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07/13/08

9AM // PAVILION

On July 13, you are invited to take some time out of your busy schedules to: pause, reflect and join with us as we celebrate through music and the arts all that God has done for us. It's a free event that you won't want to miss. **Free Child Care!**

For more information, contact Janell Watts at 657.0123 ext.502 or jwatts@gofcc.org



Tami Blanc

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Tami Blanc, Children's Minister

The origins of Vacation Bible School can be traced back to Hopedale, Illinois in 1894. Sunday School teacher, D. T. Miles, who also taught Public School, felt she was limited by time constraints in teaching the Bible to children. So, she started a daily Bible school to teach children during the summer. The first Bible school enrolled forty students and lasted four weeks. A local school was used for classes, while an adjoining park was used for recess.[1] In 1898 Eliza Hawes, director of the children's department at Epiphany Baptist Church in New York City, started an "Everyday Bible School" for slum children at a rented beer parlor in New York's East Side. Hawes continued her efforts for seven years.[2] Dr. Robert Boville of the Baptist Mission Society, became aware of the Hawes' summer program and recommended it to other Baptist churches. Boville established a handful of summer schools which were taught by students at the Union Theological Seminary. During one summer, one thousand students were enrolled in five different schools. In 1922, he founded the World Association of Daily Vacation Bible School. *(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)*

A few years ago I attended a conference at Willow Creek where I heard a speaker named Reggie Joiner. Reggie talked about the amount of time a child spends on biblical education each week. Families who hire tutors to work their children on their homework, spend little to no time studying the Word of God. I was amazed to think that something of such eternal value for the most part comes down to one hour each week Sunday in Sunday School.

Thanks to a tradition that was started one hundred and fourteen years ago, Vacation Bible School changes that. For an entire week during Vacation Bible School we teach with an eternal perspective. Children are taught about our Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins. They learn that there is a purpose and a plan for their lives. They are taught that God loves them and wants to use them, even as children, to bless others. Year after year we have witnessed hundreds of children come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Year after year we have given out hundreds of bibles. We have seen scripture memorized and thousands of dollars have been raised for needy people across the globe. Vacation Bible School is a power house for the Kingdom. Please join us in prayer for this year's VBS, we hope it will continue to make the impact that has been made in the years past and even more.

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: POWER LAB

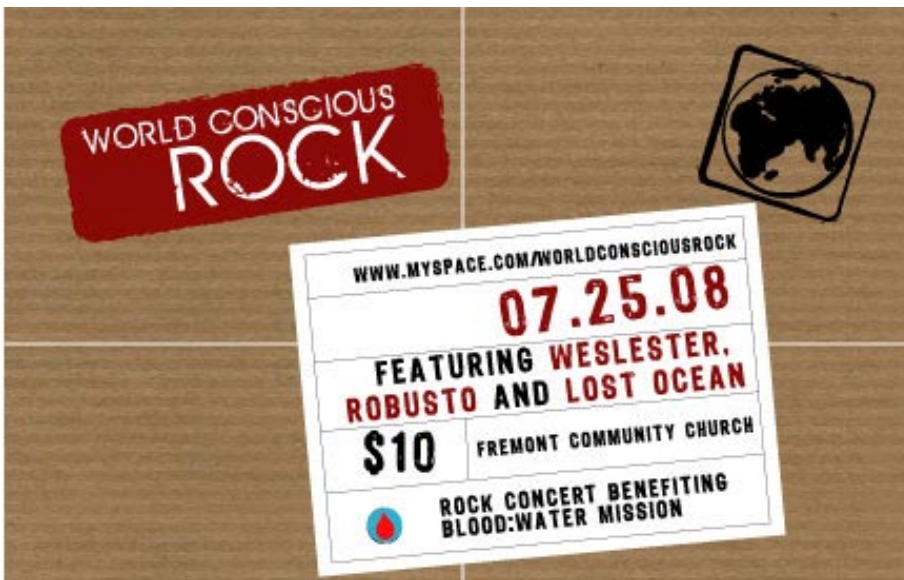


STARTING DATE: **JULY 28** **ENDING DATE:** **AUGUST 1**

TIME:
9AM-12:30PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY

PARENT & JUNIOR HIGH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come join our kids as they explore God's Word during VBS 2008. Power Lab is fizzing with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. As kids experience amazing Bible adventures, they'll take part in Daily Challenges that encourage them to apply Bible truths in their everyday lives. As kids go through each day, they will discover Jesus' miraculous power! Be a guide to these young scientists, help lead music, have fun in hyperspace leading recreational games, serving up some tasty snacks or hamming it up on stage... there's something just for you in VBS! Pick up a flyer from the Atrium Literature Rack for details. Questions? Contact Jeff at 657-0123, ext. 113 or jurso@gofcc.org.



JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT MINISTRIES
POOL PARTY AT MISSION VALLEY CLUB

30 JULY // 5PM // \$5

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRIES

MILPITAS GOLFLAND
31 JULY // 7PM // \$5

To Help You Plan Ahead

JUN 25-JUL12	Philippines Mission Trip	JUL 24	Student Ministries: High School at Golfland Milpitas
JUN 29-JUL 5	Hume Lake Christian Camp	JUL 25	World Conscious Rock
JUL 04	Independence Day - Offices closed	JUL 28-AUG 1	VBS 2008, "Power Lab"
JUL 8-27	Taiwan Mission Trip		
JUL 13	Summer Selah at 9am		
JUL 23	Student Ministries: Junior High Pool Party at Mission Valley Club		

JULY 2008 CALENDAR

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

01 02 03 04 05

Independence Day
Offices Closed

Student Ministries at Hume Lake (6/29-7/5)

Philippines Mission Trip (6/25-7/12)

06 07 08 09 10 11 12

Taiwan Mission Trip (7/8-27)

Philippines Mission Trip (6/25-7/12)

Summer Selah

9am

Ministry Council
Luncheon

12:45pm

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Taiwan Mission Trip (7/8-27)

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

World Con-
scious Rock
7:30pm

VBS Set-Up
9am

Taiwan Mission Trip (7/8-27)

27 28 29 30 31

Junior High
Pool Party at
Mission Valley
Club // 5pm

High School
Golf at Milpitas
7pm

Taiwan Mission Trip (7/8-27)

VBS 2008, "Power Lab" (7/28-8/1) 9am-12:30pm

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

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
07.30 pm Alive! (Young Marrieds & Singles)

thursday schedule

07.00 pm Women's Bible Study (1 & 3rd 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
07.30 pm Alive! (Young Marrieds & Singles)

saturday schedule

09.00 am Saturday Morning Prayer
10:30 am Dance Troupe Rehearsal
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!

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Student Ministries: High School - Golfland in Milpitas: July 31



Meet the High School Student Ministries group at Milpitas Golfland at 7pm. The cost is \$5 to play a round of miniature golf. Bring your friends and come hang out with the Student Ministries Team. Contact Emilie at 657.0123 ext. 146 or epicanco@gofcc.org for details.

Student Ministries: Junior High Pool Party at Mission Valley Club: July 30 // 5pm

We are going to the pool across the street! Make sure you bring a swimsuit and towel. The cost is \$5 (for non-members) which also buys you dinner! Want more details? Contact Emilie at 657.0123 ext. 146.

The Knot

Please come and check out our class and get acquainted with other married couples at FCC. If you have any questions or for more information on the Knot, please contact Bill & Deb Bontadelli at hmjmom@comcast.net or 656.9134.

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

FCC Exchange

This bulletin board service is for the FCC family. Located in the hallways near the office reception desk, it's available to list various things including job opportunities, housing needs, and local Christian events. Items posted must be approved by the church receptionist. To post an item, complete an item submission form, available at the board.

CCS Open Enrollment

Christian Community Schools enrollment is now open to the public! To enroll, come to the school office. For more information, call 651.KIDS or go to www.ccsfremont.org.

Lost & Found

Check the Lost & Found cabinets located at the end of Pavilion Place for any items you may be missing from church service or Sunday School. Items are collected the first week of every month for resale through the school uniform swap. Items with name identification are returned when identified at the swap.

Upper Room Prayer

If you have passion for prayer, then perhaps you will consider participating in Upper Room Prayer (URP). URP is an opportunity to pray for our church during one of our worship services once every five or six weeks. It is a volunteer ministry designed to help FCC as a "House of Prayer for All Nations." If you love to pray- and have a passion to experience God's presence- please contact Jan Hiller at 657.0123 ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.

Cityserve Compassion Network: Volunteer Opportunities

Cityserve Compassion Network needs your help. We need volunteers for: Single mom of 4 kids in desperate need of housework help; Adult bike donation; Data entry volunteers; Back to School Project on July 19th; Amenities Pantry. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with one of the requests, please email Christine [@cityserveonline.org](mailto:cityserveonline.org) or call the Compassion Network office M-F 10-4pm at 510.796.SERV (7378).

