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[DISCOVER FCC + GIFTS & TEMPERAMENTS CLASS]

* membership classes

OCT.5 & 12
1-5PM

FCC CONFERENCE ROOM

Learn more about FCC!



Tami Blanc

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

By Tami Blanc, Children's Minister

“Why do we put so much emphasis on Christ in the trinity and not as much focus on the Father and the Holy Spirit?” This was one of many questions asked recently. For the last several weeks the Celebration Service has been running a panel discussion with the pastors to answer some of the many questions that have come up during our biblical study in Corinthians. I learned so much from what the pastors had to say that it inspired me to add my own comments as well.

Mankind has a fatal flaw that separates us from God. That flaw is sin. After Adam and Eve ate from the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” (Gen 2:17), we were eternally estranged from God and introduced to death because of their disobedience (rebellion). God, being perfect, holy and just, can not tolerate sin. Separation from God the giver of life equals death. No matter how hard we try, we cannot escape from our sin nature.

In the Old Testament, before the death of Christ, God's people were instructed to offer animal sacrifices in atonement for their sins. These animals had to be perfect, without any blemish. A ritual sprinkling of the blood of that animal had to be done by the priests in a very specific manner (Lev 4). We again see the redeeming value of shed blood when the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt. God instructed Moses to have them mark the door frames of their homes with lambs blood so that when the angel of death passed through the land, it would “pass over” the household where the blood sealed the door frame. All this, of course, was a foreshadowing of the redeeming blood of Christ to come (Ex 12).

God made us for His pleasure and created us to be with Him eternally. So, God made a way for us to again be justifiably acceptable in his presence. The way He did that was through a perfect and final sacrifice to end all ritualistic sacrifices. This final sacrifice was His son, Jesus Christ, just as it was done in the Old Testament through the shedding of blood. The New Testament records the acceptance of God's sacrifice when the temple curtain was torn in two (Matt 27:51). (The curtain previously symbolized separation from God). Christ Himself said, “It is finished (John 19:30).”

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP
volunteers needed in many areas. Call 651.KIDS to help!

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31
4:30-8PM

Join us for our traditional halloween alternative - the Fall Family Festival! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for an opportunity in a fun, safe enviroment! The front parking lot will be transformed into a "county fair" filled with games for all ages, family activities, and food booths. From the Preschool Bounce House at one end to the giant slide and sumo wrestling at the other end, there's something for everyone! Tickets are now on sale at the School Office through Oct. 28. Bring in a pound of wrapped candy and get four free tickets! Contact Tina Sevilla at 651.KIDS, ext. 151 or tsevilla@gofcc.org for more details.

STUDENT MINISTRIES CORN MAZE OCT. 24 // 7:30-9PM LIVERMORE



Contact Emille at 657.0123 x146 or epicanco@gofcc.org for more details.

FAMILY NIGHT AT FCC // EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT!



MEN'S FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
7PM // ROOM 21

Ed Santos is leading a fun, lively, and edifying discussion/presentation about Christianity and Apologetics. For more info, contact Jan Hiller at 657.0123, ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.



LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE
7PM // ROOM 5

Pastor Henry & his wife, Arleen, lead this delightful marriage class using a DVD series by Mark Gungor. For more info, contact Jan Hiller at 657.0123, ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.



KIDS 4 CHRIST
7-8:30PM // ROOMS 11/12

All kids from 1st-6th grades are welcome! For more info, please contact Jeff Urso at 657.0123 ext. 113 or jurso@gofcc.org.



MEN'S BASKETBALL
7PM // PAVILION

Join us for a game of basketball and competition!



DEVOTED BODIES
7PM // ROOM 18

Learn how to look better, feel better, have more energy, practice better stewardship as well as overcome disease and/or weight loss. For more info, contact Jan Hiller at 657.0123, ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.

