

YOUTH MINISTRY

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MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

May 5: FNF @ 7:00 PM

May 5: Middle School 5-Week Series Begins @ 7:00 PM

May 6: Compton Initiative @ 7:00 AM-12:00 PM (6:30 Carpool)

May 12: FNF @ 7:00 PM

May 19: Guys & Girls Night @ 7:00 PM (HS students)

May 26: FNF @ 7:00 PM

May 28: Joint Worship Service @ 10:00 AM



Testing Season...

// May is upon us, which means that for many of you high schoolers, now is the time for AP exams. All year long, you've been preparing for these tests, and now is "testing season."



In another sense, May is also "testing season" spiritually. The "buzz" of the Fall has worn off ages ago, your rejuvenation from Spring Break has faded, and though you are nearing the end of your school year, you still have a healthy number of weeks to go. Because it is easy to let the natural fatigue we're feeling in our academic, athletic, and social lives drip into our spiritual lives, May is a month of spiritual "testing." If there's one area where inertia is deadly, it is in the spiritual realm.

At FNF, then, on Sundays, and all throughout the week, we are encouraging you to "earnestly seek" the

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

Feel free to e-mail Ben at benfriedman@pvbc.com, call/text (310)-703-2065, or contact any one of our awesome Youth Advisors!



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...(cont'd) Lord (Psalm 63), and we want to do everything we can when we meet together to help you do that. The most rewarding finish to a school year will not be finding out you got all 5's on your AP exams, aced your finals, or made the CIF championships. The most rewarding finish to the year will be the feeling you have when you can say, at least for this season of your life, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7).

At **FNF**, we have continued our study in the **Gospel of Mark**, examining the ways that Jesus is unique, and our faith stands alone. Additionally, over Good Friday, on April 14, we had a youth **Good Friday Service**, with special worship, readings, and responses.

In the coming days, we will not only continue in the Gospel of Mark, but will have three special opportunities as well. First, every Friday, from **May 5 to June 2**, we will begin our Middle School discipleship series, "**Growing Up In Christ**," led by Dr. Kent Nozaki. Next, this coming **Saturday, May 6**, we will serve as a church with **Compton Initiative** once again. If you've never



been to Compton Initiative before, we greatly encourage you to get your hands dirty (literally) with painting and other manual labor. Lastly, on **Friday, May 19**, we'll have our **Guys & Girls Night**. This is a chance for our HS guys and girls, not only to go do something fun together, but to explore the topics of dating, relationships, and sexuality, with the guidance of older believers. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays, May 5 – June 2 @ 7:00-9:30 PM: Middle School Series:

Come, and bring your friends for a special 5-week middle school series on discipleship, led by Dr. Kent Nozaki. Middle Schoolers will join the High Schoolers at the beginning of the night, and for worship, but will break into their own session of teaching and group games afterwards!

Saturday, May 6 @ 7:00 AM-12:00 PM: Compton Initiative:

Serve with PVBC painting houses in Compton next month, as a way of tangibly exhibiting Christ's command to "love our neighbors". No experience or materials are needed, and breakfast and lunch are both provided! **We will carpool from church at 6:30**, or meet in Compton at 7:00. Let Ben or Mrs. Uemura know if you are interested!

Friday, May 19 @ 7:00-10:30 PM: Guys & Girls Night!

HS Guys and Girls meet at church @ 7:00, before splitting up and carpooling with some of our young adults for dinner, then a fun event. During dinner, young adults will lead a discussion and answer questions on relationships and dating. HS Guys will go to **YAMI Teahouse**, then **bowling** afterwards, and HS Girls will eat near Ice-Chalet, with **ice-skating** afterwards. Bring money for food & a fun activity. *Pickup will be @ 10:30 PM from PVBC.*

What I'm Learning: By Naomi A.

May 1st just passed, and as many of you know, that is "national decision day" for seniors (aka declaring where you will go to college). I have committed to Seattle Pacific University and could not be more thrilled for this next chapter in my life.



While I'm excited to see where this will take me, I am also nervous for what is to come. Experiencing major change is a subject that is very new to me. I have lived in the same house and gone to the same church since I was a baby, and even have had the same friends since I was in kindergarten. Before I know it, everything will be changing before my eyes. At college I am going to be thrown into a new city, at a new school, and I will know next to no one.

Jeremiah 29:11, says *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* This has really helped give me peace about my future. I know that through it all, God will be with me, guiding me through every obstacle or discomfort I might face, and that everything happens according to His master plan so I don't need to worry.

Prayer Points: How to be a "Persistent Widow" in May (Luke 18:1-8)

This May, please join us in prayer:

- 1) For God to lead one youth to **salvation**.
- 2) For God's powerful working in our **Middle School Series (Fridays, 5/5-6/2)**.
- 3) For God to bring **three new youth** to FNF this month.