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 **part-time Production Team Assistant, full time Administrative Services Assistant, part-time substitute receptionist, full-time Preschool Teacher, part-time Preschool-8th 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.

Alive! is now every Wednesday & Friday!

Alive! is the place where you can meet other single professionals and young married couples and grow together in faith. We're meeting on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30pm. For more information, contact Tim and Sharon Wickham at timandsharon@sbcglobal.net or 408.316.9655.

FAMILY NEWS

Remember in Prayer:

+ **Choy Family** for the recent death of Elaine's Mother.

+ **Geiss Family** for the recent death of Lynette's Father.

+ **Wells Family** for the recent death of Ken Wells.

Birth Celebration:

+ **Stanley & Rekha John** for the recent birth of their new son, Daniel Thomas.

Thank You

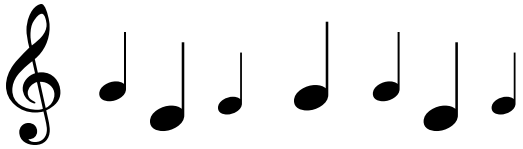
The family of Ken Wells would like to express our thanks to our FCC Church Family for all the love and care during our time of loss and homegoing. Your expression of love and delicious meals were appreciated much.



Focus Singles

This class meets weekly for Bible study, prayer and sharing their lives together. Focus Singles also meet monthly for social events. For singles ages 35yrs and older. Contact Pastor Jack and Margé Brandt at jvbrandt@comcast.net or 745.0566.

SING FOR YOUR LIFE!



This month the featured FCC ministry area is the Production Department. Included in that area is music, which is one of my passions. As Vocal Music Director, I am obviously inclined to take advantage of this opportunity to talk about choir. But it's not just my "opinion."

Did you know there is statistical evidence indicating that singing may contribute to a longer life? That's right! Those who sing regularly tend to outlive those who do not sing on a regular basis. This is particularly true of those who are involved in a regular or ongoing organized musical outlet... like, for instance, choir!

Music is also important to God. There are over 800 references to music in the Bible! Music is one of the 2 most often referenced topics in Scripture. So, we can conclude that God loves music. In fact, we can anticipate an eternity around the throne singing praises. That is one choir I look forward to participating in!

Scripture tells us over and over to sing to the Lord. How does that work for those of us less "blessed" musically? To begin, we are told to "sing and make melody in our hearts." As we praise on a personal level, God is our audience, and He looks upon the heart. To His ears, so long as our motive is pure and our intent is to honor Him, the "voice of our heart" is like the music of the most accomplished soloist! Even when we are alone singing out loud, God transposes our songs in His ears to match our intent. Thank God for hands free phones. Now we can sing away in our cars without those around us thinking we are crazy!

But even in a "public" setting, we can take advantage of every opportunity to lend our voice to the support of others. The fact remains that when it comes to choirs and congregational singing, the rule is "the more the merrier." There is an indefinable quality experienced by the collective raising of our voices, and the more voices the more majestic the experience.

So, that means we have the chance to minister to others through music, even the most musically challenged of us! Scripture tells us to encourage and admonish one another with Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs. We have the privilege of allowing God to speak through us to others as we collectively raise our voices in praise.

In summary, singing provides us the possibility of living longer, encouraging one another, and blessing God. Sounds like a pretty good deal to me! So sing your heart out and let the blessings flow!

By the way... it just so happens in the next few weeks we will be providing sign-ups for the FCC fall choir kickoff. What a coincidence!

Rick Engle,
Vocal Music Minister/Producer

CCS SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION!

Jump For Joy!

NOW-AUGUST 8



The Christian Community Schools Summer Enrichment Program is designed to provide hands-on experiences for your child in multiple areas of academics. During the course of the week, each student will have math, science, language arts and computer courses. Instruction in the arts, music and drama are offered daily after lunch, as well as large group recreational games.

For more information, contact the CCS office during the week at 651-KIDS or visit www.ccsfremont.org

FCC FINANCIAL AUDIT



The FCC Operating Philosophy Statement details that a financial audit will be conducted every other year. In the judgment of our auditor, and with our concurrence, the best stewardship is to retain our accounting firm to conduct a review instead of an audit for the fiscal year '07/'08. We plan to conduct an audit of the next ('08/'09) year's financial records. Please direct any questions to the Executive Business Administrator, Gabriela Eaton, or to one of the Elders. Thank you.