To Help You Plan Ahead

OCT 03-05	Focus Singles Coloma Trip
OCT 05 & 12	Membership Classes
OCT 11	Alzheimer's Asociasion Memory Walk
OCT 11	E-waste drop off
OCT 19	FCC's 35th Anniversary
OCT 24	Student Ministries Corn Maze
OCT 31	Fall Family Festival

OCTOBER 2008 CALENDAR

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

01 02 03 04

Focus Singles Camping (10/3-5)

Membership Class
1-5pm

05 06 07 08 09 10 11

Alzheimer's
Association
Memory Walk
9am
CCS E-Waste
Drop Off
9am-4pm

Focus Singles Trip (10/3-5)

Mission Trip to Romania (10/6-18)

Membership Class
1-5pm

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Mission Trip to Romania (10/6-18)

35th Anniversary Sun-
day at FCC

Elders Meeting
12:30pm
Elders Prayer Support
2:00pm

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Student Minis-
tries Corn Maze
7:30-9pm

26 27 28 29 30 31

Fall Family Festival
4:30-8pm
No Family Night

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
07.00 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)

friday schedule

07.00 pm Alive! (Young Marrieds & Singles)

Family Night:

07.00 pm Men's Basketball
07.00 pm Men's Bible Study
07.00 pm Laugh Your Way To a Better Marriage
07.00 pm Kids 4 Christ
07.00 pm Devoted Bodies

saturday schedule

09.00 am Saturday Morning Prayer (at Fremont Resource Center)
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:
Corn Maze
Oct. 24 at 7:30pm**

Junior High and High School Student Ministries will be going to Livermore for the corn maze on Oct. 24, at 7:30 pm. Come and get ready to get lost! For more info contact Emilie at 657.0123 ext. 146 or epicanco@gofcc.org.

**Employment
Opportunities**

We have several job openings at FCC, including some at Christian Community Schools. Among those positions is an immediate need for a **full-time Graphics/Publications Artist, part-time substitute Receptionist** and **part-time substitute Preschool-8th Teacher**. If you're interested in applying or if you have any questions, please contact **Helen Wong** at 657.0123 ext. 112 or hwong@gofcc.org.

Arise

Are you up early on Sundays? Join Arise! We're a new FCC adult small group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8am in the Family Room with A View! Arise prays for our worship services and ministry programs happening on Sunday mornings while also fellowshiping with each other over coffee and breakfast. There's a special joy in arriving early to our Father's House for fellowship with purpose! **Call Jerry Borden for details at 510.794.4434** (or just Arise and attend!).

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 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 still open for the '08-'09 school year. To enroll, come to the school office. For more information, call 651. KIDS or go to www.ccsfreemont.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: Helpers for disabled seniors; Tutoring young students; Computer donation; Furniture donation; Housing for a Christian family; Help with after school programs on Mondays; Childcare assistance for a single mother. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with one of these requests, please contact Elisabeth Huffmaster at huffmaster@gmail.com or 510.565.0057.

**Guys' Day Out!
Sonship: Live the
theology you believe!**

Many of us understand the faith intellectually, but our hearts have not quite kept up with our heads. Learn how to have overcoming faith- the glorious theological truths of the gospel-truths that you may know in your head- and apply them to the nitty gritty reality of daily life. Join with your brothers to reconnect, refresh and realign on Sat., Nov. 8. Pastor Tim Conkling of Taiwan will be our guest speaker, and we will also spend 3 hours at City Beach for fun and a hawaiian Luau Buffet. Cost is \$65 if you register before October 26th. After Oct. 26th, the cost is \$75. For more information or to register, contact Jan Hiller at 657.0123 ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.

Alive!

Alive is a place where single professionals and young married couples can find an environment to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. We're just starting on a new series on the Apostle Peter & Paul. For more info, visit www.fccalive.org or contact **Steve Lopez** at slopez@gofcc.org or 657.0123, ext. 152 .

FAMILY NEWS

Keep in prayer:

- + **The Rose Family**, for the recent passing of Becky's husband and one of our FCC Elders, Glenn Rose.
- + **The Wickham Family**, for the recent passing of Sharron's mother.
- + **The Chang Family**, for the recent passing of Neil's mother.

