

ROCK Ministries

September 2008

NEWSLETTER

THIS SUMMER AT THE ROCK...

What a summer! Since June it has been a non-stop ride, starting with **Power House**. 30 of us headed out to Las Vegas for the 2008 Tour. This was an amazing trip filled with great music and a great bonding experience. This Power House Trip was unlike any other. Las Vegas was not only a chance for students to share Christ through music and singing but it was a chance for students to examine their faith and to grow as Power House. Over the course of the week in Las Vegas we saw students grow in their faith, worship, and prayer.

2 weeks after we returned from Power House Tour we were off for our next Big trip...

Houseboat. We took 70 of our high school students out to Lake Mead, AZ. This year we took 4 Luxurious houseboats and 4 professional wakeboard boats. This was a trip to remember! Everyday at 6am we hit the water with those desperate enough for glassy water. In the mornings after breakfast we spent time in worship and morning devotions. The afternoons were filled with wakeboarding, inter-tubbing and Great Big Mabel-ing. In the evenings we spent time under the stars worshipping, with great vocals, acoustic guitars and percussion. We spent 5 full days out on the Lake enjoying God's creations.



2 Days after returning from House Boats we left again for **Beach Bash**, at San Clemente State Beach. We had 50 Middle School out at the Beach for 4 days. This was a camp filled with early rise surfing, for those that dared the cold water. After the Surfers returned we enjoyed a hot breakfast together, followed by our morning worship time and devotions. We spent everyday out on the beach surfing, body boarding, getting tan and playing games. In the evenings we enjoyed worship around the camp fire and great talks. Each night ended with "Tent Time" where each tent group and a leader spent time discussing that nights message. The week ended with excitement as 20 kids asked Jesus into their lives to be their Lord and Savior.



Saturday, August 16, we headed to Angel Stadium for the 2008 **Harvest Crusade**. We had 30 students attend with us. It was a night filled with great worship lead by Leeland, Lincoln Brewster, Kutless, and P.O.D. Followed by an amazing message from Greg Laurie. At the end of the night we had a hand full of students head down to the outfield of Angel stadium to give their lives to Christ.

As summer ended we finished with a 2 week long **Boxing Fitness Camp** and Bible study at Bally's. It was a great chance to strengthen both our bodies and our spiritual minds.

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R.O.C.K. WORSHIP
HUB PERFORMANCE
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6
6:30PM-8PM

NEW CD AVAILABLE

The ROCK Worship Team has spent the last 6 months writing, composing, and recording "ROCK Worship" a CD of Heart filled praise. Miles Smith is the worship leader at the ROCK and has developed a band that truly uses their musical gifts to praise God. The band has already begun practicing for both the Hub concert and the ROCK Fall Kick Off and look forward to the new school year, which also holds a tour in the summer 2009 to Wales, England. There CD has everything From a ripping guitar solo, to a symphony of violins! If you are looking for the next great band, you will want to pick up this CD. With both covers and original songs this CD is one everyone will love!

CD RELEASE PARTY
SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH
@ THE R.O.C.K.

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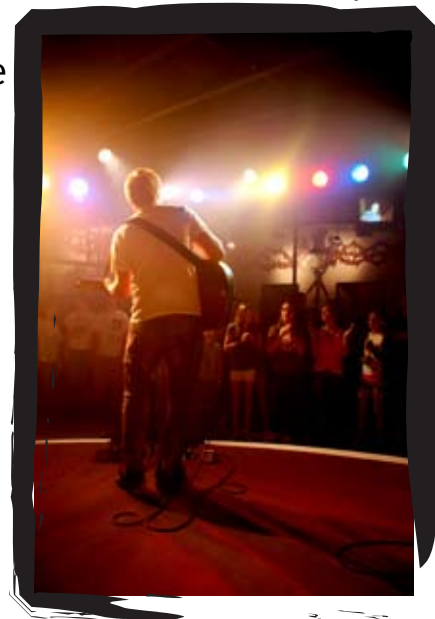
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JOIN THE TEAM

The ROCK CD features many great musicians such as Cole Farrell(12th grade), Curtis Forrest(College), Zack Fenske(11th grade), David Bourassa(College). But the ROCK Band also features many other players on a weekly basis, Cody Schaaf(10th grade), John Klawitter(7th grade) and Brent Valleyfuco(8th grade). As the new school year is here! The ROCK Band is always looking for more members. The Goal of Miles Smith and ROCK Ministries is to grow and teach. We want to help students recognize their gifts and to use them to glorify God. The ROCK Band worship team is always looking for new players, wither you just picked up a guitar or if you have mastered the piano.



