

GLA Newsletter

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CAMP DUNAMIS: A summer camp for youth 7th – 9th grades. “Camp Dunamis’ twofold vision is to help youth identify and weed out the seeds of racism in their own lives and to help them develop a personal relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ.” **Experience the Power** June 22 – 27. Registrations (Due May 15) and more information available at www.campdunamis.org.

REFOCUSING: Do you need to sharpen your personal and churches’ mission focus for greater kingdom results? Need a renewed vision for the next stage of ministry? CRM is offering their much acclaimed three day Awaken and Activate track plus their one day leadership and coaching tracks June 10 – 12 in Costa Mesa at deep discount prices for GLA pastors and leaders (elders & deacons). Great opportunity for LEAD teams to do together. Matt Ford is assembling a grant request to fund this training for GLA churches. Due date is April 28. Contact him at matt@folcfc.com. Check it out at www.refocusing.org.

UPCOMING TIMOTHY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

INSTITUTES Grand Rapids: June 23 -27

Lake View Terrace: October 20 – 24

(register at www.TLTI.org) Become a master trainer and start multiplying leaders in your church and around the world. Early bird fee for June TLT expires May 23.

LA CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT: Los Angeles Church Planting Movement Gathering Thursday May 8, 2014 Location: Christian Assembly Church 2435 Colorado Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90041 Time: 11am- 1pm Join Tom Hughes, Kevin Haah, and the movement catalysts, church planters, LACPM planter network pastors, leaders from other planting movements, and leaders from all around metro LA for updates and inspiration on loving and reaching the city of Los Angeles...Together through church planting. Lunch provided, worship led by Tommy Walker. This is the same group planning and hosting the 2015 Tim Keller TogetherLA.net event. Come and join the passion for the City. See video at <http://vimeo.com/68481113>

CLASSIS GLA EVENT CALENDAR

GLA CLASSIS Meeting May 6 8:30 AM
CENT meeting May 27 Ministry Center
LA Church Planting Movement May 8 CA Church 11 am
CONCERT OF PRAISE May 18, 6 PM Artesia 1st CRC
LDT meeting: May 27 11:30 am by phone
CLT Meeting June 12 New City Office 12:45 PM
CAMP DUNAMIS: June 22 – 27 register in April/May
TLT Grand Rapids: June 23 - 27

MEET PASTOR ZACH VANDENBERG

Pastor Zach was recently asked some questions so we can all get to know him and his family a little more. Here is his reply... “Jane and I have been married for 9 years. We were married in Chino, California when I was a high school Bible teacher at Ontario Christian. I went to Calvin to be a school teacher and did that for 6 years before becoming a pastor. I was an associate pastor in Fort Collins, CO at Immanuel CRC. Along the way we had three kids (ages 2, 4, and 6). Jane is the full-time stay-at-home mom. I enjoy outdoor adventure sports like hiking, surfing, and skiing and reading about geology and the natural world. I also enjoy watching and reading about baseball. And best of all I like doing things with my family. During the transition from ministry in CO to ministry in CA the verse from Revelation 14 that says “they follow the Lamb wherever he goes” has been stuck in my head. I’ve been trying to do that as best I can lately. I’ve been preaching from the Gospel of Matthew during Lent into Easter, and hope to go through the whole book of First Thessalonians into the summer. I’m excited about what God is going to do next at BellOne. He always turns our challenges into opportunities, and I think we have a great opportunity right now to help people from our neighborhood who are at the edge of our church family to come in and belong to the center of the family.”

YOUTH UNITE: On April 1 youth leaders and youth pastors met over a Korean BBQ feast to network and dream about working together more. Twelve leaders from Classis GLA and Cal South attended. We became aware of much great ministry going on in southern California. The leaders promised each other to meet again soon for support and cooperation. All the youth leaders in southern California are encouraged to stay connected and to share their contact information with the group. Please contact Pastor Ron Chu at pastorronchu@gmail.com or AJ McCloud at alfred.mccloud@gmail.com if you or your youth leaders want to be on the Youth Unite mailing list.

CONCERT OF PRAISE: May 18 at 6 pm. at First CRC of Artesia. Register your choir with Ruth at ruthehansen@yahoo.com

