

YAM Chat

A Newsletter for Young Adult Ministries, FCBC-LA

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YAM CHAT HIGHLIGHT: Praise Nite '08

Because of the diverse schedules and multiple commitments that our young adults have these days, it has been challenging to find ways to bring our young adult community together. On **Sat nite, March 1**, we will have **Praise Nite '08**, a night of worship, prayer, and refocusing on the Lord. We are hoping that you will all come to this event so that we can see who is in our young adult community. I know that you cannot

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PASTOR'S CORNER: "Turn your job into a ministry"

I have often heard Christians complain about the seeming meaninglessness of work. Why does God have us spend so many hours at work doing tasks that seem to have no ultimate value or eternal purpose?

I believe that any job can be just as much a calling from God as a call to missions or the ministry. Keep in mind that only 3 years out of the ~33 years of Jesus' life was spent in full-time ministry. For 30 years Jesus lived like you or I. He performed no miracles, He did not teach or preach, He did not even disciple anyone. He lived the life of the "average Joe". He worked at his job (carpentry) probably all day, every day except for the Sabbath. He helped his mother run the household and raise his brothers and sisters. He did not think that it was a "waste of time" or a misuse of His spiritual gifts and abilities. He understood that He was living out God's calling for that particular time of His life and He fulfilled that calling perfectly. This is why God could say about Jesus, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" before He even began His 3 years of ministry, not when it ended.

God strategically places His people in places where they can be salt and light to the unbelieving world. How can we make our workplace a place of ministry?

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

MARCH

PRAISE NITE '08

When: Sat, Mar 1, 7:30-9:30pm

Where: Youth Worship Center

Contact: Pastor Chris: cbmsn1@earthlink.net

ASIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A Nat'l conference with top speakers, workshops and fellowship opportunities on the subject of Asian-American ministry

When/Where: Mar 24-26 in Irvine, Ca.

See YAM Board for more details or talk to Pastor Chris

SISTERS' BREAKFAST CORNER

An opportunity for young adult sisters to fellowship together and to meet and learn from the wisdom and experience of an adult sister in Christ

When: Sat, Mar 29, 9 am-noons

Where: 930 Hillvale dr, MPK, 91754

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: "SURRENDER"

Come and have a time of personal reflection and interactive prayer then join our congregation for a time of worship and meditation on God's Word.

APRIL

FCBC MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH

During the entire month of April there will be a variety of workshops, speakers, and service opportunities offered as our church focuses on missions. Take advantage of this great opportunity to expand your borders and build God's kingdom.

MAY

MEN-4-MISSION: Young adult men can join with other men traveling to the Navajo Res. in Arizona to help a local Navajo church with construction and maintenance

Where: Navajo Reservation, Hardrock, Arizona

When: Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26

Info. Mtg: To be announced soon

Pastor's Corner, cont.

There are many ways that we can have spiritual impact in our workplace but here are a few tangible things that you might try

- 1) **Let your co-workers know that you are a Christian!** Talk about going to church on the weekend, say grace before meals, have small Christian posters or accessories on your desk, and mention God in your conversations. Of course once you do this, you are responsible for being a good testimony at work!
- 2) **Do your job to the best of your ability!** Having been in management in the corporate world, I know first-hand how much a really good worker stands out and makes a good impression. You may not be the smartest or the most highly educated, but if you work hard and put in a full-days' work, people notice. This will add credibility to your Christian witness. I also know that nothing destroys the credibility of a Christian more than seeing him/her being lazy, irresponsible, or dishonest
- 3) **Care about people!** Say, "Hi!" to your co-workers every day, call them by name, smile at them! Forego the email once in a while and go for a face-to-face conversation. Treat them with respect and courtesy. Ask them how they are doing and offer a prayer if they are facing some burden or difficulty (you might be surprised to see them accept your offer!)
- 4) **Remember that you are serving God,** not your boss or co-workers. Remember that no matter what we are doing, we can be serving and worshipping God just as much as we do on Sunday mornings at church. "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than from men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve." Col 3:23-24.

May God help us all to fulfill His purposes wherever He has placed us to His glory!

Grace and peace,
Chris

Evangelism Opportunity: This is "Pie Month" at Marie Callendar's Restaurants. Buy any pie for \$5.99 and give it to someone as a gesture of friendship and grace. If they ask why, just say, "I just wanted to remind you that God loves you!"

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

What: Bible classes and training courses
Where: Hall of Truth, upstairs
When: Sunday mornings, 9-10:30am
Contact: Donald, donyuan@netzero.net

ESPM (ENGLISH PRAYER & PRAISE MTG)

What: Prayer and worship mtg
Where: Youth Worship Center
When: 7:45-9:00pm, Wednesday nights
Contact: Thelma

SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDIES

What: Sunday Small group Bible study
Where: FCBC, upstairs Hall of Truth
When: Sunday Morning, 9-10:30am
Contact: donald at donyuan@netzero.net

What: Weeknight Small group Bible study and fellowship
Where: 7715 Melrose Ave, Rosemead
When: Every other Thurs night, 7-10pm
Next mtgs: Feb 14, Feb 28, Mar 13
Contact: Simeon Wong: simeonwong@yahoo.com

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possible to all of our events, but I do hope that you will try your best to come to this one. As mentioned, we rarely have a chance to see everyone in our young adult ministry in one place and this could be one of those rare opportunities if you and your friends will come out. So reserve March 1, Sat nite, and we will see you at **7:30-9:30pm in the Youth Worship Center (Old Sanctuary).** There will be a time of informal fellowship and refreshments after the program and you are more than welcome to invite friends from other churches/fellowships. See you there!

Additional information available on the YAM webpage: yams.fcfc.org and on the YAM bulletin board upstairs in the Hall of Truth outside Rm 223

or

Email Pastor Chris Tomokiyo at