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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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S P E C I A L I S S U E

CPC's Future Depends on You and Your Vote!

Sunday, September 12

All-Church Worship Service & VOTE

ARRIVE no later than 9:00 AM

Registration opens 8:30 AM

Members must be registered & have their ballot by 9:30 AM

From Pastor Scott Farmer



Dear CPC,

We need you to attend worship on September 12th, when you and other members of the church body will cast votes, with God's guidance, on the Session's recommendation to request dismissal from the San Francisco Presbytery and to be released to the Evangelical Presbyterian

Church (EPC). As a CPC member your participation makes a difference.

The Session (Elders and Pastors) of CPC pray that you will make it a priority to join them and our church body for this important decision in the life of CPC.

Appropriately, "God's Call" is our sermon theme for the services in September. A Service of Consecration concludes the month in worship services on September 25-26.

From October through May, we open the Book of Acts – or it opens us up! I'm praying God uses Acts to shape and empower CPC's move into this new chapter of His work among and through us.

"We believe in the living Christ
Who sends us into the world
Empowered by His Holy Spirit
To live as His disciples,
To express God's saving love, and
To extend His kingdom."

(from our CPC Purpose Statement)

What a great time to be part of CPC with you!

Prayerfully,

Scott

All Church



CPC's Future Depends on You and Your VOTE! Sunday, September 12

Important Points

ARRIVE no later than 9:00 AM – REGISTRATION BEGINS at 8:30 AM

CPC must have at least 50% of its members, approximately 1000, registered with their ballots and seated by 9:30 AM when the Presbytery of San Francisco begins its discussion. If not, there will be no vote.

75% of the voting members must be in favor of requesting dismissal from the PCUSA and affiliation with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church or CPC stays with the PC(USA).

ONLY ONE SERVICE that weekend on Sunday, Sept. 12 in the Sanctuary, Video Café and Chapel.

PLEASE PARK OFF-CAMPUS if you are able.

9:00-11:30 Children Ministries Fall Kick-Off & Promotion Sunday

Where to Sign-In Your Children: Incoming K-5th Graders in the Courtyard; Preschoolers in age-appropriate Preschool Rooms; Toddler/Nursery ages at Room 119/121 Counter.

Summary of the Terms of the Dismissal Agreement Between the CPC Special Committee of the Congregation (SCC) and the Presbytery of San Francisco Engagement Team (PET)

On September 12th at 9:30 members of CPC will vote on the following resolution: Resolved: that the Community Presbyterian Church of Danville, California, shall request dismissal with its property from the Presbytery of San Francisco and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) under the terms of agreement negotiated by the Special Committee of the Congregation and the Presbytery Engagement Team and that CPC shall affiliate with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1. Replace current Per Capita fee with a one-time payment of \$108,640 in lieu of future declining Per Capita for 5 years.
2. Continue to support CPC targeted PCUSA missionaries in the amount of \$42,500 annually for 5 years.
3. Indemnify Presbytery of San Francisco against all third party claims on CPC's property.
4. Agree to mutual release of claims.
5. Amend Articles of Incorporation and By Laws to remove all references to PCUSA

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO

1. Dismiss CPC and its Pastors.
2. Release all claims on CPC property
3. Agree to mutual release of claims

Effective upon vote of the Presbytery of San Francisco on November 10, 2010. Full implementation February 9, 2011 if no stay or complaint in effect.

Call To Prayer

Thank you, the congregation, for continued prayers as we ask that God meet us and lead us as we approach September 12th. This is a historic time for CPC and our church body needs to prepare our hearts and minds through prayer daily. Please join us as we pray the 30 day "Call to Prayer" daily devotional available after services, at the CPC Ministry Office or online at www.cpcdanville.org.

Reasons for Change

CHRISTOLOGY—Christ alone defines the identity and mission of the church.

CONSISTENT WITNESS—Align ourselves with a denomination and family of churches, which will allow CPC to provide a consistent witness to His Word and Truth, locally and internationally. The Session (Pastors and Elders) believes the EPC is that denomination.

The Authority of the Bible At CPC, we believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the church's first and final authority in faith and life.

UNITED LOYALTIES AND FOCUSED ENERGIES—Extend our church's reach into the world, offer us wisdom and insights in new endeavors, keep us in line with orthodox Christian doctrine, and hold us accountable to healthy and honest ways of dealing with our difficulties.

WHY JOIN THE EPC? —CPC and EPC are better aligned on core beliefs, mission and outreach. EPC is a reformed body of believers, with a strong missional focus who upholds denominational standards, aligns with other churches and has trust and mutual support.

Denominations



Who Is the EPC? On Sunday, September 12, CPC members will be casting their vote on the unanimous recommendation of the Session to seek dismissal from the PC(USA) and affiliate with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). This reformed denomination represents a growing family of churches that seeks to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and Biblical Authority. The EPC upholds the standards of traditional reformed and biblically based Presbyterian form of government, maintaining a consistent witness to the world. A deep desire to see the kingdom of God extended through energetic church planting and evangelism (www.epc.org/vision-21/) is an important focus of the EPC. The EPC is unified in its commitment to the essentials of the historic Christian faith taught in the Bible, but allows liberty of conscience on those matters (non-essentials), which are not central to the Bible's teaching. Please read "Core Belief" and "EPC Facts." If you would like additional information about the EPC visit their website at www.epc.org and CPC's web site's FAQ's posted at http://www.cpcdanville.org/pdf/denomination_faq_all.pdf.

Core Beliefs—Essentials of Our Faith

The EPC believes:

1. In one God, the sovereign Creator.
2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, become flesh.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify God and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts.
4. Our Salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's grace.
5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ.
6. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.
7. The Lord Jesus commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples of all the nations.

EPC Facts

The EPC has a more consolidated statement of beliefs, choosing the Westminster Confession as their core belief document, including the longer and shorter catechisms.

The EPC embraces a decentralized form of government trusting the local church authority and autonomy to manage affairs consistent with God's leading. This form of governing applies to the age of Baptism, ordination of women, gifts of the Holy Spirit and local church worship styles.

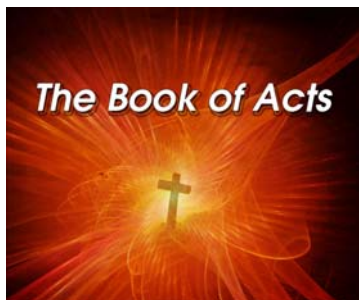
EPC congregations own and control their own property.

EPC motto: "In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Charity." Followed by "truth in love" from Paul's words in Ephesians 4:15.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church has grown to 279 churches, 85,000+ active members in what are currently eight (8) geographic presbyteries in the United States with 90 missionaries serving in 20 different countries.

The EPC suggests an annual, voluntary, contribution of 1% of donations to support the administrative and benevolence work of the denomination. At that voluntary level, the recommended annual CPC contribution to the EPC would be \$45,000.

Small Groups—All Church Study—Sign-Ups Begin September 4 & 5



group is a miniature model of the church community. It's comprised of individuals committed to one another and God's purposes.

Beginning in October

Beginning in October, the entire CPC family will journey through the **Book of Acts**. This powerful book of the Bible tells the story of the birth of the church.

There is no better way to learn about the church, than by being a part of a small group. A small

Experience the excitement of the birth of the church by forming or joining a small group for a seven-week study of Acts beginning the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd.