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Fall Kick Off

High School **TUESDAYS, 7-8:30PM** **@THE R.O.C.K.**

Tuesday Nights at 7:00pm is our mid-week high school Bible Study. Through worship, prayer, Biblical teachings and discussions it is our intention to help students grow in spiritual maturity, integrity, and in personal responsibility.

Middle School **WEDNESDAYS, 7-8:30PM** **@THE R.O.C.K.**

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm is our middle school Bible Study. Students are taught basic Biblical principles, explore themes and understanding application. We strive to present the Word of God in such a way that students can't help but share their experiences with others!



HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 9TH @ 7-8:30PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 7-8:30PM

Well summer has come and gone and now it is time for ROCK Ministries Fall Kick. We look forward to a great year here at ROCK Ministries with many opportunities for students to get involved and to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our Mid-Week Bible Studies will start the year off with a BANG! On both Tuesday September 9th(High School Night) and Wednesday September 10th(Middle School Night), we will be having a huge CD Release Concert for the new ROCK Band Worship CD, plus great give a ways like... The new "ROCK Band" Worship CD and Brand New ROCK WORSHIP T-Shirts! This is the start of a new year so we encourage students to bring all their friends. September 9th and 10th are great night to bring unchurched friends, to show what the ROCK is all about and most importantly, who God is.



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Up Coming Events!

Music Video Contest

October 29, 2008

With the release of the "ROCK Worship" CD, we are giving the opportunity to let the students create the ROCK Worship Music Video, to one of the original songs. The Contest will be held Wednesday, October 29. All videos will be displayed at the ROCK and judged. There will be a Grand prize for the BEST Video produced by a student for both comedy or artistic content. Visit Roxy's Table (information table) for Rules and due dates.

R.O.C.K. INFO.

Check out our new website

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Mount of Olives Website

WWW.MOOCHURCH.ORG

High School Bible Study:

Tuesday's 7:00-8:30pm

Middle School Bible Study:

Wednesday's 7:00-8:30pm

All Age Worship Service:

Sunday's 10:15-11:15am



High School Winter Retreat

February 13th - 16th

Winter is right around the corner and with that comes our high school winter retreat to Mammoth Mountain! This a 4 day trip filled with great snowboarding, skiing, sledding, awesome worship and great discussions. If you have snowboarded since you were a kid or have never seen the snow, this is a trip anyone can enjoy. This is a great chance to get to know some new people and to deepen your relationship with Jesus.

Middle School Winter Retreat

January 30- February 1

For Middle school we head up to Big Bear mountain for 3 days. This trip is loaded with snowboarding, skiing, sledding, games, worship, exciting messages and lots more! This is a great trip for any middle school student, it a chance to grow in their faith and to build relationships with other students.

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ROCK Small Groups

Here at the ROCK we know how important it is for students to get involved. We have developed a variety of small groups to help students grow in their relationship with God and with other students.

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Monday's 7:30-9:00pm
@ 25925 Cordillera Dr.
Mission Viejo, Ca 92691
949-701-9601

Monday, Nights at 7:30-9pm is our High School Bible study that meets outside of the ROCK. This Bible study is another Bible Study for students who can not make Tuesday night Bible study or for students that just want another night of Bible Study. Students will be involved in a weekly Bible study



**For more information about
any of these groups check
out www.ROCKtheOC.com**

**Or Contact us at
949-837-7467**

Guys Bible Study

Saturday's 6:00pm
Mile Smith 949-742-0263

Saturday, Nights at 6pm @ Shaffers Home in RSM. Our High School "Guys Group" focuses on studying the Bible weekly and discussing what they have found. This group is designed to help keep guys accountable as Christian men and to develop a stronger relationship with God. This small group is a safe place for students to come share and to seek guidance.

Girls Bible Study

Saturday's 6:00pm
@ The ROCK, Coffee Room

Saturday, Nights at 6pm @ the ROCK. The purpose of our High School "Girls Group" is to help develop strong Christian girls. This small group is designed for girls who want a deeper relationship with God and a group to help keep them on the right track. Girls Group focuses on having a strong Biblical knowledge and understanding. This small group is designed to be a safe place for girls to share what they are going through day to day.

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CONFIRMATION

Wow! Can you believe it? Another school year has begun; and with it, comes all new programming for the 2008/2009 school year. Included in the many learning opportunities at The R.O.C.K. for middle school, high school, and college-aged students is our Confirmation Class.

What is Confirmation?

