



Dear Friends of Hephatha,

Maybe you've been part of our church for years, but somehow don't feel connected...Maybe you're new and wondering how to speed up the process of developing deep friendships...

For you, like many others, a small group might provide the answer! We also have men and women and youth groups. All are dedicated to the building of devoted followers of Christ and provide:

*A place to grow in your love for God and each other,
A place to progress in your spiritual journey,
A place to build deep and supportive relationships-which
makes our church feel like family.*

Hephatha offers all kinds of ministries and programs geared at getting you connected to Christ, each other, and the community. There are many opportunities in which you and your family can be involved. Whether it be our Children's programs, our Youth Ministry, our CC Small Groups, or our Do Something programs, you will find something that fits with your situation in life.

As you review the different opportunities, we believe you will discover that this is a church passionately committed to Christ, His Cause and the Community.

If you have any questions or comments in regards to the ministries at Hephatha, please feel free to give us a call.

Very Warmly Yours in Christ,

Pastor Arthur Andrews

For more information, contact Pastor Arthur at (714) 637-0887 ext. 156 or e-mail him at pastorarthur@sbcglobal.net

Men's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Working for the Man Upstairs

In your life, is it work you're looking for, or a chance to serve God? Can they be one and the same? In this study, we see how our jobs, no matter what they might be, are a conduit through which God's work is done in this world.

Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation and Faith

As Creator of the universe, God's handi-work is everywhere. This study tackles questions about random chance, the veracity of Scripture, and evolutionary presuppositions. It shows how God's creation and man's salvation are fundamentally centered on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

For both of these studies the information is as follows:

Dates: Thursdays, September 15 and 29, October 13 and 27,
November 10
Time: 7:15 am to 8:00 am
Location: Hephatha Youth Center
Facilitators: Pastor Andrews and Price Maron



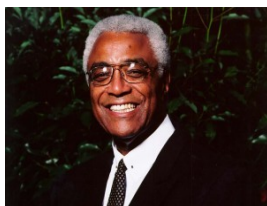
MEN'S BREAKFASTS

Come enjoy a time of exceptional fellowship, good food and encouragement for men. These are our guest speakers for the fall and winter:



October 15: Chris Higgins of the band *The Offspring*

In 1994, soon after graduating from college, Chris hit the road with the soon-to-be famous indie rock band The Offspring. Their 1998 release "Americana" reached sales of over 10 million copies. After 10 years of the rock lifestyle, Chris felt called to worship ministry. Since 2005 Chris has been serving at St. John's Lutheran Church in Orange as a Worship Leader.



January 21: Willie Naulls

He was an All-American at UCLA and later won three NBA world championships with the Boston Celtics. After his illustrious sports career, Willie Naulls came to understand his mother's teachings about faith in a whole new way through a fresh encounter with God.

For both of these events: Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall

Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Topic: "Book of Genesis"
Dates: Tuesdays; September 13 and 27, October 4 and 18, November 1 and 15
Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall
Facilitator: Dixie Aschbrenner, 714-283-1312



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Dates: Wednesdays beginning Sept. 14
Time: 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall
Facilitator: Lisa Lykins

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Dates: Thursdays beginning Sept 15
Time: 9:30 am to 10:00 am Social
10:00am to 11:00 am Study
Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall
Facilitator: Barbara Fickler

2011 FALL FASHION SHOW

You are cordially invited to the 2011 Fall Fashion Show presented by Flatter Me Again. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while we enjoy a brunch and fall fashions.

Date: Saturday, November 5
Time: 10:00 am 12:00 pm
Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall
Facilitators: Lori Keevern and Nancy M. Suchan

Cost for this event is \$15. Brunch will be served.



Women's Ministry

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Join us for the Third Annual Women's Christmas Ornament Exchange.



Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: The Home of Kim Voelker
Facilitators: Catherine Lagaris

Bring an appetizer to share for 12, and bring an ornament valued at \$15 or less.

SLOW FLOW

Slow Flow Workout is a prayer group and breath-synchronized exercise class for all levels. Pamela Fraser, a member of Hephatha and a certified yoga instructor leads the workout. A \$10 donation per class is used to support various church ministries.

Date: Wednesdays
Time: Two times are offered; 6:45 am and 1:30 pm
Location: Fellowship Hall
Facilitator: Pam Fraser



WOMEN'S RETREAT

At the time of publication, this event is still in the planning stages. But, please mark your calendar for this event.

Date: Saturday, February 4 or 11, 2012
Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: To be determined.
Facilitators: Lori Keevern and Nancy M. Suchan



Youth Ministry

Look Up. Look In. Look Out.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL



Wildside is a Youth Group for seventh and eighth graders that focuses on growing students in relationship with one another and Christ. Eat tasty food, play fun games and get into the Bible. We also have monthly special events such as guest speakers, outreach evenings, and service projects.