Pastor Scott Farmer anticipates how God might use this study: "I'm praying God uses Acts to shape and empower CPC's move into this new chapter of His work among and through us."

Sign Ups To Be in a Small Group September 4—5 Weekend

Sign up on weekends between services at CPC beginning September 4th and 5th. For more information about small groups, contact Terry Campbell at terry@cpcdanville.org or at 837-5525 ext. 319.

The Next
Step
CPC Membership

Church Membership— September 26

THE NEXT STEP CLASS IS FOR . . .

Anyone interested in CPC membership, whether transferring from another church, becoming a new Christian or just exploring the faith. There is neither pressure nor obligation to join the church by attending the class. If you DO want to become a member of CPC, this class is a requirement for membership.

THE NEXT CLASS IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FROM 2:30-7:30 PM. Dinner is included. Please contact Linda Roberts 855-1367 x213 for an application, or download the form from www.cpcdanville.org.

Children's Ministries

Your children will enjoy a wonderful Sunday School Program when you vote on Sunday, September 12!



Children's Ministries Fall Kickoff & Promotion Sunday

When: Sunday, September 12

Who: Preschool—5th Grade

Where: Preschool Drop-off at Preschool classes
Elementary Drop-off at Courtyard

Nursery/Toddler Program available

Don't Miss the Fun!

Worship * Games

Blow-Ups * Bible Lessons * Crafts * Snacks

Welcome Fall 2010!

Fall 2010 has arrived! I hope you have had a good summer away from the busy routines of the school year. Summer is fun, but I know it feels good to get back to school with the activities and structure that accompany the school year.

In Children's Ministries we are excited about fall and the programs we will be offering to help your children know, love, and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sunday, September 12, is our Fall Kick Off and promises to be an exciting and fun day for our children. We have the opportunity to have an extended time with the children so we will be bringing back some of our High School and Junior High School leaders to help us as we have a VBS

type of morning. Children will rotate between stations and be learning about ways we can worship God. There will be music, Bible lessons, snacks, crafts, and even a Blow-Up to get out the wiggles.

Sunday, September 18 will begin our school year

curriculum. We are gathering a team of dedicated volunteers who will love your children and help them to know Jesus as their personal Savior! If you would like to be a part of the Children's Ministries team we would love to have you. There are many ways, both large and small, that you can participate. Please email or call Children's Ministries with questions, concerns, or to volunteer. We look forward to partnering with and serving you and your children.

Barb VanMaanen

Director, Children's Ministries

Community Presbyterian Preschool



The preschool teachers and the church staff have been preparing for classes to begin in September. The rooms have fresh paint. The Head Teachers are



Mrs. Hollister preparing her lessons



Ronaldo Carmelo and Margarito Alvarado refurbishing our preschool



Mrs. Murtaugh doing inventory of her supplies

assembling everything they need for their Theme projects. The themes in September are Welcome, Community Helpers/Safety, and Space/Transportation. The children will learn about the people in our neighborhoods who are important to our daily life. They will also learn about different modes of transportation and "explore" traveling into space.

There are still openings at CPP. Please call the office at 837-3316 for more information or email preschool@cpcdanville.org.

Men's Ministries



MEN'S FRATERNITY—MEN AT WORK

Begins Thursday, September 16

6:00-7:30 AM

Room 100

Cost \$20 Register online www.cpcdanville.org

As men, much of our happiness and satisfaction in life is found in our work. Work demands our time, energy, talent, effort and creativity. This fall CPC Men's Ministry is offering a customized nine-week program that will focus on how God shapes us for success in our workplace.

Teaching leader, Robert Lewis, will help you elevate your game in the workplace, build (or rebuild) your confidence, expand your vision, improve your performance and develop a success strategy.

We'll tackle questions like:

- What are my primary motivations at work?
- What do I uniquely bring to my job?
- How can I establish a good reputation?
- How can I bring my faith to the workplace without jeopardizing my job?
- How can I fulfill God's mission for me at work?

Take a deeper look into God's calling for us at work!

Men at Work begins Thursday, September 16th, 6:00 – 7:30 am in Room 100. The cost is \$20. Registration is online at www.cpcdanville.org. For more information, contact Doug Korn, dougekorn@comcast.net.

Men's Ministries at the Races

Men's Ministries hosted 40 men at Infineon Raceway on Saturday, June 19 for a day of great fellowship and activities. Special thanks to Andrew Eakin and Doug Korn for organizing the event as well as Tad and Jodi Geschickter, owners of the #47 JTG Daugherty Racing Team for hosting our group.



Becoming a Man—A Father Son Journey



Few things are more important to a young man than having a clear vision of what it means to be a man. Empower your son to have that vision and deepen your relationship together. This six-week study is targeted toward High School Jr. and Sr. boys and their fathers. It focuses on the core principles of manhood as identified in Men's Fraternity. Cost: \$75 per father/son (Includes materials and lunches)

Learn more at a fathers only orientation meeting Sunday, September 19th at 12:15- 1:15 PM in Room 20.

The Journey starts Sunday, September 26th and continues through October 31st 12:15 pm in CPC Room 20. For more information contact Bob Dillow at 925-548-2479 or bobdillow@earthlink.net or register online at www.cpcdanville.org.

Congregational Care

*He Restores
My Soul*
A 12 Step Journey through Psalm 23

A 12 Step Journey Through Psalm 23

Monday 7:00-8:15 PM

Room 116

This is a 12-Step support group for people dealing with codependency, substance abuse, unhealthy attachments, anger, workaholicism, anxiety, depression etc. For more information, contact Jodi, jodi_aldredge@yahoo.com or www.rehab4sheep.com.

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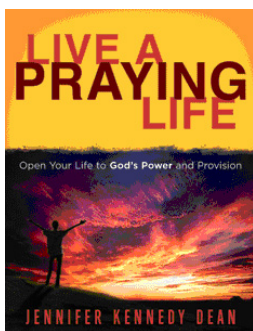


Do You Know about Every Woman's Desire? New Session Begins September 14

This confidential support group is for "women only" who have discovered their partner is involved in sexual betrayal—whether it involves pornography, infidelity etc. Learn about male sexual addiction, co-dependent behavior and how to set healthy boundaries, what intimacy looks like through God's eyes and a personal restoration plan. This group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM at CPC in Room 223. For more information, please call Linda Walker, 735-7745 or the confidential voice mailbox at 855-1367, voice message x568.

Women's Ministries

Focused Living Thursdays 9:00-11:15 AM Begins Sept.9



We are excited to welcome women of all ages and stages in their faith to attend Focused Living in our upcoming fall session. Focused Living provides an opportunity for women to take a morning out of their busy week to learn more about God's Word, seek fellowship with other Christian women, grow in spirit, and open up our hearts and hands. We enjoy worship, powerful teaching, small group discussion, and prayer support. There is also a wonderful children's program to engage young children while moms attend Focused Living. The fall program begins September 9th with an opening brunch and continues every Thursday morning from 9:00 -11:15 in the Sanctuary.

