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Fremont Community Church
invites you to
join us for a special

evening
under the stars
FCC Valentine's Banquet 2008

SATURDAY
February 16

Atrium doors open at 5pm for silent auction
Pavilion doors open at 5:30pm
Dinner will be served at 6pm

\$30 PER PERSON

Childcare will be provided for a nominal fee upon pre-registration

ENTERTAINMENT BY
The Dave May Band
CATERED DINNER BY
Texas Roadhouse

For more information
contact Jan Hiller at
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HOW DO I SAY, "I LOVE YOU?"

By Henry Abuda, Young Adults/Young Families Pastor



Henry & Arleen Abuda

Love is in the air. During this time of the season, people look for ways to say, "I love you." What do we give to our spouse or loved one when their dresser is full of sweaters, blouses, ties, socks, and cologne or when she thinks the bouquet of roses die too soon, and you've already spent next month's paycheck? Do you make a homemade card with a picture of the both of you? Pledge your love for a lifetime? Or hide little love notes in the car, coat pocket, or desk? For some of us, "been there . . . done that."

There is an old adage, "Love at first sight is easy to understand; it's when two people have been looking at each other for a lifetime that it becomes a miracle."

I really appreciate it when I see an elderly couple walking, sitting, or just being with each other. You see an old man with gray hair, wearing a hearing aid, reading a newspaper or magazine with those (magnifying) reading glasses and sitting next to him is an old woman in a shapeless floral dress, her knuckles bothered by arthritis, wearing comfortable shoes to ease her aches and pain. They hold hands, and in a little while they will get up and begin their journey home; they will take a nap; and then she will cook supper – not a tasty one because of his high blood pressure and cholesterol. They will watch television until it is time for bed. They may even have a good argument, just to prove that they still really care; and through the night they will snore unabashedly, each resting contently because the other is there.

They are in love, they have always been in love; although, sometimes they would have denied it. Because they have been in love, they have survived everything that life can throw at them, even their own failures.

How do I say, "I love you?" Old and gray, I will continue to gaze into the eyes of my wife for years to come until it becomes a "miracle." I will find beauty in the white of her hair and the wrinkles around her eyes. I pray one day, someone will see Arleen and me walking down the street holding hands . . .

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CYBER FLING?

By Deb and Bill Bontadelli, The Knot leader couple

As I scanned through the newspaper this morning before picking up my bible, the title caught my attention.... and my breath. Cyber Fling, Is it still adultery if it's online? Is it still adultery?! The question raced through my mind, followed by, "what are these people thinking?" Then I thought, "This is exactly what I have been wanting to write about."

Today, in our culture, it is perfectly okay to ask if having an affair in the virtual world is okay. Those of us that are Christians and dedicated to our marriages, know that those kinds of questions are not even worth asking. What does God want from us in our marriages? Do you know that the first relationship mentioned in the Bible is marriage? The FIRST relationship listed in the bible. This indicates to me that marriage is very important. This falls under "the important things in our lives." So, this brings the real question we should be asking ourselves. How do we keep our marriages a priority in our lives? Let's see. I NEED to pay bills, work, run errands, clean my home, and take care of my children. I take time each day, well, most days, to spend with God. How do I get me and my spouse to take time for each other... and really enjoy it? God doesn't want us to live mediocre lives, and he doesn't want us to live in mediocre marriages. How freeing to know that God wants us to have passionate marriages! How do we do that? Well, two ways I know of are covered when a couple becomes a part of The Knot. First, Biblical teachings are to be found in the Bible for our marriages. Wow! God cares enough about our marriages to include teachings in the Bible. God has brought some very interesting and in depth Christian marriage materials to The Knot for couples to study. Second, fellowship with other Christian couples. "Oh, no," you might be thinking, "I don't have time for that!" Sunday mornings, during The Knot, we share our experiences, ask questions of each other, and even ask advice of each other, from time to time.

Once a month, some of us go out to lunch, and each month we have a social event somewhere. The Knot stands for "keeping the knot tied tightly." Sometimes I think we should be called Marriage Warriors, because I know that each couple in that class will fight for any other couple in that class. I can't describe to you, in this one article, the love, support, and kinmanship, that Bill and I have found in the people in The Knot. What a blessing that God has called for us to

have wonderful, passionate marriages, and that he has brought his people together to support each other.

Do you feel that your marriage is not all that God calls it to be? Come and be a part of The Knot! Do you feel that God has blessed you and your spouse and your marriage is all it should be? Come and be a part of The Knot! Together, we can be all that God calls us to be! I hope to see you on Sunday at 11:00 a.m in Room 15.

PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE

{visitors' day}

FEBRUARY 22, 9AM-12NOON

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Recognizing that quality Christian education is a valuable tool to assist parents in raising their children, and that the considerable cost of this education must be borne by parents, FCC has established a policy to provide a percentage of financial aid to those FCC official members who are unable to afford the complete expense of Christian education at CCS.

