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Come and celebrate the greatness.

GOOD FRIDAY >>
MARCH 21, 2008
 Crosswalk: 4:30pm // Service: 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY >>
MARCH 23, 2008
 Celebration: 9am // Analog: 11am

Fremont Community Church
 Women's Ministries
 invites you to

refresh.
 relax.
 renew.

girls getaway
 SPIRITUAL SPA

FCC Women's Retreat 2008

March 28-30

Fremont Community Church
 home of Christian Community Schools
 39700 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94539
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MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

By Kevin Hom, Lead Pastor



Kevin & Pauline Hom

It is primary season where democracy and majorities rule. This got me to thinking about how we make decisions here at FCC and how we rely on our "official members." When we make major decisions (e.g. hiring a Lead Pastor, purchasing land or buildings, etc.) the issue is placed squarely in the hands of our official members via our affirmation process. The affirmation process is very different than "majority rules." Whereas the democratic process limits a person's influence to a check mark on a ballot (which is then included in an impersonal total), the affirmation process gives every official member an individual voice to be heard and prayerfully considered by the Elders. Republicans and Democrats understand that their individual voices are lost in impersonal vote totals. In contrast, every official member of FCC is heard individually because we believe the Lord can speak through even a single individual.

In addition to having a substantial influence on our decision-making, there are a number of other privileges that come with official membership at FCC. Official membership:

- Gives you priority for financial aid at Christian Community Schools. This is particularly important because we are rolling out a new and expanded financial aid program for the 2008/09 school year. Contact the school office for information.
- Grants you priority for receiving benevolence.
- Opens the door to leadership positions in our church ministries.
- Gives you the privilege of joining our paid staff.
- Reduces the rates for facility usage.
- Places you in the "pro-active" category for our pastoral care.

If you have not yet become an official member, please consider doing so. We genuinely want to hear your "voice."

For information on becoming an official member, please contact Kim at khensley@gofcc.org or at 510.657.0123 x115.

Blessings!
Pastor Kevin.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN CHILDREN

By Tami Blanc, Children's Minister

One of the greatest things in Children Ministry is watching children grow to serve others and find their place in the body of Christ. I am often amazed at how grown up their prayers and insight can be when given the opportunity to share what they believe God is telling them.

I often dream of what some of the children at FCC will do with their lives when they grow up. Sometimes it seems so clear what their gifting is that it does not take a whole lot of imagination. Some of them are already using their spiritual gifts.

As I was surfing the internet and I ran across this article on spiritual gifting in children that I wanted to share with you. I hope you take it to heart and invest in the ideas listed to help your child cultivate the gifts the Lord has given them.

Spiritual Gifts for Kids; Helping Your Child Understand God's Plan (Written by Denise Oliver, found on Suite101.com)

A spiritual gift is a wonderful gift. It is given by God and its purpose is to help build His Kingdom through service to others. The gift is not tangible. You cannot wrap it up or hold it. You can, however, take it along with you wherever you go or you can store it away where it lies waiting for you to discover it. Don't waste this precious gift. It is yours to keep.

There are 7 spiritual gifts given to us in 1 Corinthians 12. They include:

- **Prophecy:** Someone who will tell the Word of God boldly,
- **Helps:** Someone who meets others needs with work or labor,
- **Teaching:** Someone with the ability to make others understand-God's Word,
- **Exhortation:** Someone who can keep people motivated,
- **Giving:** Someone who will give what others need,
- **Leading:** Someone able to lead and direct others; an organizer,
- **Mercy:** Someone who acts on feelings and compassion for others.

Kids have a spiritual gift, too, though many do not know it because of their age or lack of knowledge that spiritual gifts exist. They may need help in determining where their strength lies. Here are some tips on helping your child discover that they, too, can help build God's Kingdom, and they are a part of the body of Christ.

Parents Teach About Spiritual Gifts and God's Plan:

Help your child know that God has a plan for her and she can help by serving others now, and not just when she is an adult. Read 1 Corinthians 12 with your child to show her that spiritual gifts are real gifts from God. You might also read Romans 12, 1 Peter 4, and Ephesians 4.

Service Opportunities:

In order for your child to realize she has a spiritual gift, you should provide many different opportunities for her to serve others, and thus find out what types of service make her feel she has talent. Working on projects as a family will help your child see your spiritual gifts in action and help her understand how a gift is used. God will use these opportunities to help your child grow and develop her own gift over time. Get your church involved, too, if they are not already teaching on spiritual gifts. Some different activities to help your child are: Ask your children's director or youth minister to allow children and youth to plan and lead their own church programs. Perhaps your child will show signs of leadership and teaching. Take your child to nursing homes, children's hospitals, or food banks and see if she has the gift of mercy by how she reacts in these situations.