This fall, our study will be centered on a study book written by Jennifer Kennedy Dean. She is a talented author, speaker, and producer of multimedia Bible studies. The book, "**Live a Praying Life,**" will guide us in our praying. It will allow us to experience a more prayerful life as we enrich our ongoing interaction with God. The following study, beginning in January, will be "**Me Myself & Lies**" by Jennifer Rothschild. Jennifer weaves together her music, writing, speaking, and illustrations to teach others how to find contentment and celebrate each day. Her study will lead us towards being clothed with peace and grace. This year Focused Living is fortunate to have a wonderful organizational leadership team inspired by God's words and deeds. Our new board consists of Coordinator: Julie Krommenhoek, Co-coordinator: Diana

Nickelson, Facilitator Coordinators: Jeanne Campbell and Kathy Higgins, Registrar: Cindy Wininger, Missions: Kristen Vogeley, and Treasurer: Pamela Meyer. They look forward to greeting you on September 9th. Cindy Wininger, our Focused Living Registrar, can be reached by phone at 820-5193 or email, cpcfocusedliving@gmail.com. She will also coordinate your small group placement and assist you with childcare placement. For more information you can visit our webpage at http://www.cpcdanville.org/Adults/focused_living.htm. All it takes is a simple email or call to register and then you will begin your faith adventure!



Focused Living
Co-coordinator Diana
Nickelson &
Coordinator Julie
Krommenhoek

Precepts

**Tuesday 9:00-11:00 AM
Begins September 14**

".....but the people who know their God will display strength and take action." Daniel 11:32b.

The truth is that people established in God's Word are different and they make a difference! If you are a Christian, have a desire to display strength, take action and make a difference, learning how to study the Bible inductively is a great step to knowing your God.

Join us at Precepts as we study inductively Hebrews this year! The study is titled "**Consider Jesus, Your Merciful High Priest.**" In these last days, God has spoken to us through His Son! What does God say about Jesus, angels, and our great salvation? Learn about Jesus' superiority to all in this exciting study of Hebrews.

For more information or to register for class and pre-order books, contact Pattie Cox at patriciaccox@gmail.com or call 831-8647. We meet on Tuesday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Room 100. Precepts establishes people in God's word and measures all of life by It! May God's Word bless you!



Pattie Cox
Leader & Teacher

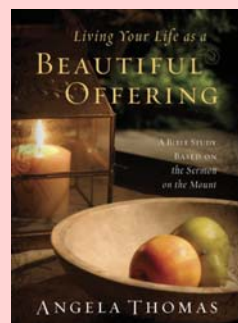
Women's Evening Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 PM Begins September 15

Evening Bible Study is for working and busy women. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 217. This dynamic group offers a refreshing oasis in the midst of hectic lives, and our studies are at a slower pace.

We begin on September 15th with the study "**Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering**" by Angela Thomas. In this study, author Thomas uses the Sermon on the Mount to call women to a more

passionate life in Christ, a place of rest in the presence of God, and to an understanding that our lives-broken, tarnished, ragged or torn - can still become a beautiful offering. We will see a video each week, and answer questions from the workbook.

For more information, contact Barb Miller, bajumil@yahoo.com or call 875-9960. You can register online; the cost is \$20. There is no childcare for this class.



Women's Ministries



Lydia Carlino and Mary Carroll, along with their sons, Mason and Dean, catch up at a Wednesday park day this summer



Christine Gregory, Kimberly Haygood, Heather Congo, Jenny Carter, Lydia Carlino, Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Kirsten Branch, and Natasha Kuehn gathered for a special Summer Breeze study series on "God's Story, Our Story" from Genesis to Revelation

This summer Mothers Together has been on break, but we have caught up with one another at park days on Wednesdays. In addition, some of us gathered for an illuminating month-long Bible study, "God's Story, Our Story," designed and led by Mothers Together member Anne-Marie Ellithorpe. As we settle our families into their fall routine, we look forward to our new program.

This year's program focuses on loving one another as God first loved us. We will draw our inspiration from 1 John 3:18: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." We recognize that what distinguishes us as children of God is to love as HE loves, and we will seek to display this love through our day to day actions and words whether they be with family, friend, or stranger. We will actively witness and celebrate the love and grace that we have received through Jesus Christ.

On September 8th Nancy Ortberg will speak about the challenges of navigating the highs and lows of raising children, and finding God in everyday moments. On September 15th our small groups will commence our study in the Book of John, led by Katrina Wilson. We encourage all to join a small group by contacting either Michele



Wednesdays
9:15-11:15 AM
Begins September 8

Heathorn, 575-0023 or Katrina Watson, 930-9281. If unable to attend regularly, a drop-in table will always be available. On September 18th our first social event will be a Family Park Day at 9 AM at Ramona Park in San Ramon. Those interested contact Denise McCall.648-0527.

While the moms are in fellowship, our Kids Together program will welcome children aged three months through Kindergarten (infants are welcome to stay with their moms). The program provides fellowship, teaching, and inspiration with the mission of partnering with families in laying a spiritual foundation for their children to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ. The program is free and donations are greatly appreciated. Women attending Mothers Together are asked to volunteer as a caregiver twice per year. For more information, please contact Jennifer Jernstedt (jlajerns@yahoo.com).

On Friday, October 15 we have a special couples event on the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" (See the article on this page).

We encourage mothers of all ages and stages to come as you are, and come when you can! If you or someone you know would like to learn more about Mothers Together, please contact Josie Dowd (820-5000), Megan Frantz (314-9752), Kim Cory (648-1471), or Lisa Van Randwyk (785-6131).

MAKING ROOM FOR CHRISTMAS



Save the Date—December 4

The annual Women's Ministries' Christmas lunch will be Dec.4, 11:00 am-1:30 pm at the Blackhawk Country Club.

Table Hostess Registration for "Making Room for Christmas" September 13—October 8

Please register to be a Table Hostess online at www.cpcdanville.org/Adults/women_table.htm, or in person at the Ministry Center. You may also email linda@cpcdanville.org



Mothers Together & CPC Presents

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent

with guest speakers Psychologists Kristen and Bryan Baisden

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
Would you like to have more fun parenting?
Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day?

Come join us, get answers, and learn simple, practical techniques to raise responsible kids in a loving way!

Friday, October 15 from 6:30-8:30 pm

\$20 per couple with dinner & dessert included

Visit www.cpcdanville.org/Adults/womens_lovelogic.htm

Questions? Sara Jane Morris @ 360-3489 or sarajanemorris@comcast.net

Missions Ministries

City Impact



City Impact Building in SF

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a celebration dinner to celebrate the completion of the San Francisco City Academy building project!

Friday, October 8
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Multi-purpose Room

R.S.V.P. to Bianca@cpcdanville.org



San Francisco Academy Children

Parzarjik Bulgaria Short Term Mission Trip

Summary: For eight days our mission team and the Bulgarian Church effectively displayed the love of Christ, warming the hearts of the local Bulgarian and Romi Christians, and encouraging them to grow in a closer relationship with Jesus. More than 355 bags of



Children at VBS in Parzarjik



Team Members: Back Row: Melanie Randolph, Leslie Etscheid, Diana Howard, Michelle Meyer, Katie Prakash
 Front Row: John Randolph, Mark Howard and Don Meyer

food were packed and distributed to village churches along with 12 bags of clothing. Through drama, VBS songs, games, and one-on-one interaction, our energy was strengthened by the Lord, resulting in abounding joy and blessings. Pastor Timote was particularly encouraged.

God at Work Highlights:

- Donated guitar through Mark Howard – Mark had a dream about a shop giving him a guitar to take to Bulgaria; 2 weeks later he walked into a local music shop and the owner said he had just decided that morning to donate 2 guitars!
- At Turkish VBS somehow 125 handouts became 156; just exactly enough for each child
- Romi and Bulgarian youth interacting during games
- God gave an opportunity to serve a man in a wheelchair suffering from gangrene.

