

# Hilltop Community Church of Christ

## Small Groups News Letter

July 2009

### Taking Time For a Relationship with God

As we live, serve, and minister together let's do so with the inspiration and energy we need from GOD!

+ How do we receive inspirational thoughts? When does God refill our cups? As we are doing everything we have to do, are we receiving refreshment from the Lord?

+ **God speaks to us, renews us, & refills us in the quiet and still moments we spend with Him. Every one of us is encouraged to be intentional about our time alone with God.**

+ Our Small Group Leaders, managers, staff & administrators at work and at home alike, all need inspiration and energy to do all that is set before us!

+ We have several examples of Hilltoppers who were willing to share the things they do to be filled – refueled by God. Please read these examples found through out this news letter and choose something that you enjoy – to help you be intentional in your relationship with the Lord!

[www.examen.me](http://www.examen.me) is pretty cool. It allows you to have your own online journal as it leads you through reading God's word. Check it out!  
Matthew McMillon

*Mine is so practical (i.e. I stop when I park my car, before going into work each day and lift up the day and my worries to God to give each day to Him.) But also, Jon and I pray together and hold hands (the most romantic part of our day☺) every morning or evening that we can. Those simple habits help us to be living by the grace of God, for sure!*

Becky Reed

- **I am enjoying my new iPhone. One of the first things Isaac and I did was download the Bible, complete with about 20 different versions. Now, I like to break out the Word wherever I am. I am not that tech-savvy at all, but the Word can reveal itself anyway and through any medium!**
- **I loved the little book "Refuel" by Doug Fields. It is the book that Jon used in this last sermon series.**
- **I love a long shower as that is a great place to pray!**

Scott Lambert

# New Youth - Small Groups

## **AMPED Wednesdays**

*(A Ministry Preparing Extreme Disciples)*

**Day:** Wednesday's

**Time:** 1:00 - 4:00pm

**Description:** Every week we will meet at the building, spend a brief 30 minutes in prayer, lesson, and discussion. Next, we will all enjoy a few hours of a fun activity or possibly service.

**Purpose:** To provide a space for the Christian students to come and encounter God, grow deeper in their faith, and have some fun on a Wednesday. Also this is a space where the Christian students can bring friends from The Edge that are interested in getting to know God more.

One spiritual exercise I enjoy is a time of meditative Bible Reading. First, I pray before reading and ask that God would use a particular word, phrase, sentence, or paragraph to speak to me. Then I read a small amount of Scripture and note only words or phrases that stand out to me. Then I do not try to discover the meaning or create a lesson from those words or phrases, but instead I meditate on them all day repeating them to myself and in that process I allow them to inform my words, thoughts, and actions. Then at the end of the day I reflect on what I have learned from those words or phrases that God revealed to me for that day.

Jordan Watson

## **THE EDGE**

*(Every Day God Encounters)*

**Day:** Thursdays

**Time:** 6:00 – 10:00pm

**Description:** This gathering will take place at the beach, and consist of fun games, food of some kind, and a bonfire.

**Purpose:** To provide a safe environment for any faith level. Primarily a gathering constructed for outreach purposes. Creates space that allows students to build relationships, invite their friends, have fun, and create memories.

**We are therefore  
Christ's ambassadors,  
as though God were  
making his appeal  
through us. We  
implore you on  
Christ's behalf:  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

# New Support on the Hilltop

## Women's Brunch

On August 8, 2009 the Women's Ministry is working together with Small Groups to host a brunch for the women who are dealing with divorce and/or single parenting.

To our divorced and/or single moms: We want to love on you and begin providing the support and friendship that you need. We know that you often give until you have no more to give.

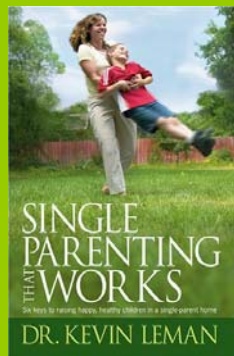
At the Brunch we will have a delightful meal followed by a few divorced or single moms sharing from their hearts and giving gifts that will build you up!

Child Care will be provided!

Come and be pampered by some ladies that love you!

For more information please contact Monica Moreland at (310)322-5757 or [monica@hilltopchurchofchrist.com](mailto:monica@hilltopchurchofchrist.com)

## Single Parenting That Works Class



In the fall of '09 Hilltop is offering a wonderful Sunday morning class for Single Parents. We will meet at 10:00am for class, between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Service.

Single parenting can be an overwhelming task, but marriage and family expert, Dr. Kevin Lehman offers encouragement for moms or dads carrying the load alone. Discover the six keys that will transform your perspective and help you create a plan for your time and finances tailored to you and your family.

There are workbooks for everyone. We are in this together and let's see how we can sojourn together and help each other out. Let's partner together as parents in God's Kingdom.

For more information contact Charla Griffy-Brown at (310) 420-2524 or [Charla.Brown@pepperdine.edu](mailto:Charla.Brown@pepperdine.edu)

*My personal time alone with God is always blessed by the Ladies Bible Study group I am a part of. We study through books in the Bible together. So, as I prepare for that group I meditate on the verses set aside for us each week. I am blessed in my personal time and then blessed again as we discuss God's Word together. Another great influence in my life has been various devotional readers. The one that I have had for my entire adult life is My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers. Oswald continues to give me a word of wisdom right when I need it.*

**Monica Moreland**

# Service Opportunities

## Manos de Esperanza Beach Day Fundraiser

Please come join us for a fundraiser for Manos de Esperanza on July 19th from 2pm to 5pm. We realize that this is also the same day as the Morrows big send-off celebration, so please take time to stop by afterwards. Unfortunately the Frisbee tournament portion of the day was cancelled due to lack of interest, but we are still getting together for a fun time at the beach and most importantly, to raise funds for Manos de Esperanza.

