BE PRESENT AUGUST 11, 2013



# Newsletter

3508 E. Temple Way, West Covina, CA 91791

#### Calendar

FamilyLife Leaders Meeting today @II:30 AM in Cafeteria.

Aug. 14 Men's Midweek Series 33 - Authentic Manhood

Aug 17 Divorce Care - 9:30-11:30 am Children's Ministry Wing call Mike Aceves @(323)440-9944 or Betsy Cisneros @(626)715-3063

<u>Aug. 18</u> Sunday Services 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM 'Breathing Room Series'

Aug. 25 Fall Kick Off Services 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM Latin, 5:30 PM Be Present! /Also a regional faith group meeting will be a 2:30 PM Temple

Aug. 31 Worship Concert - Higher Ground - 7:00 PM Children's ministry

Nov. 8-10 Southwest Conference, Long Beach, CA (see details next page)

#### **Prayer Requests**

**Heaven** - Foster child we are praying for this month - Adoption

Dmitri Bystritski - Bren's son who is having serious health challenges.

Jamie Slobodnik - He was released yesterday from the hospital but is still weak - inflamed heart.

Robin Wadsworth - Suffered a back injury - two herniated discs.

Lori Campbell - Health problems

Our Brothers & Sisters in the Middle East - Particularly in Egypt.

**Mason -** Annabel's nephew had brain surgery this week. Very critical condition.

Amira Angulo - Her health - recovery

Ever feel like you can't catch your breath? Part II: Dollars & Sense



We live in a culture that continually tells us to pursue a higher standard of living in order to improve our quality of life. But "standard of living" and "quality of life" aren't the same thing. One has to do with the stuff we accumulate. The other is about the peace we experience regardless of our circumstances.

#### HIGHER GROUND WORSHIP NIGHT CONCERT AUG. 31 7 PM

The Lighthouse region will be perperson and go up to \$10 after August sponsoring a outdoor worship concert on 25 and at the door. All proceeds are for the field below the children's ministry missions! Website: bit.ly/HigherGround2013 featuring Brian Craig & Daniel Luna at

7PM. Tickets will go on sale today for \$5

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With great anticipation, preparations have begun for the 2013 Southwest Christian Conference "BREAKTHROUGH" in Long Beach, California. The conference will begin at 1pm on Friday and we are asking everyone to take the day off of work and arrive early. Friday will be an important part of the conference that you won't want to miss. Register @ https://swcc.laicc.net/



### **Discussion Ouestions:**

What if your pursuit of a standard of living is undermining your quality of life?

- 1.) Talk about one of the happiest times in your life. What were your finances like during that period?
- 2.) Think about how you managed your money last year. What would you like to do differently this year?
- 3.) How well do you document your expenses so that you know where your money is going? What influenced you to document your expenses the way you do?
- 4.) In the message, Mike said, "You can raise your standard of living with debt, but you can only raise your quality of life with discipline." How accurately does that statement align with what you've experienced?
- 5.) What is one challenge you would face in developing a lifestyle reduction plan?
- 6.) What is one thing you can do this week to begin to create breathing room in your finances? What can this group do to support you?

#### MOVING FORWARD

Money doesn't raise your quality of life, financial breathing room does. In fact, you may need a lower standard of living in order to improve your quality of life. You can't obey the teachings of Jesus without financial breathing room because he said not to worry and you'll worry a lot if you have no financial margin. Don't let your finances be your master.

#### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 16:13

## **Lighthouse Recap May**

Average Weekly Attendance (including Latins) = 763

 Avg.Weekly
 Giving
 Actual
 Budget
 +/ 

 June
 \$22,379
 \$17,500
 +4,879

Special Missions \$168,000 (16k was raised via Fundraiser)

Lighthouse Region Website: www.lighthousecoc.com

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