Parzarjik Report - Sunday, October 3
 Come see our presentation & hear testimonies!

Golf Fore Life on September 13 Castlewood Country Club

Join Valley Pregnancy Center for their 3rd annual Golf Tournament at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton on Monday, September 13. Your entry includes golf, driving range, putting contest, dinner, silent auction, prizes galore and a great day for a great cause. Register online at www.valleypregnancycenter.org/events or contact Bianca for a registration form at Bianca@cpcdanville.org.



Young Life Leader Interest Dessert on September 8

Check out what is going on in our area and possibly join our team as we impact the lives of young people and have fun doing it! **We are looking for volunteer leaders with a heart for outreach and the desire to build relationships with middle school, high school students or young people with disabilities.** Join us for a Young Life Leader interest dessert, 7:00-8:30 PM, on Wednesday, September 8th, in Pleasant Hill. Please contact Becki Parr for the address or for any other Young Life inquiries at 708-1012 or ylbecki@gmail.com.



Missions Ministries

Mission Ministries Presents GIFT WORLD OCTOBER 9-10!

Mission Burgers will be served after the 10:45 service

Gift World

Your Christmas holiday shopping can be meaningful this year through Gift World. You can be supporting our Mission Partners by purchasing a gift for your friends and family.

We have local and global gift ideas ranging from a \$2.00 hot meal to feed a person in need to \$30 for a 110 lb bag of flour that will feed a family of 4 for a month across the world in central Asia. Gifts range from \$2–\$40.

Please join us after the services on Sunday, October 10, and we'll even cook you a delicious mission burger!



Gift World on Missions Sunday 2009

Summer of HOPE Food Drive—Thank You CPC!

Thank you CPC for donating food to three of our local mission partners, City Team (Oakland and San Francisco), City Impact and Providence Care Ministries in San Pablo. Well over 100 bags of groceries were donated.

Yastrebovo, Bulgaria Mission's Report

On June 26, a group of 11 (4 adults and 7 students) left San Francisco, bound for Yastrebovo, Bulgaria. God had assembled us as a team to spend 8 days in this small, poor village, sharing the good news of Christ's love. We partnered with The Macedonian Outreach (Vula and Haig Rushdoony) and CPC (Imagine Campaign) to help supply both physical and spiritual needs. Team members included Paul & Barb VanMaanen, Deana Dickerson, Judy Dickerson (Deana's mom), Isabel Hicks, Hannah MacDonald, Courtney Wollan, Adam Hillyer, Mitchell Fairchild, Ryan Fette, and Robbie Thomas.

Yastrebovo has both a Bulgarian and a Gypsy population. The Bulgarian families have moved away into the city over time to find employment and all that remains are older people. The Gypsy population doesn't have the same option due to their lack of education so they remain and attempt to find employment and raise their families. Employment is nearly impossible to find. Sometimes they are able to find work as day laborers in the fields helping farmers. Mostly they are unemployed, relying on small welfare checks to attempt to feed their families. It is not unusual for a girl the age of 17 to be married with two children and have an education of only a few years. This is the pattern that has been followed for generations.

A few years ago God found a young Gypsy man in this village and inspired him to try to change this pattern, through both education and the formation of a Christian church. His name is Gopi. The Macedonian Outreach has helped sponsor this young man by providing him means for an education, financial assistance to transport the Gypsy children to school, provide shoes and clothing for them, and help with meals. This has allowed the children to begin their education. Some of these children are now in high school, the first in their families. The Imagine



Yastrebovo Church and gardens

campaign from CPC has helped continue the work by supplying funds to complete a Ministry Center (church, school, housing for homeless), and help purchase land to begin the formation of a farming micro-enterprise.



TEAM MEMBERS: Front row: Hannah MacDonald, Courtney Wollan, Isabel Hicks, Barb Van Maanen Second Row: Deanna Dickerson, Robbie Thomas, Adam Hillyer, Ryan Fette Third Row: Mitchell Fairchild, and Paul Van Maanen.

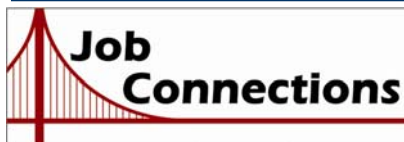
Campaign from CPC has helped continue the work by supplying funds to complete a Ministry Center (church, school, housing for homeless), and help purchase land to begin the formation of a farming micro-enterprise.

Thank you, CPC members for sharing your prayers and financial support making this trip possible. The work continues through The Macedonian Outreach and Imagine, and we look forward to visiting Yastrebovo again!

Yastrebovo Report - Sunday, September 19

10:45 AM in the Chapel

Please come hear about our mission in Bulgaria.



Job Connections is the premier networking and job support group in the Greater East Bay. It provides speakers, networking opportunities and other help to those seeking employment. More than 3,000 people from the greater Bay Area are members and receive daily updates. Of those 3,000 about 200 attend the Saturday meeting in the Sanctuary from 9-11:30 AM. If you would like more information about Job Connections, visit jobconnections.org, or contact Dean Tracy, dean@deantracy.com.

Adult Equipping

When God's People Pray



CPC's Prayer Team

Back Row: Karen Cannariato, Linda Roberts, Marilee Goodykoontz, ,
Susan Reynado-Hall, Mylon Nelson, Mike MacDonald
Front Row: Joan Knight and Juanita Harding

Topics include 1) Why prayer matters, 2) The Word of God and prayer, and 3) Obstacles that hinder effective prayer. This six week class will transform your prayer life and teach you to pray with renewed hope and confidence.

"I led my small group through "When God's People Pray "and it was both inspirational and practical. I can't recommend it highly enough. I hope our whole church goes through this course." Ben Joyce

WEDNESDAYS @CPC

Begins October 6

Register online at www.cpcdanville.org

Introduced by Pastor Cathy Burkholder and the CPC Prayer Team and Hosted by Ed and Joan Knight

\$10 per person plus book

Have you ever wondered what causes ordinary people to receive extraordinary answers to prayer? Prayer can change lives and circumstances, like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock the amazing power of prayer, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital connection with God and His abundant resources?

Cathy Burkholder and the CPC Prayer Team invite you to embark on a journey that will help you understand, personalize, and apply life changing concepts that will transform your prayer life and deepen your faith and trust in God.

Based on the DVD and small group study "When God's People Pray" this six-week class features the video teaching by Jim Cymbala, Pastor of The Brooklyn Tabernacle and author of Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire and The Life God Blesses.

A Devotional Walk With Forgiveness

Taught by Judy Ingram

\$15 per person

What does it mean to forgive those who injure us? Why is forgiving so important to God yet so difficult to manage in our relationships? Is there a limit to what God can reasonably expect us to forgive?

Join us for a six-week exploration of these questions and others, such as why families hurt each other, whether we must forgive an unrepentant offender, or what conflict can teach us about ourselves. Working from the book *A Devotional Walk With Forgiveness*, participants will discover Scriptural context for forgiveness principles through fifteen minutes a day of personal study and weekly class discussions, primarily in small groups. Is God challenging you? Come and learn how to surrender your relationship wounds to him and forgive what today may seem unforgivable.



