Our special guest speaker is Sean McDowell (son of well known author and speaker Josh McDowell). Cost: \$100; location: the Hall. Registration forms are available in the youth office.

### *Inversion's webHub is now live*

Visit [inversiononline.org](http://inversiononline.org), the web presence of our iNVERSION ministry. This is the place to find media, news, & social justice opportunities. Here we take the Gospel to the digital realm, and our communications with the global church. Take special note of the August 7 Habitat for Humanity day.

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## Let us know...

NAME

EMAIL

- Café Food Team  
 Women's Fall Kickoff-childcare for (list names & ages of children):

- Sunday school help in August:

- 8/22, 3 & 4-year-old class  
 1st service  2nd service

- Comments/prayer requests:

- CONFIDENTIAL  PUT ON PRAYER CHAIN

*August 1, 2010*

9:00 & 10:45AM

# Overcoming OBSTACLES & TO Belief

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*"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

JOHN 20:31

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**Worship in Song**

**Offering**

**Message**

Tony Catudal

*Overcoming Obstacles to Belief • John20:24-31*

**Holy Communion**

**Worship Response**

**Blessing**

**I. God knows our obstacles to belief**

**II. God cares about our obstacles to belief**

**III. God is able to remove our obstacles to belief**

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# Keeping **CONNECTED**

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS AT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## **Men's Ministry**

### **Early Risers** *Becoming God's Man in 2010*

- Join a great bunch of guys for breakfast, discussion and prayer every Wednesday, 6:30-7:30AM
- This week, insights to David's fall with Bathsheba
- Walk-ins welcome, contact Ted Saito, 829-4380

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

- Thursdays, 7:00-8:30PM, Fireside Room
- Contact Ron Ward, 462-7727 or rward@grandflow.com

## **Adult Ministries**

### **Adult Bible Fellowship**

Join us after 1st service at 10:30AM for snacks, fellowship, teaching & prayer, Seminar Room, walk-ins welcome.

- Sunday, August 1, *Paul the Defender Acts*, Dale Brown
- Sunday, August 8, *Paul Arrives in Rome*, Jon Knight

## **Sports Ministry**

### **Poppy Hills Golf Tournament in Monterey**

- Saturday, August 7 at 9:30AM, Poppy Hills in Monterey
- Everyone is welcome, club member or not
- \$95 NCGA members, \$125 guests (\$75 less than normal), includes golf, cart, and prizes
- Sign-up at the Gathering Place between services or contact Dave McCarroll at 408-605-1747 or dmccarroll@cpoltd.com

## **Women's Ministry**

### **Book Discussion**

If you are a fast reader, there's still time to read the summer selection, *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Plan to join other women on Wednesday, August 4 at 7:00PM to discuss the book.

## **Around the Valley**

### **Western BBQ & Dance Fundraiser**

Come out and show your support for Robert Harrison. He recently underwent 2 life-saving liver transplants in the span of 3 weeks to treat a condition known as HHT (Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasias). Please consider helping the Harrison family by attending this fundraiser to assist them with their overwhelming medical expenses. Friday, August 13, 6:00-10:00PM at the Pleasanton Fairground's Ivy Glen (4501 Pleasanton Ave.). Tickets are \$20 adults (18 and over), \$10 kids age 7-17 and kids 6 and under are free. Ticket includes parking, food, DJ, line dance lessons. Questions? Contact Vickie Bottero at vbottero@scilearn.com.

### **Enduring Word Music Festival**

The Bay Area's largest Christian music event, presented by New Life Christian Church. Free event on Saturday, August 14, 10:00am-5:00pm at Castro Valley High School Sports Complex, 19400 Santa Maria Ave, Castro Valley. More information, [www.enduringword.net](http://www.enduringword.net).