

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008



Keeping **CONNECTED**

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS AT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

See the bulletin for more details about:

Missions Lunch

Sunday, September 14, 12:15PM in the Seminar Room. East Asia trips highlights from Rachel Ellis, Jay Ashcraft, Stu Bailey and others.

Prayer for Renewal

Sunday, September 14, 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. Come pray for the Renew series that begins next week. The focus of the series will be renewing our Vision.

Fall Opportunities

Unlocking the Bible-Exploring Route 66 begins next week, Sunday, September 14 at 9:00AM in the Conference Room for women to dig deeper in the 66 books of the Bible.

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF), a new concept at VCC, begins Sunday, September 21 at 10:45AM in the Seminar Room. The topic for the Fall session is *Heaven (What to Expect!)* using Randy Alcorn's best-selling book.

Women's Bible study sign-ups continue today. Studies begin next week on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening. Tuesday AM can choose *Connecting with God* or *Experiencing God*. Wednesday PM is doing *Connecting with God*.

Men's Ministry *RUN to the Cross* ✝

Monday Night Study–Livermore

- Begins Monday, September 8, 7:30PM
- Studying Chip Ingram's *Your Divine Design*
- Doug Robert's home, drop-ins welcome
- Contact Doug Roberts, 449-1928

Wednesday Morning Study–Conference Room

- Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30AM, prayer & fellowship
- Studying Mark 12:35-13, *Signs of the (Last) Times*
- Drop-ins welcome, breakfast snacks served
- Contact Ted Saito, 829-4380

Thursday Evening Study–Fireside Room

- Thursdays, 7:00-8:30PM, prayer & fellowship
- Studying 1 Corinthians
- Drop-ins welcome
- Contact Ron Ward, 462-7727

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference

- Saturday, October 11, 8:30AM-5:30PM at Redwood Chapel in Castro Valley
- Keynote speaker, Steve Wisniewski
- Visit the Men's Ministry table for more information on cost, carpooling, and sign-ups

Women's Ministry

Fall Bible Study–Begins Next Week!

- Register TODAY on the patio
- Choose Tuesday AM or Wednesday PM
- Show your love for our leaders! Volunteer to care for a few of their cute kids while they attend a meeting each Tuesday from 8:30-9:15AM and one Monday per month from 9:00-11:00AM. Please call Brenda Black at 417-0547.

Walk to the Water Family Event (Educational fund raiser)

- Sunday, October 5, 12:30-4:30PM at Shadow Cliffs
- Sign-ups begin September 14
- Activities to replicate what women and children do on a daily basis to supply their family's water needs
- Supports programs for lowest caste Indian women

Retreat!

- Registration begins September 21
- October 17-19 in the Santa Cruz mountains
- *Enjoying God's Presence* with author and speaker Jan Johnson (www.janjohnson.org)

Visit us at the Gathering Place **after both services.**

Classics

Classics Fall Kick-off Lunch

- Tuesday, September 9, 11:30AM SHARP
- Sweet Tomatoes, 4501 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton

Sign-up on the Communications Slip. For more information, contact Rosie Gillman at 846-3110.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School Volunteers-Thanks & NEEDS

A big THANK YOU to those of you that helped relieved our teachers this August with volunteering. We appreciate your willingness to serve. We have received some wonderful responses for this year and 85% of our teachers are returning to Children's Ministries. Wahoo!

Two classes remain unstaffed with an adult, but have helpers trained and ready to go.

First Service	4 year-old every other week
Second Service	3 year-old every other week

Please let us know if you can serve in one of these areas, our **classes will remain closed** until we have an adult in each room.

Our 4th and 5th graders need a teacher during 1st Service. Please pray with us for this important spot to be filled today.

Thank you for praying for our children, our 30 new believers, we are rejoicing. Contact Cheryl Blea at 846-6622 x13 if you can help.

Friendship Class

This Sunday School class allows parents of children with special needs to attend church. Children, K-12 year-olds, with all levels of needs are welcome. The class meets at 10:45AM in Room A206.

If you have a heart to serve these children and allow their parents to attend church, please contact Cheryl Blea at 846-6622 x13.

Kidz Choir Sign-ups

If you are a kid who loves to sing and praise the Lord, come join us in Kidz Choir this year! We rehearse every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00PM and will sing about once a month for the Sunday morning services. Please stop by the church office to fill out a registration form (for students entering kindergarten through 5th grade).

Student Ministries

6th Grade Parent Meeting

- Sunday, September 14 at 9:15AM in Room A206

Middle School Van Hunt EXPLOSION

- Saturday, September 27 at 6:30PM-Scavenger Hunt with Friends!
- Attention Parents: we NEED DRIVERS for the event, contact Sheri Ellison at 846-6622 x38 or sellison@valleycommunitychurch.org if you can help

High School

- No VISION on Wednesday, September 24

MS & HS Events

- CONCERT on Friday, September 12, 7:00PM...Open to All...Come hear PAUL WRIGHT (Band from Xtreme Camp) and Rachel Lampa. Cost \$7.00. Check them out online. Event sponsored by Student Ministries.
 - *See You At The Pole Rally*, Tuesday, September 23, 7:00-9:00PM in the Sanctuary
 - Parenting Seminar with Duffy Robbins on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00PM
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Outbound Ministries

School of Urban Missions WOW JAM Outreach Sign-ups

Please join us in this great outreach opportunity to bless the people of Oakland. Saturday, September 20, 11:30am-6:00pm (total time commitment leaving from VCC parking lot). Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to be Jesus in the flesh to this community! Sign-ups today and next Sunday. If you have any questions please call Judi Deetz at 699-0094.

Missions

East Asia Reports

Our own Rachel Ellis, who was over there for the past year, and Jay Ashcraft and his team, who just returned, will be giving us a brief report of their mission on Sunday, September 14 in the morning services. If you would like to hear more, come to the Seminar Room for a light lunch and a chance to interact personally.