Want to learn more about CCS? Come to our upcoming Visitors' Day or visit us online at www.ccsfremont.org

CCS ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Priority Registration for FCC official members who desire to enroll their children in Christian Community Schools (Preschool-8th Grade) will be available at an Atrium counter on Sunday, February 24 & March 3.

Registration opens to the public on Monday, March 10, from 8:00am-5:00 pm in the School Office for Preschool through 8th grade. Applications are available in the school office as of March 10.

For more details, please visit www.ccsfremont.org or call the school office at 651.KIDS.

To Help You Plan Ahead

FEB 03 High School Superbowling
FEB 04 All Staff Prayer Summit
FEB 09 Student Ministries Snow Day
FEB 16 Valentine's Banquet
FEB 18 President's Day Holiday
FEB 19 CCS Priority Enrollment Begins
FEB 22 Visitors' Day
FEB 23 Discover FCC Seminar

MAR 03 CCS Priority Enrollment Ends
MAR 10 CCS Open Enrollment
MAR 21 Student Ministries Crosswalk
MAR 21 Good Friday Service
MAR 23 Easter Sunday
MAR 28-30 Women's Ministries Retreat

FEBRUARY 2008 CALENDER

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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03 COMMUNION

High School Superbowling
1pm

All Staff Prayer Summit
10 am-4 pm
Church including School offices closed

CityServe Pastors Luncheon at HomeTown Buffet
12 noon

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09 Student Ministries Snow Day
7:30am

10 Elders Meeting
1pm
Elders Prayer Support
2:30pm

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16 Valentine's Banquet "Evening Under the Stars"
5 pm

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President's Day
Church including School offices closed

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20 CityServe Pastors Prayer
12 noon
Fremont Resource Center

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22 Christian Community Schools Visitors' Day
Preschool-8th Grade
9am-12noon

23 Discover FCC
12:30pm

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25 CCS Science Fair & Dinner
5pm

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sunday schedule

09.00 am Celebration Worship (contemporary)
10.45 am Sunday School/Adult Small Groups
11.00 am Analog Worship (informal)

monday schedule

06.00 pm Focus Men's Dicipleship

tuesday schedule

07.00 pm Celebration Choir Rehearsal
07.00 pm College Group
07.30 pm Celebration Band Rehearsal
07.30 pm Alive (Young Marrieds & Singles)

wednesday schedule

05.00 pm Jr. High (7-8 grade)Leadership
06.30 pm Jr. High (7-8 grade)
07.30 pm Family Bible Study

thursday schedule

07.00 pm Women's Bible Study (2 & 4th week)
07.00 pm Tech Training (2nd & 4th week)
07.00 pm High School (9-12 grade)
07.00 pm Men's Bible Study (3rd & 5th week)

friday schedule

06.30 pm Friday Night Basketball
07.00 pm Dance Troupe Rehearsal
07.30 pm Alive (Young Marrieds & Singles)

saturday schedule

09.00 am Saturday Morning Prayer
06.00 pm Family Night at Home/Prep for Sunday

throughout the week:

CITY REACHING CELLS

City-Reaching Cells meet throughout the week. Pick up a Women's Network, Men's Network or Adult Small Groups flyer in the Atrium Literature Rack for the contact person of a CRC that fits your schedule!

High School Super-bowling

High School group is meeting at Cloverleaf Bowl at 1pm on Super-bowl Sunday, Feb. 3rd. Join us for some Superbowling before the big game. \$2.50 for shoe rental and \$2.50 per game bowled.

Student Ministries Snow Day

Families and Students are invited to join the Student Ministries team in the snow! Saturday, Feb. 9th, 7:30am-7pm. We will be going to Leland High Sierra. \$25 will cover transportation, lunch and snow play for the day. Drivers are needed. Important: Students in 7-12th grade must have parent consent and signed waivers are necessary for all participants.

FCC Job Opportunities

Ever think about using your professional abilities in Christian ministry? FCC Ministries has several openings for various full-time and part-time positions. Among those positions is an immediate need for a **full-time Accounting Manager, part-time Production Team Assistant, full time Building & Grounds Maintenance Technician, part-time Calendar Assistant, part-time Building & Grounds Attendant, part-time substitute receptionist, full-time Preschool Teacher, part-time K-8 EDC Provider, and Preschool & K-8 Substitute Teachers**. For more information, visit www.gofcc.org or pick up a brochure from the Atrium Literature Rack or contact Helen Wong in Human Resources at 657.0123, ext. 112 or hwong@gofcc.org.

Apologetics Class

In "Christian Evidence: Answers for Critics of the Bible" class, you will learn how to explain what you believe and why you believe it to be true. Dr. Walt Huckaby will be teaching this college level course on Sunday afternoons using "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" and "Passionate Conviction: Modern Discourses on Christian Apologetics" and other resources. It begins on Sunday, February 10 in Room 15 at 2pm. For more information, call Jan Hiller at 657.0123, ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.