Judy Ingram

About Judy Ingram

Judith Ingram trained as a counselor at Saint Mary's College and most recently earned a certificate in Biblical studies from Cornerstone Bible Academy in Livermore. Her first published book, **A Devotional Walk With Forgiveness**, will be released by Vintage Reflections in 2011. A survivor of childhood abuse herself, Judith has received awards for her thesis model employing forgiveness in the clinical treatment of adults recovering from abuse. She has

presented forgiveness topics for counseling centers, counseling classes, professional conferences, and church ministry groups. Judith and her husband, Frank, are lifetime residents of the Bay Area. Members of CPC for eleven years, they were sent out in 1997 as founding members of San Ramon Presbyterian Church, where she serves as an elder and teaches adult education classes. Their daughter, Melanie, lives in Vacaville with her husband.

Adult Equipping

WEDNESDAYS @CPC

Take a step toward your spiritual growth this fall Wednesday evenings
Begins October 6th

7:00 PM

Register online at www.cpcdanville.org

Childcare vouchers are available for Wednesday night classes.

How to Navigate the Entire Old Testament

Taught by Eric Larson, Pastor and Bible Teacher

\$10 per person

If you want to increase your confidence in using your Bible, learn how to navigate the entire Old Testament and understand why each Old Testament book was written, then this is **your** Bible study. Join many others at CPC in a relaxed, risk-free, workshop-like class, where there are no dumb questions and lots of helpful answers.



Eric Larson

In 8 short evenings you will:

- See the big picture of the Old Testament
- Learn Old Testament geography
- Understand the theme of each book
- ... and your confidence will increase dramatically.

About Eric Larson: Eric Larson is an effective and engaging Bible teacher who has an infectious passion for finding the living Christ in the words of the Scriptures. He is focused on helping newer Christians learn how to read and navigate the Bible. In recent years, Eric has developed and taught adult Bible study courses at a number of Bay Area churches including Cornerstone Fellowship.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

Taught by CPC Members Barbara Butlin and Janice Stordahl

\$10 per person plus book

Attendance Required for All 4 Sessions

For more information call Barbara Butlin at 932-2087.



Janice Stordahl



Barbara Butlin

Do you want to discover your God-given purpose in life?

What do you love to do when you have the freedom to do it?

We will help you put the puzzle pieces together so you can make a kingdom difference for God with joy and "just say no" when it isn't a good fit!



Michelle Nicholas

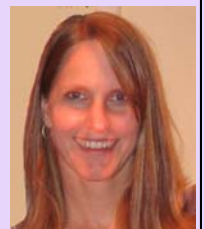
CPC Leadership asked the question, 'How can you help others grow in their faith walk?' After discovering the Spiritual Gifts that God has given to me and experiencing such a difference in my life as a result, the Lord helped me answer that question. He inspired me to host a Spiritual Gifts class in my home for 16 women! God revealed amazing undiscovered truth to these women and using teachers Barbara Butlin and Janice Stordahl gave the women brand new perspectives on their purposes for living and serving in Christ. I believe the Spiritual Gifts class is foundational to discovering how God has created each person uniquely. This class is a great resource and I hope to see it take root. Thank you CPC for providing the Spiritual Gifts class!



Larry Luther

Taking the Spiritual Gifts class in 2006 strengthened my commitment to God and helped me to find ways to connect with other Christians at CPC. With the gift of mercy, I felt called to help feed the homeless on Saturdays. I also am serving as a Lead Usher. It is such a rewarding feeling to help others and I am really enjoying the opportunity to work with fellow Christians who are now also great friends.

I loved the Spiritual Gifts Class because it is more than just finding your Spiritual Gifts. I saw how all of our gifts fit together and learned how to make the most of the gifts God has given to me. It really opened my eyes to where I was spinning my wheels trying to be something I'm not. I've learned when to say "yes" to use my gifts and when to say "no" and encourage someone else to use theirs.



Julie Krommenhoek

Adult Equipping



Make Friends With Your Bible Begins September 18

Room 217
Saturdays 7:30-9 AM
\$10 per person

Most Christians agree that the Bible is a very important book, but most of us don't know as much about it as we would like to know. We don't know where to start when reading it and it's hard to understand much of what we do read. We have questions about how we got the Bible, how it was written and preserved, and whether it can be trusted. If you have questions about the Bible, join us as we explore these questions and more. Discover how the Bible came to be, what its overall content and great themes are, and how it is relevant to life today. This will be an interactive class with teaching and discussion as well as time to answer questions.



Cheryl Thompson

About Cheryl Thompson

CPC has been Cheryl Thompson's church family for the past 25 years. She is a life-long Bible student whose early training was with The Navigators, a Christian organization that specializes in teaching people personal Bible study and discipleship skills. She has taught numerous Bible studies and classes at CPC, as well as serving as an Elder,

Peacemaker Coach and, with her husband Bern, a Marriage Mentor. Recently she and Bern traveled to Central Asia where they taught biblical peacemaking and marriage seminars to local church planters, pastors and missionaries. Cheryl's passion is to help her friends at CPC get as excited as she is about the Bible and see how relevant it is to everyday life.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Begins Sept. 19
10:45 AM
Sundays
Room 213

We are going to morph into a Small Group type format where we discuss the sermon with additional background material, pray for needs and fellowship. All are welcome! If you have questions, call the leader, Dick Hopkins, at 803-1691.

COMING SOON—READ THROUGH THE BIBLE! An adventure will begin in January. CPC is encouraging all of its members to read through the entire Bible in 2011. Starting January 8 we will begin reading and discussing the One Year Bible in the Saturday morning class. Cheryl Thompson leads this adventure. Please save the date!



Community Presbyterian Counseling Center

ALL TYPES OF HELP The Community Presbyterian Counseling Center offers counseling services to individuals, couples, families, and groups and can provide expertise on a wide range of issues, such as: (1) Family relationship problems (2) Anxiety & depression (3) Marital communication and conflict resolution (4) Stress and anger management (5) Divorce (6) Parent-child conflict (7) Grief & loss, (8) Handling life's transitions. The Counseling Center is located at 375 Diablo Rd., Suite 109, Danville. The phone number is 820-1467. Visit the web site www.cpccounseling.com.

What's Behind the Door? Therapy 101 By Chris Coble, MS, MFT, Community Presbyterian Counseling Center

For a great, many people, therapy is either a bad word, or a great, big, question mark. What is therapy? Who needs it? What's it do? What goes on behind the door?

What goes on behind the door? Reconciliation of Self: Often, individuals develop a fractured, or impure, distorted perception of Self. In short, therapy helps integrate the splintered Self, and reconcile one's True Self, as originally created, and meant to be, in God's image. The fallen, or broken Self, is restored to a more full, godly image.

Reconciliation of Relationships: Very similar to the reconciling of an individual, a relationship may also be brought back from brokenness to a more full, healthy and satisfying nature. We were created for relationship, and when relationship goes awry, symptoms happen. Therapy helps look at, make connections, and draw from the past and present, in order to create and (hopefully) allow, for a more enlivened future. From ashes to glory, pain to healing, a strained or broken relationship may be reconciled or healed to a place of authentic forgiveness, healing, maturity, and joy.

Reconciliation happens through a process of: Empathy (entering into the others' world) and Self-Awareness (learning, growing, maturing). It is the process of true Healing (emotional, relational, spiritual).