If you cannot attend the event, please consider a donation. No amount is too small, all donations are tax deductible and 100% of funds go directly to those in need. You may send donations directly to Manos headquarters at the address below, or even better, come to the event and donate in person, and share some laughs with us. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Beach day location:  
Across the street from Del Rey Lagoon Park  
100 Convoy St  
Playa Del Rey CA 90293

Direct donation address:  
Manos de Esperanza  
Attn: July Fundraiser  
3960 E. San Pedro Ave  
Gilbert, AZ 85234

Any questions please contact Ryan Allen [shieldsp1@aim.com](mailto:shieldsp1@aim.com), 480.235.7970 or Chrisi Mitchell [adacreel@gmail.com](mailto:adacreel@gmail.com), 903.376.5334. We'll see you on the beach this Sunday!

## Upward Bound House Update

The support of our children's ministry service project with the Upward Bound House has been amazing. So many church members have donated items and several other church members have expressed interest in helping Upward Bound House in other ways. We have received our family profile and a set-up date. Our family is a single mother and a five year old daughter. The set-up date is Monday, July 20th.

If you have any questions about this Children's Ministry service project, feel free to contact  
September Hill at [septghill@earthlink.net](mailto:septghill@earthlink.net)  
or CharlaGriffy-Brown at [Charla.Brown@pepperdine.edu](mailto:Charla.Brown@pepperdine.edu).

**Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.**

**1 John 4:7**

# Summer Small Groups

Day & Time	Name	Telephone & Address
Sun - 5:00pm	<b>Hilltop</b> , Hudsons & Edwards	310.322.4898 (Hudsons) 717 E Grand Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245
Sun - 5:00pm	Dimick, Jeff	310.227.3822 8300 Gonzaga, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Sun - 5:30pm	Burke, Allyn & Kathleen	310.216.9187 7803 Naylor, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Sun - 5:30pm	Long Beach, Collins & Peterson	(310) 809-6174 5021 Atlantic Ave. #24, Long Beach CA 90805
Mon - 8:00am	Reed, Sherry (Women)	310.322.3271 844 Virginia St., El Segundo, CA 90245
Mon - 7:00pm twice a month	Devlin Ladies Group - Moreland, Monica	310.322.5757 (Monica) 730 West Sycamore Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245
Mon - 7:00pm	<b>Hilltop</b> , Wyant & Riley	310.640.9575 (Mike Wyant) 717 East Grand Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245
Tue - 8:30pm	Men - Dimick, Jeff	310.227.3822 8300 Gonzaga, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Tue - 1:30pm	<b>Hilltop</b> , Women, Calhoun & Moreland	(310)322-5757 717 E Grand Ave. El Segundo, CA 90245
Tue - 6:30pm	Geber & Aybar	Torrance Beach
Wed - 1:00pm	<b>Amped (Youth)</b> , Watson, Jordan	(310)322-5757 717 E Grand Ave. El Segundo, CA 90245
Wed - 7:00pm	Young Adults Grinley, Campbell, Allen	310.837.9472 10812 Wagner St., Culver City, CA 90230
Wed - 7:00pm	Albrights & Holenstein	310.546.5479 (Albright) 922 10th St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Wed - 7:00pm	Buttles, Steve & Linda	310.306.5282 12620 Rosy Circle, Los Angeles, CA 90066
Wed - 7:00pm	Burkes, Allyn & Kathleen	310.216.9187 7803 Naylor, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Wed - 7:30pm	Young Couples Mitchell, Nick & Nataliya	310.864.6818 9797 National Blvd., #23, LA, CA 90034
Thu - 9:00am	<b>Hilltop</b> , Ladies - Marriott & Moreland	310.322.5757 717 E Grand Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245
Thu - 11:00am	Shields, Millie (Women)	310.643.5775 5360 W. 124th Place, Hawthorne, CA 90250
Thu - 12:00pm	<b>Hilltop</b> , Lunch Time Prayer Group	310.322.5757 717 E Grand Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245
Thu - 6:00pm	<b>The Edge(Youth)</b> , Watson, Jordan	310.322.5757 717 E Grand Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245
Thu - 7:00pm	Clark, David & Kerrie	571.236.6704 646 Bungalow Drive El Segundo, CA 90245
Thu - 7:00pm	Ng, John & Vivian	310.541.6717 28524 Cedarbluff Dr Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

# July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Evening Worship 5pm	6 Small Group Wyant & Riley 7pm	7 Small Group Women 1:30pm	8 AMPED 1pm	9 Ladies Study 10am Prayer Group 12pm EDGE 6pm	10	11 Worship Jam 6:30pm
12 Evening Worship 5pm	13 Small Group Wyant & Riley 7pm	14 Small Group Women 1:30pm	15 AMPED 1pm	16 Ladies Study 10am Prayer Group 12pm EDGE 6pm	17	18
19 6on6 Frisbee Tournament  Evening Worship 5pm	20 Small Group Wyant & Riley 7pm	21 Small Group Women 1:30pm	22 AMPED 1pm	23 Ladies Study 10am Prayer Group 12pm EDGE 6pm	24	25
26 Evening Worship 5pm  Teen Camp	27 Small Group Wyant & Riley 7pm  Teen Camp	28 Small Group Women 1:30pm  Teen Camp	29   Teen Camp	30 Ladies Study 10am Prayer Group 12pm Teen Camp	31   Teen Camp	Teen Camp