Pregnancy Choices

Pregnancy Choices Clinic is looking for a new Executive Director. Their current Director had to step down due to cancer. They hope to find that special person within the Fremont TriCities church community. Thank you so much for your help in filling this very important position. If you have any question or for more information, please contact Frann Spann at 510.487.4476 or fran@pccuc.com.

Valentine's Banquet: Evening Under the Stars

On Feb. 16 you will be transported to the Bayou for an evening under the stars. The Dave May Band will be performing and food will be catered by the Texas Roadhouse. The CCS 8th grade Silent Auction will take place once again to benefit their trip to Washington D.C. It promises to be an evening you will thoroughly enjoy. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased on Sundays at the atrium counter or during the week at the church offices at the reception desk. Childcare will be available with pre-registration for a minimal fee of \$8 for the first child, \$6 each additional child with a \$20 maximum per family. Be sure to get your tickets and get ready to join us for a great time! For information contact

Willing Hands Needed!

We are going to liven up our school campus with paint - are you willing to help? If you are able and willing to serve school ministries in this way on Saturday, February 23rd from 9am-12pm, please contact Janell Watts at 657.0123, ext. 502 or jwatts@gofcc.org

Discover FCC: What We Believe & Practice Seminar

This membership seminar is taught by Pastor Kevin. It will be held on February 23 at 12:30pm. This seminar is necessary for membership at FCC or you can simply learn more about your church. To register, call Jan Hiller at 657.0123, ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.

FCC Exchange

The FCC Exchange is the bulletin board service for the family of Fremont Community Church including Christian Community Schools. Located in the hallway near the office reception area, this bulletin board is available for members of FCC to list various things, including employment needs, housing needs and more. All items posted on the bulletin board must have prior approval by the church receptionist, Lee Parra. To post an item, please complete an Item Submission Form, available at the bulletin board.

Focus Singles

This class meets weekly for Bible study, prayer and sharing their lives together. They are currently going through the book of Romans. Focus Singles also meets monthly for social events. For singles ages 35yrs and older. Contact Pastor Jack and Margé Brandt at jvbrandt@comcast.net or 745.0566.

FAMILY NEWS

Remember in Prayer:

- + **The Flanigan Family** in the recent death of Lanette's Dad.
- + **The Chinn Family** in the recent death of Calvin's Dad.
- + **The Wong Family** in the recent death of Helen's Dad.
- + **The Watts Family** in the recent death of Janell's Dad.
- + **The Provance Family** in the recent death of Cynthia's husband, Charley Provance.
- + **The Balloue Family** in the recent death of Aaron's Mother

Birth Celebration:

- + **Glenn and Theresa Cook** in the birth of their new daughter, Lillie Lynn.

Cityserve Compassion Network: Volunteer Opportunities

Cityserve Compassion Network needs your help. We need volunteers for: Light yard Maintenance/Trimming for Frail Senior Adult, Single Mom in Need of Help with Cleaning House, ASL Intrepretators for Tax Outreach. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with one of the requests, please email Christine@cityserveonline.org or call the Compassion Network office M-F 10-4pm at 510.796.SERV (7378).

The Knot

Please come and check out our class and get acquainted with other married couples at FCC. For more information, contact Bill & Debb at hmjjmom@comcast.net or 656.9134.



CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE ROCKER AT A TIME!

By Matt Bromley, Youth Pastor

What would happen if the church came together with local bands throughout the bay area and united for one common purpose? Not too long ago, the analog leadership asked that very question... “and what would it look like?”

On a Friday night not too long ago, we got to see the answer!

January 11th will forever go down in history as the first ever - analog community, World Conscious Rockshow. A night where three local bands, four not-profit World Relief organizations, and the analog community came together to rock the doors off of FCC.

As I sat in that room, I was able to watch the analog community live out one of its three basic principles “the church exists for the world.” It was a beautiful thing to watch as the analogers came in through the doors of FCC, not just to see an amazing concert, but to help put on a show that would benefit countless numbers of people throughout the world.

The night was set up as a forum for local bands to perform and for a few non-profit organizations to present to the crowd what they do throughout the world and how we can all get involved. The organizations all had booths set up around the pavilion for people to get more information and all of the proceeds of the show went to help those organizations.

The best part about the whole night was the opportunity we had as a church to open our doors to the community. We were able to show them what it really means to be a follower of Christ. To show them how we as Christians can bless the world around us. And, we were able to invite them to be a part of what Christ is doing right here in their own community.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Women’s Ministries “Girls Getaway Spiritual Spa” // March 28-30

When women finally get the chance to get away from it all, they enjoy a little pampering. This year’s Women’s Retreat topics will provide many fun touches of humor and will leave women with solid teaching from God’s Word. Join us for “Girls Getaway: Spiritual Spa,” at Mount Hermon March 28-30 featuring guest speaker Janet Holm McHenry. It is a wonderful opportunity to join our community of women for a delightfully fun, encouraging and spiritually-enriching weekend. Payment plans are now available! Registration is now open. For details, call Cezanne Ma at 510.742.1418 or Lisa Massicotte 510.378.4919.