

Morello Hills News

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July/August 2011

From Pastor Bill

Summer Health and Fitness!

In Romans 12:11-12 we read, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." This is a good reminder to do what we can to keep our minds and bodies in good

shape and ready to support our spiritual callings and passions. We are wise and obedient to do our best to manage our bodies! Using the foundation of a Bible Study in Daniel we will also make use of Rick Warren's "The Daniel Plan" (<https://www.saddleback.com/thedanielplan/>) to



create a forum to inspire each other toward better health and fitness.

"At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food." -Daniel 1:15

Overview:

We are planning to have two "Study Tracks" for this class. Each class (except July 17 which will feature one of our Missionaries!) will begin with a short (5-10 minute) presentation on the passage from Daniel and then the two tracks will break off into smaller group discussions focused on either The Daniel Plan or Bible Study!



SUMMERTIME Ice Cream Social & Movie Nights

We enjoyed the first of these fun summertime events last Friday night! Plan to join us for the next couple. Invite your family, friends and neighbors—all are welcome. Movies TBD.

—Mark Your Calendar—

July 29
August 19

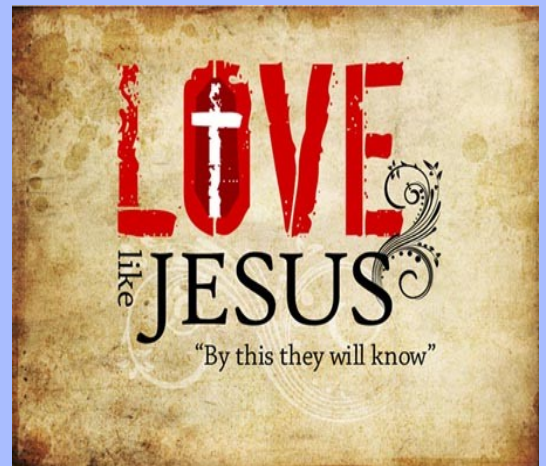


SUMMER SERMON SERIES: "ORDINARY PEOPLE FOLLOWING JESUS"

A Study in 1 Corinthians

What does it look like for the church to become a force for God in a world that is confused by who or what God is? The Bible book of 1 Corinthians shows us how ordinary people can turn away from a hopeless culture of sin and apathy to become a church – a change agent for Christ!

- June 26 One Church Undivided (Chaps. 1-4)
- July 3 The Essence of Morality (Chaps. 5-6)
- July 10 Healthy Marriage (Chap. 7)
- July 17 Wayful Jew to Bring Message
- July 24 Mexico Trip Report
- July 31 How I Love My Brother
(Chaps. 8-10; with Pastor Scott)
- Aug 7 The Lord's Supper (Chap. 11)
- Aug 14 Understanding Spiritual Gifts (Chap. 12)
- Aug 21 Loving Louder (Chap. 13)
- Aug 28 Doing Church (Chap. 14)
- Sep 4 Church in the Park (at Marina Park)
"The Final Victory!"
(Chaps. 15-16)



MARK'S MUSINGS...



Welcome Mark Whitwill— Our new Youth Ministry Director

WHO EXPECTS RAIN IN SUMMER?

Wow everyone, is this rainfall out of left field or what? It's a shame that we had to cancel our Multi Youth Group Chill 'N Grill on the 29th, but don't worry, more epic fun is still to be had this summer! I'm SO excited to be starting ministry here at Morello Hills and getting to know everyone better!

Speaking of which, for those who may not know me, I'm Mark Whitwill. Morello Hills hired me as the Youth Director to have someone to do the grunt work...er, that is, to help out with the youth ministry. It's my first full-on, paid youth ministry job, and I couldn't be more thrilled with the time I've spent here thus far!

Since our relationship is so new, I say we spend the summer days with lots of hang out and lots of fun!



YOUTH CAMP AND THE AWESOMENESS THEREOF!



I don't know about you, but I had the most AMAZING time worshiping God with you guys this summer at Heavenly Hills! I got the chance to build relationships with a lot of you, which was SO gratifying, and got to see just how deep your love for Jesus is. It was inspiring and emotional all at once, but I loved every minute of it. I look forward to seeing what happens next year and the years to come.

JULY IS PACKED!

This has been a crazy summer, and it's only going to get crazier as we go along! Wednesday July 6th to Saturday July 9th is the MHCC All Church Camping Trip, and many are going to be there! Come and hang out with your family and friends and have a blast!

After that, we get a short, one week break and then we're back on the road headed to Mexico from the 17th to the 23rd for some amazing time ministering and building new homes for God! It's going to be EPIC!