Who can benefit? Everyone. Individuals. Couples. Families. Young. Old. And anyone in between. A common misconception (often truly believed by both individuals, and our society) is that you have to be crazy to either need or benefit from therapy. Truth is quite the contrary. Those who are clinically 'insane' rarely benefit from psychotherapy. Therapy is about relationship(s). Anyone who feels or thinks he or she is not living life fully, or experiencing the full joy of life, and/or relationship, can often benefit from therapy. Therapy benefits those who struggle with such issues as depression, anxiety, relational discord, or dissatisfaction, addiction, grief, and more.

What is therapy? Therapy is an active, collaborative process, experience, and relationship that has the psychological, emotional, relational, and spiritual health of the client in mind.

How does it work? Empathy, Self-Awareness, and Healing:

The therapist enters into the life-experience of the client, and collaboratively, they walk through that experience, make connections, find and build healthy foundations and use resources to move toward an integrated, more full, mature, and aware Self, able to healthfully and joyfully (more often than not) negotiate both life, and relationship(s).

Marriage and Family Ministries

The Great Dates Challenge: Survivor Edition

What a great time 78 couples have had dating this summer! Be it a romantic evening dining under the stars, an adventure rafting a whitewater river, or a barbecue with many couples gathered, our Great Dates Challenge: Survivor Edition has couples investing in their marriages! The first night couples met together and joined one of our two teams to compete in the challenge. Will it be the Screamin' Bananas or the Red Hot Chili Peppers that will earn the most points? Points are earned by dating one another and joining with other couples on group dates. One couple had to develop a computer program to keep track of all their dates! Here are a few of the photographs, but check out our CPC website to see all the fun we have been having! We'll be celebrating together at the Grand Council Barbecue at Oak Hill Park on September 18th!



Mark & Sarah Watkins



Jim & Mitzie Beasley, Lyn & Greg Gilchrist



Ilona & Trevor Rodd



Natasha & KC Kuehn



Denny & Robin Riley



Betsy & Tim Ahlberg



Carol & Gary Chin

DIVORCE Care

Begins October 3
Sundays 10:45 AM
Room 217

Discussion topics will include:

- Shock, Transition, and Recovery
- Facing My Anger
- Facing My Depression
- Facing My Loneliness
- New Relationships
- Dealing With My Ex-Spouse
- Financial Survival
- Kid Care
- Single Sexuality
- Forgiveness
- Growing Closer to God
- Reconciliation

DivorceCare: You Don't Have To Go Through It Alone!

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before.

Our DivorceCare group meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each DivorceCare session has two distinct elements. You will watch a DVD featuring experts speaking on various divorce recovery topics. After viewing this, time will be spent in discussing the topic with others who are experiencing divorce, allowing you time to connect with others and receive support. Not only is the information helpful, practical, and biblical but connecting with others going through the experience of divorce is encouraging and uplifting. Join us for DivorceCare – you don't need to go it alone! We meet in Room 217 on Sundays at 10:45 AM beginning October 3. It meets for 13 weeks. Cost is \$35.00 for book and workbook. Registration is online at www.cpcdanville.org.

For more information contact Christian Sommer, christian720@gmail.com.

Congregational Care

Deacons Are Here to Serve You!

Hospital Visitation We have a team of hospital visitors who would love to visit you. Tell us when you are in the hospital. Phone the church office, 837-5525, to ask for the Hospital Visitor.

Friendship Calling Are you homebound and would like a visit?

Deacon's Fund Do you have emergency financial needs? We are here to help.

Meals For families in the congregation recovering from a loss, hospitalization or illness, we can deliver meals.

Transportation Are you recovering from an illness or do you need help with a ride to a doctor's appointment or simple errands?

For all of the above, please call the church office, 837-5525 and ask for the Duty Deacon.

Stewardship

Financial Stewardship – We Finished the Fiscal Year Strong!

Thank you Lord for your undying faithfulness to each of us and as your family of CPC! We have finished strong! We exceeded our revenue budget by \$8,431.00. Thank you, congregation, for allowing God to work through you. We also made good to our commitment to decrease expenses for a total of \$75,214.00. This decrease resulted from all ministries and staff members being good stewards of their budgets. We can now move forward with renewed confidence that even though we continue to have downward financial pressure on our programs and operating expenses that God will provide. As a faithful supporter of CPC please pray how you can fulfill God’s calling to use His financial gifts to you, with a cheerful heart, to help us with the new programs starting this fall. Paul’s charge to Timothy: “Command them . . . to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life” – 1Timothy 6:18b-19

Year End Total	Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenue	\$4,560,000	\$4,568,431	\$8,431
Expenses	\$4,560,000	\$4,484,786	\$75,214

Student Ministries



Stephanie Walker, Nina Doehрман, Michaela Paradiso, Monica Manrique and Marissa Fairchild

WILDSIDE Summer Camp

WILDSIDE Summer Camp at Mt. Hermon was fantastic, not only fun but spiritually significant as well. This week has reminded us that God is bigger than any difficulty or challenge we might face. We looked at numerous examples of God’s faithfulness throughout the bible and our students were encouraged to trust in God’s loving presence and power. We hope the experience of this week will help them start the new school year strengthened and encouraged!



Ben Kristy, Matt Kropschot, Daniel Lim, Will Greer, James Perley, David Barrett



Daniel Lim




Hunter and Connor Perley



M. E. Hildebrand and Sarah Macholz



ROCK HIGH SCHOOL
 Sunday 10:45 AM
 1st Sunday in Video Café
 Monday 7-9 PM



MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Sunday 9:00 AM in Youth Room
 1st Sunday 9:00 AM in Video Café
 Wednesday 7-9 PM

Worship and Arts



Ross Wilson

Meet Our New Director of Technical Arts—Ross Wilson

Meet our full-time Director of Technical Arts, Ross Wilson. He comes to us from Moraga Presbyterian Church, working part-time as Director of Sound and Multi-Media. Prior to that he was the Producer and Sound Designer for Disher Music and Sound in SF, and has been a producer of commercials for K-101 (Star-FM). He was responsible for creative direction, writing, and production of all on-air promotion and imaging. Ross was the recipient of three Joey awards for radio promotions.

Born and raised in Oakland, Ross received his first record contract out of college at SF State University where he earned his BA in Broadcasting. Ross is a professional musician and private music instructor on the trumpet and trombone. He has raised two children and has been married to his wife, Colette, for sixteen years. They just moved into a new house in Antioch, which will nurture his love for gardening. Ross loves sports, is a swimmer and a rower, and plays "Old School R & B" and Salsa. He began to love Jesus way back in the third grade when he got his Bible. We are very fortunate to have him in our church family. Be sure to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome!

Marsha Corbett—Walker Volunteer Extraordinaire

Do you know or recognize Marsha Corbett-Walker? She is the ultimate CPC Volunteer! You often see her doing things behind the scenes - like setting up the hospitality tables and welcome tables, and assisting with just about anything needed around the church. A role model for a godly woman, Marsha has such a humble servant heart for helping and supporting others. Marsha has been a successful mortgage broker for many years.

She has organized a Thursday evening weekly get together on her block, and she has a heart for evangelism. Not only does she "walk across the room" - she walks across the street! She has been a past Elder of Worship and Arts, and is still actively involved with recruiting volunteers as the Worship and Arts Volunteer Coordinator. Marsha has endless energy and a talent for motivating others.

She is a loving wife to Wayne, mother to Riley, daughter who cares for her parents, a faithful friend to all of us in the Worship and Arts Department, and an Ambassador to Christ in her daily life. We want to thank her for her heart for Jesus and how she loves others with her beaming smile, and affirming, encouraging ways. Her humility glorifies GOD in all she does!