Birth Celebration:

- + **Garrett & Natalie Smit**, for the recent birth of their twin daughters, Lailie and Ava.
- + **Andy & Amber Engle**, for the recent birth of their daughter, Ava.

**Welcome Our New
Members:**

- + **Denise Allender (Dual Member)**
- + **Rosalie Dixon**
- + **Emilie Picanco**
- + **Julie Schumacher**
- + **Jeff Urso**
- + **Nathan White**

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 hmjjmom@comcast.net or 656.9134.

**Alzheimer's Memory
Walk // Oct. 11**

The Knot class invites you to join in and help find a cure for Alzeimers, which now affects as many as 5.2 million Americans. Come join Steve & Theresa Patchin and their team "Saving Minds" on the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk on October 11th on Treasure Island in San Francisco. For more info or to sign up, contact Jan Hiller at 657.0123 ext. 143 or jhiller@gofcc.org.

IT TAKES JUST A MINUTE ...

By Jeff Urso, Children Ministries Coordinator

I am very excited about all the great opportunities that our children have today. With the internet, they have the opportunity to learn about almost anything. Now more than ever, they can become and do anything that they want to. It is all there, right at their fingertips. They can play a myriad of sports and engage in almost any extra curricular activity that one can think up. It is not just the chess team and the glee club anymore. A few years ago, I taught two sisters who competed in organized motorbike racing. It is incredible.

However, what of their spiritual education? How many hours a week do we spend on making sure they have the biblical foundation to go along with their well rounded outlook on life. In the Bay Area, it's not uncommon to run out of time for things. There just isn't enough time in the week, let alone the day.

Deuteronomy 11:18 -20 encourages us to teach the Word of God to our children, "talking to them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (verse 19). In today's terms, at meal times, in the mini-van on the way to soccer practice, in between cramming for that next big test, anytime you have a free moment.

There is only so much we can do with our twenty-four hours a day. However, you would be surprised at the impact that even ten minutes of teaching a spiritual truth, of going over a memory verse from the past Sunday, or even a few minutes singing a worship song on the way to the grocery store will have on the lives of your children. These times can change their lives, shape who they will become, and help them to realize that spending time with God is more important than any other activity.

upcoming mission trip:



ROMANIA

NOV 22-29 • 2008

Come join our mission trip to Romania! Interested? Questions? Contact Kim Hensley at 657.0123, ext. 115 or khensley@gofcc.org.

CITYSERVE'S THANKSGIVING FAMILY SERVICE



NOVEMBER 27

10:00AM

FCC PAVILION



NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

There are many people who believe in a "god" or a "greater spirit being." What separates Christians from all other religions is the blood of Christ. Satan himself acknowledges God, knows who Jesus is and what he represents, and was defeated eternally by the redeeming value of Christ's blood. In the bible we see many references to Christ's blood washing us white as snow (Isaiah 1:18) or cleansing our soul. The Old Testament intentionally pointed out the use of animal blood to cleanse sins and to protect God's people so that we would recognize that it is through His son's shed blood that we are cleansed, justified and protected.

Through personal experience and much study, I have found the best way to separate Christians from counterfeit Christians, is their salvation reliance on Christ's blood. Today, it is so easy to be led astray by religions that claim to be Christian. The bible tells us that in the latter days, even the elect will be led astray (Matt 24:24). It also says that in the latter days, if anyone claims that they have seen Jesus, do not go, for there will be many who claim to be "The Christ," but they are not (Matt 24:23).

One may ask then, how can one discern between what is real and what is not? My answer would be to weigh everything against the sacrificed blood of Christ. If any religion or religious practice does not place the grace of God as singularly due to Christ's redemptive blood sacrifice, then it is counterfeit. Why does Fremont Community Church puts so much emphasis on Christ? It's because we believe Jesus' words. There is no other way to God the Father, but through His son, Jesus Christ (John 14:6).