



New Monthly Newsletter!

May 2008

Have you taken some time to notice all the new life that is bursting out all over Paso Robles? The wildflowers are spectacular and the vineyards are beginning to change from what looked like fields of brown crosses to green vines again. The roses in our yard are fighting for our attention! There are so many we won't have time sniff them all! New life—and especially new spiritual life and growth—is something we celebrate all year at Golden Hills Community Church through our worship services, prayer get-togethers, small group meetings and parties! To help you stay up on what's happening,

we've developed the "Family Connections" newsletter. We'll send it to you monthly either by mail or by email—you decide! We know that some people prefer to hold and hang their information on the refrigerator, while others like to open and save their information to a hard drive. That's cool with us. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter by mail, you don't have to do anything! If you would like to receive it by email, send your email address to Pastor Mark at markassi@charter.net. On the subject line, just write "Email newsletter." Then make sure you check your email regularly!

Connection Tip of the Month:

Plan to have breakfast with your church family! We begin our worship at 10:00 am each Sunday morning by greeting each other and eating. This is a great time for you to catch up with those you haven't seen during the week and an excellent opportunity to welcome our first time guests with the love of Christ!



POWERLAB SUNDAYS!

This year's VBS will last 5 MONTHS! Yes, you read that right. This year's VBS will take place on Sunday mornings throughout the Summer and into the Fall. Bring your friends and join some of your favorite VBS team leaders to experience Hyperspeed Games (explosions guaranteed!), Wacky Works Crafts, Bible Blast, Test Tube Treats, Cinema Science (with Chadder Chipmunk), and a Faith Fusion that is out of this world! Don't miss adding new Bible Buddies to your collection, and start saving those pennies and nickels for the Slime Time Service Project! WHO WILL GET SLIMED THIS YEAR! Watch the mail for more info.!

Baptism Service

If you have asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life and you haven't yet been baptized, now is the time! Invite your family and friends to share the joy with you on May 18th at 3:00 pm at Dove Creek Church of the Nazarene. We will be using this Atascadero facility to baptize several of our adults, children and teens. Call the church office to let us know if you would like to be baptized. If you have already been baptized, come and encourage all those who are making this public declaration of their faith!



Update Your Planner!

- Kids/Youth 101 class—Sunday, May 4th, 3:00-5:00 pm at Pastor Mike and Jill's home.
- Managing Our Finances God's Way small groups begin week of May 5th.
- Mother's Day Celebration Service—Family Photos! Sunday, May 11th, 10:00 am
- Pray & Play Night—Friday, May 16th, 6:45-9:00 pm at Pastor Mike and Jill's home.
- Baptism Service—Sunday, May 18th, 3:00 pm. Dove Creek Church of the Nazarene (Atascadero)
- POWERLAB Sundays for kids begin June 1st!
- Man Church, Part 2! (Father's Day Service) Sunday, June 15th, 10:00 am
- Family Camp—July 20-22 at Lake Lopez
- Church Service and Annual Luau at Starr Farms, Sunday August 10th. More info. to follow!

New Small Group Opportunity!

Managing Our Finances God's Way is a seven week video-based small group study that offers a comprehensive look at biblical financial management. It will instruct, inspire, and equip you to get out of debt and stay out of debt. It will teach you to manage your finances in a way that enables you to respond to God's calling in your life. Each study guide comes with a free CD-ROM that includes:

- Financial planning worksheets that perform calculations automatically
 - Contact information for financial counseling
 - Resources for keeping your financial plans on track
- New groups will start the week beginning Monday, May 5th; RSVP as soon as possible by phone (238-4300) or e-mail (markassi@charter.net). Each family unit (single or couple) needs to have a workbook, which costs \$16.00 (bring to your group meeting, or let us know you need help). Hope to see you at one of the groups!

Family Camp at Lake Lopez



VACATION TIME!



Our 4th Annual Family Camp at Lake Lopez is scheduled for July 20th-22nd. This one will be better than ever! (We've had lots of practice so now we really know what we are doing!) The Live Oak Campground is a peaceful group campsite on a shady side of the hill which we have all to ourselves. It is close to the lake and is within walking distance of the Mustang Waterslides. Rumor has it that there is a new playground adjacent to the camp! Don't miss hiking, biking, swimming, campfire entertainment (including Pastor Mike's bear song), waterslides, fishing, boating, or just plain sitting around doing nothing! Cost is \$45.00 per family which includes the campsite and parking for one car. Extra \$\$ is needed for waterslides. Sign up today! The first 8 families to sign up and pay will be able to park their car at the Live Oak campground. All others will be able to camp at Live Oak, but will be parking at Mustang campground.

Deadline for sign-ups is earlier this year! May 25th!

Mom's Special Day- Sunday, May 11th!

It's every mom's dream to wake up on Mother's day to a perfectly clean home, yummy breakfast, charming children who are getting along nicely and who are all dressed and eagerly waiting to go to church! Well, we can't guarantee ALL of that, but we can guarantee that we'll have church that day! We'll also throw in some yummy food at 10:00 am, a special gift for mom, and an opportunity for a family portrait! The kids will also be making a special memory gift for Mom.

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keep praying for that dream to come true, but also plan to be with your GHCC family on May 11th and thank God for the special moms in your life.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything."

Philippians 4:6

May Pray and Play

Join us Friday night, May 16th from 6:45-9:00 pm for prayer with the church family followed by a fun round of Bible Win, Lose or Draw! Can you draw Goliath? How about Noah's Ark? If those sound easy, try this one: Salvation! Childcare will be provided during the first hour prayer time. Bring your praises and requests to Pastor Mike and Jill's home. Call the church office at 238-4300 for more info.

Why should you come?

"Because families that pray and play together, stay together."



Man Church - Part 2!

Will take place on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th at 10:00 am. Women and children are welcome, but are reminded to expect rockin' music, beef jerky with breakfast, sermon illustrations that include stories about tools and sports and cars, and root beer! This will be a great way to start Dad's day!



New Kid's Curriculum!

Welcome to Bible Blitz, where kids get into the Bible and the Bible gets into kids! Every week at Children's Church, kids will explore God's Word in large groups and small groups called Blitz teams. Worship and prayer will be responses to what they've learned. This three year curriculum is intended to help kids build a deep and lasting friendship with God through the Bible. You'll see kids grow in amazing ways as they dig into the Bible, experience its truths, and apply those truths to their lives. Look for a weekly take-home family devotion activity. This new curriculum will begin Sunday, April 27th and will resume again after Powerlab in October. Questions? Call Mrs. Jill at 238-4300.

This month's Bible Blitz Challenge: Topic: "Remembering God's Promises" Find 4 promises from God to you in the Bible. Email the scripture verses to Mrs. Jill at jilloborne@charter.net The first kid to email will get a Baskin Robbins trip with Pastor Mike and Jill. Yum Yum! God's Word is SWEET!