Prayer:

Pray daily that your child will soon discover her spiritual gift. Pray that you will be a positive role model in helping your child discover her gift. Prayer is a powerful tool, and will make great paths for your child. It is good to pray for your child with your child there, so she feels affirmation and knows that you have petitioned on her behalf to God.

Discussion:

After you and your child have completed a service, talk about it. Find out if she enjoyed the project or not. Remember that the goal is to help your child discover her spiritual gift, so do not be disappointed if one project was not as successful as another. This is a way of knowing that your child is learning about their gift. If something goes really well, try something else along the same lines and keep trying. We are not all good at everything, and just the fact that your child is interested in learning her spiritual gift is a good sign that one day soon she will.

To Help You Plan Ahead

MAR 04 CityServe Pastor Luncheon and Dinner
MAR 08 Focus Single's Trip to Stanford Museum of Art & Stanford Theatre
MAR 09 Daylight Saving Time Begins
MAR 10 CCS Open Enrollment Begins
MAR 21 Student Ministries Crosswalk
MAR 21 Good Friday Service
MAR 23 Easter Sunday

MAR 25 Student Ministries: Golfland
MAR 26 Student Ministries: Movie Night
MAR 27 Student Ministries: Video Game Day
MAR 28-30 Women's Ministries Retreat
MAR 30 Water Baptism
MAR 30 Family/Child Dedication

MARCH 2008 CALENDER

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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03

12 noon
CityServe Pastors
Luncheon at Home-
Town Buffet &
Dinner at Primera
Iglesia Bautista
7pm

05

06

07

Focus Singles
Trip to Stan-
ford Museum
of Art & Stan-
ford Theatre

Daylight
Saving Time
Begins

CCS Open
Enrollment
Begins

11

12

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14

Tech Clean-up
Day
12pm

Elders Meeting
12:45pm
Elders Prayer
Support
2:30pm

16

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CityServe Pas-
tors Prayer at
Family Resource
Center
12pm

20

Offices closed
Crosswalk
4:30pm
Good Friday
Service
7pm

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EASTER SUNDAY

Celebration
9am
Analog
11am

23

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Student Minis-
tries Activity:
Golfland
7pm

Student Minis-
tries Activity:
Movie Night
6:30pm

Student Minis-
tries Activity:
Video Game
Day // 12:30pm

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Girls' Getaway (3/28-30)

Water Baptism

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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, 3rd & 4th week)
07.00 pm High School (9-12 grade)
07.30 pm Men's Bible Study

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!

Student Ministries Spring Break Activities

Spring Break is almost here! Join us for spring break activities!

Mar 25 - Golfland. Meet us at the Golfland in Milpitas from 7-9 pm for some miniature golf.

Mar 26 - Movie night in the Quad from 6:30-8:30 pm. Enjoy the big screen and some popcorn!

Mar 27 - Video game day. We will be hanging out in the Pavilion from 12:30-3:30 pm for all kinds of video game action.

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 Accounting Specialist, part-time Production Team Assistant, full-time Production Team Coordinator, 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.

Artist Needed

We are looking for artists who work with any medium to create original works of art to display throughout our campus. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Janell Watts at 657.0123, ext. 502 or jwatts@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 is 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. Come and join us on Sundays 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.

New Women's Bible Study starting in April.

Contact: Cezanne Ma at 510.742.1418 or at teachercez@comcast.net

The Women's Bible Study is starting a new series from Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks by Priscilla Shirer on April 3rd. This is a six-session video series that will change how you hear God's voice. You don't want to miss it! If you're interested in attending this study, you can order a workbook from Cezanne by March 16; Workbook is \$13.25; prepayment is required. After that date, you can order the Member book from any Christian bookstore or at Priscilla's website: www.goingbeyond.com. Make sure you purchase the member workbook and not her regular book of the same title.

Student Ministries Crosswalk

Join the Student Ministries Department at 4:30pm as we pick up our cross and follow Him... literally. We will be taking turns carrying a large wooden cross through the area surrounding FCC, reading Scripture and praying. The entire church is welcome to come on out and take up the cross! We will complete our Crosswalk back at FCC in time for the Good Friday service at 7pm.

Water Baptism

We have water baptism on our next 5th Sunday, March 30. If you're interested in being baptized, please contact Jan Hiller at 657.0123 ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.

Family/Child Dedications

Our next child dedication will be on March 30. If you're interested in having your child dedicated, please contact Tami Blanc at 657.0123 ext. 180 or tblanc@gofcc.org

Student Ministries: Hume Lake Registration, March 30.