As a rich part of our Lutheran Theology, we believe that we are saved only through God's grace and mercy (Ephesians 2:8-9). We trust that God has rescued us from the ultimate consequence of sin through Jesus' work on the cross; not through any efforts of our own. Through Jesus' death, we find the forgiveness of sin, and through His bodily resurrection we find hope and the promise of eternal life (John 3:16). Because we believe our salvation is from God and not a result of our own work, we believe the Sacrament of Holy Baptism can be extended to those unable to cognitively choose Christ for themselves. Therefore, as part of our Lutheran heritage, we support the practice of baptizing children as infants.

Because the choice to baptize infants and raise them up in the Christian Faith is a decision made by a parent or guardian, and not the child him/herself, there must be a time when the individual takes ownership and responsibility for his/her own faith journey. We have created "R.O.C.K. Confirmation" to do just that. Confirmation, therefore, is the formal process through which an individual student is given the information necessary to make an educated commitment. At the end of the confirmation process, students will have been instructed in the following areas: (1) The Plan of Salvation (2) The Ten Commandments (3) The Apostles' Creed (4) The Lord's Prayer (5) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (6) The Sacrament of Holy Communion and (7) The Office of the Keys. Following such instruction, students will have all the information necessary to confirm their faith.



What is the Confirmation Process?

At the time of the child's baptism, parents/guardians and sponsors make a promise to raise the child in the Christian church, to faithfully attend worship services, to instruct him/her in the Holy Scriptures, and to model what it means to be a follower of Christ. Neither the church nor the Confirmation Program is to take the place of the parents' role. Confirmation is the way in which the church partners with the parents in their efforts to disciple their kids. It is the goal of Confirmation to aid the family in educating their children as to what the Bible teaches and how we apply these beliefs in our daily lives, so that ultimately they may choose to agree with or "confirm" the decision their parents made to baptize them and raise them as followers of Jesus Christ.

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The Confirmation process has many levels; all of which are developed with excellence in hopes of providing students with a solid Biblical foundation. Following their Baptism, and "PromiseLand" (The Children's Ministry of Mount Of Olives Church), as 6th graders, students begin "R.O.C.K. Ministries" (The Middle School, High School, and College Ministries of Mount of Olives Church). The Confirmation Process begins as students enter our middle school program (6th through 8th grades).

Middle School (6th - 8th grade)

On Wednesday Nights, middle school students meet at The R.O.C.K. from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a time of Worship and Bible Study. It is during this time that middle school students learn to Worship, are given a Biblical background, are held accountable in their faith journey, are encouraged to develop a meaningful prayer life, and share Christ with their friends. From a confirmation perspective, our Middle School Program is designed to be a stepping stone for students to explore who Jesus Christ is and what it means to know him as Savior and Lord. Middle school students are also expected to attend weekly Sunday Morning worship services at The R.O.C.K. from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. or they may attend one of the other Mount of Olives

Information Meeting

If you would like information on our Confirmation program, you are invited to a join us at The R.O.C.K. on Tuesday evening, September 30, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., for a meeting. This meeting is for all students, parents, and others interested in Mount of Olives' Confirmation program. The purpose of this meeting is to define the goals, expectations, and scope of our confirmation program, as well as, register students.

The official start date for confirmation classes is **Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

9th Grade Confirmation Class

In the 9th grade year, confirmation students commit to be part of a formal confirmation class that meets weekly at The R.O.C.K., on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. It is during this time that we build on the information given to students in their homes, through PromiseLand, and in our middle school ministry. The objectives of the 9th grade confirmation class are to: understand The Plan of Salvation, learn and memorize The Ten Commandments, study The Apostles' Creed and its meaning, understand and memorize The Lord's Prayer, and study The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, and learn about The Office of the Keys. In the 9th grade confirmation class there is also a heavy emphasis on understanding and memorizing Bible verses. Students will have to pass 2 quizzes, 4 tests, and 1 final exam. Toward the end of the ninth grade year, confirmation students are formally recognized in the Worship Service as those willing to publicly confirm their faith. In a worship service, students are questioned before the church congregation as to whether or not they believe in Christ and want to publicly affirm their baptism.

High School (9th - 12th grade)

9th grade confirmation students are additionally expected to attend High School Bible Studies on Tuesday Evenings, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and worship services on Sunday Mornings, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. If a student is truly seeking what it means to be a Christ follower and ultimately take ownership of their spiritual development, regular attendance in these two areas (in addition to confirmation classes) is necessary.

The R.O.C.K.

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Sept. 9 & 10

R.O.C.K. Band Concert!

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Wed. 9/10- Middle School ONLY

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