Marsha Corbett-Walker

SRVCA



SRVCA is excited about the 2010-11 school year! Families are happy to reunite, and teachers wait with great anticipation for a new group of faces in their classrooms. God has faithfully blessed us with a number of new families. We are really excited to get to know each one, and we welcome them into our school community!

Our theme for the year is "Live on purpose... trusting in Jesus." Philippians 4:9 tells us "whatever you have learned or received or heard from Me, or seen in me- put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Learning to be intentional in our faith, relationships, work ethic, and general behavior will be an ongoing focus.

Our school will complete its accreditation process this school year. We have dual accreditation from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Although the formal accreditation review won't happen until April, we have been busy for over a year examining every nook and cranny of the program we offer at SRVCA.

Our 8th grade students are preparing for their annual trip to Asilomar for a spiritual retreat. The beach, the sun, and lots of fun and fellowship are on our agenda for this special time together. Also in September, our 7th grade students will visit Kidder Creek Camp for an outdoor adventure. The kids will whitewater raft, rock climb, and hang out at the local pond and beach.

We look forward to all of God's surprises that await us with the coming year. If you are interested in learning more about SRVCA or our ministry, please contact the office, 838-9622 or visit our website, www.srvca.org.

Congregational Care

Stephen Ministry—"Christ Caring for People Through People"

These People Will Attend the Stephen Ministry Training Beginning on September 24. Won't You Join Them?



Michael Ricupito, Lee Schneider, Bianca Canales, and Mary Ann Carter

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!



Robert Stonebridge and family, and Richard Lambert



Lee Schneider, Michael Ricupito, and Diane Luce



Paul and Joanne Salcido, and Richard Lambert



Ki Welch, Michael Ricupito, and Linda Roberts



Mary Ann Carter, Bud Bales, Ki Welch, and Reverend Orville

Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister

Have others benefited from your gifts of caring and encouragement?

If so, please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with others in becoming a Stephen Minister. Experienced Stephen Ministers lovingly and patiently train you and help you develop your talents in classes that will be meeting at CPC. The next Stephen Ministry class is due to begin the weekend of September 24 and from then on the classes are held conveniently on Monday evenings (Except breaks for the holidays) through Sat., Feb. 4.

What is a Stephen Minister? A Stephen Minister is:

- A loving Christian walking alongside a person who is hurting,
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care.
- A person who cares, listens, prays, supports, and encourages,
- Someone who will reliably meet with his/her care receiver for about one hour each week.

Sign-up to become a Stephen Minister!

If you are interested in attending the training which begins Sept. 24, please sign-up for an interview. If you have any questions, please contact a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader. The CPC Stephen Ministry confidential voice mail telephone number is 855-1367, vm 558.

Many people are hurting at CPC due to the economy and its fallout.

YOU can help. YOU can make a difference!

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

CPC Library

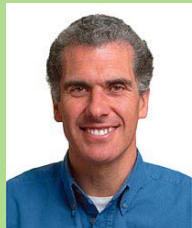
New Items in the Library—Check out the new DVDs and novels by popular authors that have been added to the collection! New materials are usually featured in displays on top of the bookcases. New DVDs include five *Sugar Creek Gang* adventures for 6-12 year olds, three helpful programs on parenting, four biographies: the acclaimed *Blind Side*, *Billy (Graham) the Early Years*, *Faith Like Potatoes*, and *Gifted Hands*. We also purchased several dramas based on scripture: *One Night with the King*, the story of Esther,

Peter and Paul, *Mark's Gospel* by Max McLean, and the book of Acts.

Recycle Center for Christian Books—Your church library is the clearing house for all those books you have read but no longer need. In July we sent off twelve cartons of quality donations that we did not need in our library to Shepherd's Gate, World Impact Oakland, Bay Area Rescue Mission, and West County Detention Center. Bring your donated books, CDs, and DVDs to the Library with your name in the box, and we will send you a tax receipt with our thanks.

Adult Equipping

THE ALPHA COURSE



Nicky Gumbel
Author Alpha,
ordained Anglican Priest



Alpha is an opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith to your life today. The program is centered around a meal, a talk and small group discussion. Childcare vouchers available.

**Our Fall ALPHA Course
Begins September 15
Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Room 116**

\$30 per person. Register at www.cpcdanville.org.
For more information, contact Terry Campbell at
terry@cpcdanville.org or 837-5525 ext. 319.



Holy Spirit Weekend
October 22 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm
October 23 – 8:00 am – 12 noon
CPC Multi-purpose Room

\$20/per person. Register online at
www.cpcdanville.org. For more information, contact
Terry Campbell at terry@cpcdanville.org or at 837-
5525 ext. 319.

Join Pastor Ben Joyce & Rev. Nicky Gumbel as they explore: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit Do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? (Friday dinner and Saturday continental breakfast included.) Childcare vouchers available.

TESTIMONIES OF ALPHA PARTICIPANTS



Amrit Williams
Past ALPHA
Participant

Is God at Work in Our Lives? Read this!

I was in London at the Marriott Kensington for a conference. I remembered that Nicky Gumbel mentioned that he had run into Pippa in Kensington so I thought perhaps their church, Holy Trinity Brompton, was in the area. It is supposedly 10 minutes from the hotel. Anyway I ended up at a Holy Trinity Church, but a different one, not the Holy Trinity Brompton Church.

I walked aimlessly for several very long blocks and asked multiple people if they knew of this church. No one had. On a whim I walked down a narrow street with large trees at the end of which I thought would lead to a park where I could rest and think. I saw a man washing a car and asked if he knew of the church. He suggested that the lady living at the house whose car he was washing may know. I looked at the house and noticed an ALPHA sticker in the window so I rang the bell. Nicky's wife Pippa answered the door. I recognized her from the videos. I told her that I had completed the ALPHA course and that I was deeply touched and shared my experience receiving the Holy Spirit. She invited me into her home and we talked for some time. Apparently they had just returned from missionary work in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong. She was as warm and welcoming as I have found many Christians to be.

Later we walked to the church which looks exactly like it does in the videos. She invited me to an ALPHA leadership training course that night. The course had about 150 people and I was able to meet Nicky who was very kind with his time. They had an awesome service with lots of praise for the glory of God. When we split into groups, I joined what they called Track 2, a smaller group of about 20 people. We spent the next hour reviewing The Biblical Drama in Nine Acts – it was awesome! God is Great! It would be harder for me to rationalize this as coincidence than it is to rationalize as God leading me to the glory of his Kingdom.



I did not realize the impact Alpha would have on my life! I spent a little over a year trying to fill my mind with information about Christianity, religion, God and how it related to my life. Through my journey, I received good information, but never really felt that I fully understood the whole picture. The Alpha course allowed me to ask tough questions and showed me the one piece I was missing. I needed to open my heart, embrace the loving relationship with God and the knowledge I gained was all much clearer. I am forever thankful for being led to Alpha because it helped me put all of the pieces of my journey together!

Angela Stice-Johnston
Past ALPHA participant

Congregational Care

THE CHRONIC PAIN CONNECTION
2nd & 4th MONDAYS
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

We meet in the new CPC Library. This Support Group offers prayer, scripture, pain management ideas and the positive exchange of information with each other. For more information, call Kathie Hood, 930-0524.

