

# PVBC Youth Ministry

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*Witness for Him compassionately*

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**October 2014**

## ← Upcoming Schedule

**Oct. 3:** FNF @ 7:00 PM

**Oct. 4:** Collective 24-Hour Fast from 10:00 AM on 10/4– 10:00 A.M. 10/5 for our R12 Series

**Oct. 10:** FNF @ 7:00 PM, We begin our new series on Romans 12!

**Oct. 17:** FNF @ 7:00 PM

**Oct. 18 :** Service Project: The Compton Initiative, 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 PM, Compton, CA

**Oct. 24:** FNF @ 7:00 P.M.

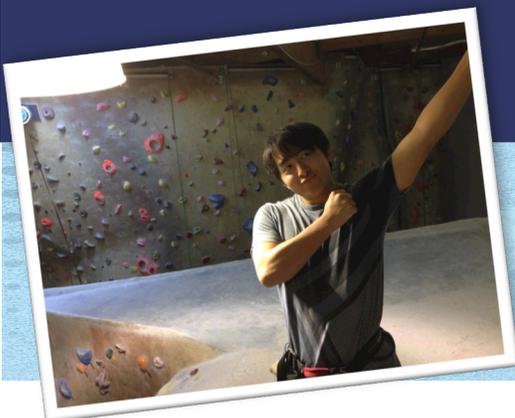
**Oct. 31:** (Halloween) Details coming soon



## Straight from The Horse's Mouth

This past September was a month of consistent growth for our Youth Ministry. We saw a huge prayer of ours answered in the formation of our worship team. Through God's goodness, our prayers, and their willing obedience, we can now begin each Friday Night Fellowship time by worshipping God with music. This past month, we also had our Parents' Meeting (9/5), our "Kick-Off BBQ" (9/12), and our Rock Climbing outing at Hangar 18 (9/27). In addition to all of that, we started using our brand new, incredible youth ministry room, Room 13! (A special thanks is in order to all who helped plan and labor for the use of the room.)

With all of that said, it is easy to view this September (like August, but even more so) as mainly another month of special occasions. However, even with all of these special occasions, the most exciting thing we have seen,



Have any questions, suggestions, or prayer requests?

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(cont'd) once again, was the youth's increased desire for the Bible.

I phrase I often use is "let's hear it from the horse's mouth"—referring to the fact that we want to develop a longing for hearing what the Bible itself has to say about a topic of interest or about a life issue. As we finish up our Philippians series this Friday, and move into a study of the famous twelfth chapter of Romans in October and November, we want to continue to increase this longing until we thirst for God "as in a dry and weary land, where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1).



## What I'm Learning from God's Word: Matthew C., Grade 10

One focus of our ministry is the cultivation of strong personal devotional habits. We want students to consistently encounter God, in his own words, in the Bible. We want them to "hear it from the horse's mouth," so to speak. This month, I asked Matthew, who is reading through Ephesians, if he would share with us the three main things he is learning from his reading. He shared: **"We never have an excuse not to do God's work, there is always more we can learn about God, and we should should always be humble, because we can't do anything without God."**

## Upcoming Events

- **October 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM – October 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM "24 Hour Fast"** Youth and parents alike, we encourage you to join with the entire PVBC community in a 24 hour fast for our next church-wide study on Romans 12. During this time of fasting, use what would have been your meal times to pray instead. Pray for God to bring change in our hearts and lives!
- **October 18th- Service Project: The Compton Initiative (7 AM – 12 PM)** Mark your calendars for Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> as the Youth Ministry (and parents who are interested) will serve for a morning in Compton painting and doing manual labor with the Compton Initiative. All materials will be provided at the location, as well as a free lunch.
- **New Series: Romans 12** →  
Come out for our new series and hear what God has to say from the book of Romans, chapter 12. We will focus especially on how God's actions and the treasure he is holding out for us prompt our obedience, as Christians.



## “Runners Left On Base”

If you look at a baseball box score, you will see a category usually abbreviated “LOB”, for “left on base”. This designates the number of runners each batter left remaining on the bases at the end of the inning. For example, if there are two outs and runners on second and third base, and if, though even a single would have brought the runners home, the last batter of the inning struck out, ending the inning, he would pick up two “LOB’s”. If a team finishes a game with a high number of runners left on base, it is an indication of many wasted opportunities.

I have often thought of prayerlessness as akin to leaving runners on base. Prayer changes things. It actually does. Or, as one pastor so simply, yet powerfully put it, “Prayer *causes* things to happen that would not happen if you did not pray.” Prayer is neither a coping device, nor the mere channeling of positive thoughts in a certain direction, but actually has the ability to move the hand of God, in accordance with His will. If this is true, then prayerlessness is probably the most tragic of all wasted opportunities.

James 4:2 says, “You do not have because you do not ask.” Our lack of having is in direct correlation to our lack of asking. The runners are already on base, so to speak, because God is *already* willing, *already* able, and *already* the possessor of all you need. Perhaps it would be fitting, therefore, to say “the bases are already loaded.” Therefore, every day without prayer is like another day of striking out with the bases loaded. Actually, even this doesn’t capture it fully. A day without prayer is more like refusing to step up to the plate and thus ending the inning by forfeit.

It depresses me to think of how many times I have ended the inning with the bases loaded. Maybe it depresses you, too. But take heart, because “his mercies are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23)! Whatever God didn’t provide you with yesterday, due to your lack of asking, he can provide you with today, in addition to your new prayers. The amazing thing about our gracious God is that he will still be willing, still be able, and still be the possessor of all that you need tomorrow, as he is today and was yesterday. The runners will take the bases every morning.

### Prayer Points: How to be a “Persistent Widow” in October (Luke 18:1-8)

This October, please join us in prayer for:

- 1) The **Bible to become exciting** to us and for the things of the world to become boring.
- 2) Students to make the commitment to being **baptized**.
- 3) Supernatural **unity** among our students (middle school boys, middle school girls, high school boys, and high school girls.)