AUGUST BRING US HOME!



I really look forward to what August will bring as we wind things down. We'll be having our final Multi Youth Group Chill 'N Grill on the 15th, then we'll kick off the new school year with another awesome barbecue on the 31st! We're looking forward to an amazing year together, and it's only going to get better!

To close, I just want to encourage youth and parents alike to let me know how best I can pray for you all as we get to know one another better and better. Part of knowing and showing God's love is having that love for those around us. Any way that I can come alongside you in this crazy walk called life is an absolute privilege for me. Thanks so much for letting me be a part of this church and this ministry. Let's live for God!

Blessings, Mark Whitwill



A's Game – Church Community Event After Game!

September 3! (Saturday)

Tickets are just \$7.00 per person! Last year we were treated to a great event by a power team headed by the A's Chaplain, Donnie Moore, followed by some very heartfelt

testimonies by A's players like Gio Gonzales, Cliff Pennington, Brad Zigler and first base coach Ty Waller. We also heard from Texas Rangers star and last year's MVP of the league Josh Hamilton! Sign U\up in the lobby at church. Right now we have 90 tickets on hold for us but we can get more!

CHURCH IN THE PARK—LABOR DAY WEEKEND!



Sunday, September 4
Waterfront Park
(near the Bocce Ball Courts)

9:45 Coffee—10:15 Service

Barbecue Lunch Following Service!!!
Main dish provided;
please bring a side dish to share. →

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 1-5,

entering grades K-8 in the fall

Invite your friends, neighbors and classmates to join us for this summer's SonSurf Beach Bash VBS! Registration cards and Invitation/Information Flyers are available in the foyer.

Volunteers, Please bring your lunch and join us July 17 at 12:15 for our next meeting to plan this weeklong event. There are still many areas to help and this wonderful opportunity to reach out to the kids in our community, with His love, can only happen with volunteers like you. Childcare is available upon request. PLEASE sign-up today (Volunteer Flyers are also available in the foyer)! Contact VBS Director, Rhonda Zancanelli at 707.688.1326 or happygirl623@ymail.com or the church office.



“GROWTH GROUPS” - THE FIRST YEAR!

Last fall (2010) we launched a year of emphasizing “Growth Groups”. Using a new name (rather than Small Groups) and a new approach, we have made available some new groups in which we can grow spiritually. We have seen some new people get involved in groups, and I have personally witnessed people take new and exciting steps in their spiritual growth. Renewed interest in the Bible, memorizing Scripture, dependence on prayer, decisions to get baptized...all these and more are taking place and “Growth Groups” have often been a part of this progress!

Look for a new launch coming the end of September! Would you like to lead? Host? Attend? I encourage you to pray about your involvement in the coming year!



Come on down and join us for this annual tradition! Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us as well. Bring a folding chair and a pop-up canopy (if you have them). We will have some shade and seats on hand.

CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Saturday, August 20
830a-4p

—Future Date(s)—
October 01
December 19

The CE is a great opportunity for everyone to exchange, donate, and/or receive FREE clothing. Donations of clothing will gladly be accepted 8am-3pm the Friday before each scheduled CE, and the day of, from 8-9:30am in the upper level of the building. We welcome volunteers to work alongside Debbie Helms in this ministry.



All are welcome! For more information please call **Debbie Helms @ 925-228-4346 x17.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEKLY AT MHCC

Sunday's Schedule

915 am

Adult, Children's
and Youth Classes

1030 am

Worship Service &
Children's Classes
(Grades 5 and younger)

Junior High & High School

Youth Group

- Wednesdays, 630-8 pm
(Summer schedule subject to changes)

Ladies' Study & Sharing

(LASS)

- Mondays 645-815 pm
- Thursdays 445-630 pm

Men's Bible Study

- Mondays 645-815 pm
- Wednesdays 6-7 am
(at Martinez Carrows)

Drop-In Prayer Time

- Mondays 630-715 am

July

- 4—Independence Day
- 6-9—All Church Camping Trip
- 10—Board Mtg.
- 10—Women's Planning Mtg.
- 10-16—HH Junior Camp
- 13-16—HH Beginner Camp
- 17-23—Mexico Mission Trip
- 17—VBS Planning Meeting
- 27—YG Chill 'n' Grill
- 31—VBS Décor & More

August

- 1-5—Vacation Bible School
- 14—Board Meeting
- 17—YG Chill 'n' Grill
- 20—Clothing Exchange
- 21—VBS Staff Appreciation Lunch

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37b-39)

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