A Newsletter for the Voyagers of Vinewood Community Church, Lodi, California

Vinewood Community Church
1900 West Vine Street
Lodi, CA  95242

Don't Forget the RIB COOK OFF!
Good food, exciting entertainment, and all proceeds go to “Apples of Gold”, our women's mentoring ministry.
Sunday, September 18th
4:30 p.m.  Cost: $6.00
Get your tickets now!

WITH LOVE FROM GUATEMALA
Tessa Reynolds, Dwight Friesen, Jerry Grauman, Kristina and Matt Meyer, Bryan Hyzdu

A Puzzle!
A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, “Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can’t figure out how to get started.” Her neighbor asks, “What is it supposed to be when it’s finished?” She says, “According to the picture on the box, it’s a rooster.” He comes over, and sees the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies it for a moment, looks at the box, and says, “First of all, no matter what we do, we’re not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster. Secondly, I want you to relax. Let’s have a nice cup of tea,” then he says with a sigh…. “Let’s put all the Corn Flakes back in the box.”

What is the mission of Vinewood Church?
How are we fulfilling God’s call for our fellowship?
What has been accomplished this past year?
What is God calling us to next year?

You will hear wonderful reports from activities of this past year, review proposed opportunities for the next year, and see the projected budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012 at the CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, September 25th, immediately after the worship service. Lunch will be provided by our youth group.

The Branch
September-October 2011
Opportunities for Bible Study:

“Being Human, Knowing God: A Study in 1 Samuel”

We are human. It comes from the Latin word humus. Dirt. But we’re more than just dirt. We’re dirt created in God’s image and breathed into life by God himself. 1 Samuel tells the story of God’s encounters with down-to-earth people in the midst of very human struggles: childlessness, rebellious kids, pride, inadequacy, rivalry.

Join us as we get down in the dirt with Hannah, Samuel, David and Saul to know God more.

When: Begins Thursday, September 15, 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Where: Fellowship Hall
Leaders: Pastor Rod and Pastor Dwight

Other Studies for You:

Men’s Bible Studies
Early Morning Bible Study:
At 5:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Fireside Room, studying the Book of Galatians. Contact Matt Meyer at 333-9236

Wednesday Night Men’s Group: A group of guys meets in the library and engages in Bible study. It’s casual, rewarding, and enjoyable. Time: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Contact Kevin Suess at 369-1068.

Women’s Bible Studies
The Beth More Bible Study, called “Here and Now...” is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. Moore teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal. You are welcome to join this study on Mondays, beginning September 12 at 6:30 p.m. or on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 7th at 9:30 a.m.
Contact Lisa Shinn at 368-9831 or Debi Hyzdu at 712-2202 for the Monday study
Contact Anna Marie Davis at 368-6591 for the Wednesday study

Love Those Babies!

Most young parents will tell you that a very important consideration in choosing a home church for their family is the quality and care their babies receive in the church nursery. They look for facilities that are clean and organized, and childcare workers that are loving and caring. They want to go into worship feeling contented that their children are in good hands.

Vinewood has an increase in enrollment in our nursery—Praise the Lord! But to assure quality service for our parents we need more help.

Would you consider giving up your worship time once a month to do some rocking, changing, feeding, and loving? Call the church office or Karen Meyer at 368-3289 with your yes!

Coming!

Another Great Hymn Sing

It’s in the works! Get out your calendar and circle Sunday, September 25th, for another community hymn sing. We have enjoyed two of these special evenings singing some of your favorite hymns and gospel songs. Additionally special music by various ensembles has blessed our hearts. The atmosphere is light and comfortable where everyone can feel at home.

The time is 5:00 p.m. and the place is our own Vinewood Church. (Note the location has been changed from previously announced.)

One more thing: What music touches your heart and reminds you of our loving Lord? Would you like to have that song included as part of the evening? Please Jot it down and give it to Ivan Suess. The planning group wants to incorporate the music that is special to you.

Invite your friends to join you, and if you haven’t yet shared in the “Hymn Sing” you won’t want to miss it!

What’s For Dinner?

It’s Wednesday and you’re thinking about fixing dinner. Oh—right, we could go over to the church for the Wednesday Family Dinner. Hmmm...I wonder what they’re serving tonight?

No need to wonder! Just go to your computer and type in: http://www.vinewoodchurch.com and follow these easy steps:

Click “What’s Happening” and then over to “Calendar.” Then click on “Launch Calendar.” Up will come the calendar of events for the church. Click one of the dots on the Wednesday night in question, and you will see that day’s activities. Click on the second dot, and up will come Wednesday Night Family Dinners and the menu for that evening. It’s just that simple! Try it!