Congregational Care

Peacemakers “A Ministry for Reconciliation” More Than Words



The tongue has the power of life and death...
Proverbs 18:21

Words play a key role in almost every conflict. When used properly, words promote understanding and encourage agreement. When misused, they usually aggravate conflicts and drive people further apart. If your words seem to do more harm than good when you try to resolve a disagreement, don't give up. With God's help you can improve your ability to communicate constructively. Adapted from The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) pp. 162.

Food for Thought

The power of life and death is at the tips of our tongues.

Words play a key role in almost every conflict. Other factors come into play, but Ken reminds us of one that's almost always there – words. Words often get a conflict started and, just as often, it's words that keep it going. But with God's help, words also can bring resolution, closure, and peace to a conflict.

In Luke 9, we're told the story of an argument that got started between, of all people, the disciples. The reason? They were conflicted over who would be the greatest in the group. We can only imagine what kinds of words were exchanged between those closest to Christ. But Jesus could read the moment and their hearts. So he took a child and spoke words: For he who is least among you all – he is the greatest. Jesus gives us an example of the proper use of words to bring understanding... and peace. He desires us to follow His lead and He promises his ever-abiding presence to guide us in choosing our words wisely. From Peacemeal, a weekly e-publication of Peacemakers Ministries, 7/8/2009

For Assistance:

For assistance in healing a relationship, you can contact CPC Peacemakers, a confidential lay ministry, by leaving a voice message at 855-1367 ext. 551 or by email at peacemakers@cpccdanville.org.

Personal Peacemaking—A Seminar Saturday, October 16

You can learn more about making God's principles for personal peacemaking a part of your life by attending the upcoming seminar. Register online at www.cpccdanville.org

Prime Time For Seasoned Citizens Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Begins Tuesday, September 7

A new season of Prime Time begins on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 with a "Welcome Back Luau". Prime Time is a non-

denominational ministry of CPC for "seasoned citizens" of the San Ramon Valley. Please join us for fellowship and friendship on Tuesdays from 9 AM. to 1 PM in CPC's Multi-Purpose Room. A variety of activities is offered each week including arts and crafts, birthday celebrations, bi-monthly entertainment, and more. Complimentary morning snacks are provided and a delicious lunch is served for only \$4. Round Trip transportation is available through County Connection Link for \$4 each week. Please call Gloria at 837-5229 for more information about County Connection. If you have any questions about Prime Time or would like to be on the mailing list, please contact Rosy at 552-9675.



Our Wonderful Prime Time Kitchen Team



100-year old Park Cupit and Virginia Marx get ready to join in the patriotic fun at Prime Time



Mylon Nelson and "Mr. Fix-It" Dick Wood both enjoy a root beer float.

Prime Time Entertainment

Sept . 7	Welcome Back Luau
Sept. 14	Birthday Celebration
Sept. 21	Bingo
Sept. 28	Free Manicures
Oct. 5	Guest Speaker
Oct. 12	Birthday Celebration
Oct. 19	Harmonic Harmonizers Perform
Oct. 26	Free manicures

Prayer Ministries



NEED PRAYER?

We would like to pray for the needs in your life. There are 3 ways to let us know how to pray for you:

- E-mail your prayer request to prayer@cpcdanville.org
- Call 820-8772 to leave your prayer request as a voice message
- Write your prayer request on the Blue Prayer Request Card in the Friendship Pads during the worship services

Please be assured that your prayer requests are held confidentially.

A Quiet Place ~ Monday, September 27 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the Chapel

"Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." Mark 6:31

A time is set apart on the fourth Monday of each month to respond to our Lord's offer of rest and peace – a time to sit in calmness, quietness and very real Presence. No preparation is needed; no demands are made; no discussion ensues – only sitting with Jesus in His sanctuary.

Prayer Class

"When God's People Pray" will begin October 3. See page 10 for more details.

CPC Community Book Shoppe

Did you know that buying a book from CPC's Book Shoppe is like making a donation to CPC's Annual Budget? Order a book by Sunday and it arrives on Tuesday! Stop by to check out the Christian literature we have on our shelves! Call Joan Kurtz 837-4182. to order a book. The Community Book Shoppe is located adjacent to the Multi-Purpose Room near the Courtyard.

CPC Hikers —All hikes meet at the west side of CPC's main parking lot at 9:00 sharp. Bring a bag lunch and water (approx. 1 quart). Hikes cancelled if raining. For more information, contact Barry Barron, barrybarron@gmail.com, or 263-1313.

August 28	Balancing Rock	moderate
September 11	Lafayette Reservoir	easy
October 9	Sonoma Winery	moderate

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 7:30 Scott's Study 9:00 Job Connections 5:00 PM The Gathering
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IMAGINE

Helping to fulfill CPC's VISION:

“To bring as many people as possible to a saving knowledge of Christ and grow them in community, maturity and discipleship.”

“Every Minute, Every Dollar Given for the Cause of Christ Makes a Difference”

Time Passes Quickly

It is amazing how quickly time passes by. It has been seven months since we dedicated the Chapel, parking lots, new library, children's play ground and all of the IMAGINE Phase one accomplishments. The three missions projects continue to move forward. We are planning an exciting opportunity in October to celebrate God's faithfulness when the CITY IMPACT project is dedicated. This project will bring the love of Christ to so many families and children in San Francisco.

We remain deeply grateful for your faithfulness and obedience to Biblical stewardship by contributing time, talent and resources to support IMAGINE and CPC Ministries. As we remain faithful to God, He will supply our needs. Deuteronomy 28:2 The Message “ . . . All these blessings will come down on you and spread out beyond you because you have responded to the Voice of God . . . ”

16 More Months

As we enter the last 16 months of the IMAGINE campaign, we pray for your continued faithfulness in order to pay off the construction loan on schedule. If you are not a part of the team supporting IMAGINE, please prayerfully consider becoming a supporter by making contributions, as you feel lead during the remaining 16 months of the campaign.

Early Contributions Help Tremendously

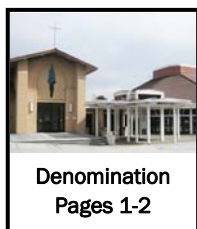
Making loan payments early has a dramatic impact. Not only do we avoid potential late penalties, we will save significant interest cost. Therefore, any contributions you make have a multiplying factor, because it reduces interest expense and avoids penalties.

Finishing Strong

In a recent sermon Scott shared about the importance of “finishing strong”. That is our goal on IMAGINE, to finish the Phase One campaign strong by paying off the loan ahead of schedule, therefore saving dollars that can be invested in other ministries. With God's blessings and your faithfulness this will be accomplished. Thank you again for your faithfulness and for your support of Community Presbyterian Church and may God the Father grant you grace, mercy and peace.

Please feel free to contact Myra Samson, Controller, at 837-5525 or at Myra@cpcdanville.org if you would like information on how to contribute via credit card or on-line via the CPC secure web-site. God bless you.

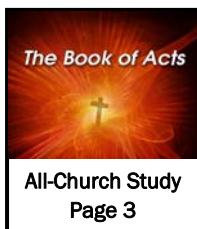
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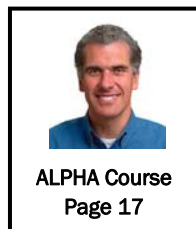
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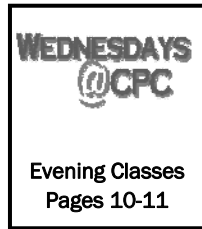
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