Hume Lake Registration begins on March 30 in the Quad at 8 am –if you are not registered for Hume Lake, this is the time to get on the list! Come with the form filled out and a \$100 deposit...you do not want to miss out!!! For information on any of these events contact Emilie Picanco at 657.0123, ext. 146 or epicanco@gofcc.org

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.

FAMILY NEWS

Birth Celebration:

+ **Shadd and Stephanie Williams** in the birth of their new daughter, River Love.

+ **Jewel del Mundo** in the birth of her new daughter, Sophia Grace.

Cityserve Compassion Network: Volunteer Opportunities

Cityserve Compassion Network needs your help. We need volunteers for: Transportation to hospital, Family/mother in need of help with kids and meal, Legal advice, New family in need of housing items, Senior citizen in need of housing items, Administrative assistants needed for Compassion Network Office. 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).

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. They are going to have a trip to Stanford Museum of Art and Stanford Theatre on March 8. Contact Pastor Jack and Margé Brandt at jvbrandt1@comcast.net or 745.0566.

Daylight Saving Time

This year, Daylight Saving Time begins on March 9. So, don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to sleep on March 8.

{SHADOWS}

By Gabriela Eaton, Executive Business Administrator

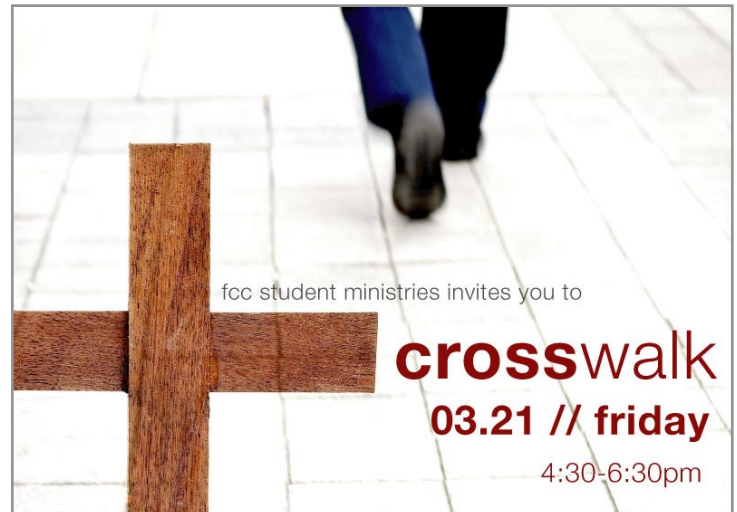
“Hurry, throw your jackets on and come with me!” The kids’ puzzled looks didn’t deter me. “This is cool-but you need to come with me now or you’ll miss it!” That got them going. I took them out into the misty night air and showed them the wonder of a lunar eclipse. I asked the older ones to explain to their little sister the difference between a lunar eclipse and the regular phases of the moon. Mind you, not because I’m the most creative parent, just a rather tired-okay lazy-one. Even so, we talked about the different effects of the sun’s shadow and the earth’s shadow as we watched the moon’s brightness slice away. True to his nature, my son insisted on watching through the lens of his video camera, wanting once again to visually capture life as he experiences it.

I tend to rely on visualization too-I think and learn in images. I can’t help but experience the many meanings of the cross through images-and ones that come to mind often are those of shadows. I think of the dark, heavy shadows cast by my sin, as Luke describes the final scene of Jesus’ death-“It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining” (Luke 23:44-45). Clearly, this shadow illustrates immense grief. I have lived in the heavy shadows of grief, hurt, remorse, fear. . .

But I also think of the redemptive shadow cast by His cross, covering the despair of my sin and the hurt of others’ sin towards me. I think of the protective shadows of His love and His presence in my life. “How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of Your wings” (Psalm 36:7) To think the Creator of the universe says to me- “I have covered you with the shadow of My hand” (Isa 51:16)—so that I can also say with the psalmist-“Whom then shall I fear?”

I cannot choose which shadow will be cast over the moon. But I can choose which shadows I choose to live in.

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty” (Psalm 91:1).



water baptism //
march 30

> interested?

Adults - Jan Hiller // 657.0123 ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org

Jr. High + High School - Emilie Picanco // 657.0123 ext.146 or epicanco@gofcc.org

Children - Tami Blanc // 657.0123 ext. 180 or tblanc@gofcc.org

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS &
TEMPERAMENTS CLASSES**

MARCH 9, 16 & 23 // 9-10:30AM

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 March 2.

Registration opens to the public on Monday, March 10, from 8:00am-5:00 pm in the School Office. 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.