Date: Monday Nights

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm

Location: Hephatha Youth Center

Facilitators: Jessica Lacy & volunteers

District Youth Gathering– March 2-4, 2012

HIGH SCHOOL

The Rock is for ninth through twelfth graders. We address the unique obstacles that teenagers face and how to make godly decisions in the midst of them. Equipping and strengthening students against the challenges to their faith that they'll encounter in college and the workplace is top priority. It is our goal that when students plan for the future, a love of Christ and others will be at the center of their decision making. We do this through fun social activities, creative Bible studies, meaningful worship, service projects, retreats, and more.

Date: Thursday Nights

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Hephatha Youth Center

Facilitators: Jessica Lacy & volunteers

Forest Home WINTER CAMP 2012– February 24-26, 2012



Contact Jessica Lacy

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Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Grow in faith as a family. Come to the 9:30 Sunday morning service while your preschooler through 6th grader attends Hephatha Lutheran Children's Church. Your child will grow closer to Christ through worship, hearing God's Word in an engaging way, participating in fun activities, and being cared for by loving volunteers in a safe environment.

Dates: Sunday mornings
Time: 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall
Facilitator: Jessica Lacy



Hephatha Lutheran **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature
and in favor with God and all the people. Luke 2:52*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Getting up Sunday mornings can be rough, especially if you have kids! Come as a family to our 6:01 evening service every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. While you're in worship, your child can attend Club 2:52- a Children's Church Ministry for preschoolers through 5th graders that provides a safe, loving environment where children experience God's love through relevant Bible teaching, music, discussion, and age-appropriate activities

Date: Sunday evenings
Time: 6:01 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall
Facilitator: Jessica Lacy

Marriage & Family

MOVIE NIGHT: *COURAGEOUS*



Join us for a movie night... *Courageous* is a film about four men, with one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they're quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark. When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God ... and to their children?

Date: Friday, September 30

Time: TBA

Location: Edwards Anaheim Hills

FATHERHOOD

Fatherhood is more than providing half the genetic material at conception; it's being there for the long haul. In *Fatherhood* with Joel Biermann, the Concordia Seminary professor and dad relates how being a father is a demanding pursuit with a heavenly goal-raising kids who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Full of Scriptural insights and personal observations from his own role as father and husband, Biermann offers help to would-be-, step-, divorced, single or widowed dads, who want to make the most of their lives with their families. To make a big point, Biermann goes back to the little Greek word *telos*, meaning "goal," "purpose" or "objective." Even as Christ's focus or goal was to accomplish His Father's mission on earth for our salvation, so should our objective be to become Christ-like dads for the raising and well-being of our families.

Being a good father isn't an impossible dream, but it does take staying the course, especially in a world where sacrifice and upright character are often not highly valued. Difficult as the task may be, there is always hope. With God at the helm, all fathers-whether rookies or veterans-can know the adventure of fatherhood as one that is full of promise and possibility for them and their families.

Dates: Wednesdays; October 19 and 26,
November 2 and 9

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Hephatha Church

Facilitator: Pastor Riley



Marriage & Family

YOUR CHILD: ESSENTIALS OF DISCIPLINE



Looking for workable advice on how to raise your kids? Here it is! Through interviews and animated vignettes James Dobson and other experts in this DVD series tackle topics vital to 21st-century parents. You'll discover wise counsel on effective discipline, self-confidence, and safeguards for a dangerous world. Learn how to grow and lead your sons and daughters---God's way.

Dates: Mondays, September 26, October 10 and 24, November 7
Time: 9:15 am to 10:30 am
Location: Hephatha Youth Center
Facilitators: Pastor Andrews

Child care provided upon request,
please contact Nancy M. Suchan
at 714-637-0887 extension 158.

MARRIAGE: THE ART OF COMMUNICATION

It really is possible to discover the secrets of marital satisfaction and joy found in learning to lovingly communicate with a spouse. This study will help couples understand how to achieve a deeper connection through talking together and really listening to each other. We explore the elements of good communication to allow couples to reason together during good times and conflict. We also outline the knowledge, skills and structure of arguing effectively to achieve win/win agreements.

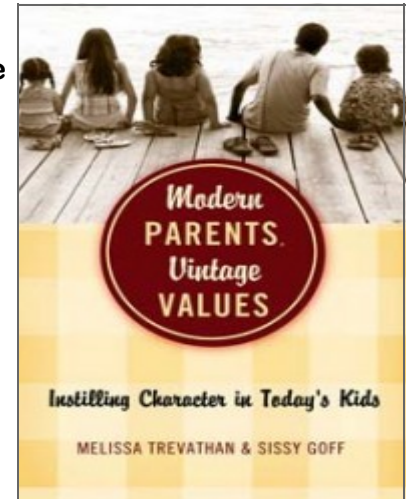
Date: Wednesdays, October 19, and November 16
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: The home of Mike/Laureene Ernst
Facilitators: Pastor Arthur and Barbara Andrews



Marriage & Family

MODERN PARENTS, VINTAGE VALUES

In *Modern Parents, Vintage Values*, Melissa Trevathan and Sissy Goff provide a clear and possible path back to cultivating children who have a sense of character and groundedness. Guiding parents to understand the specific issues facing kids today, they ultimately focus in on nine values that are foundational for the character development of children: kindness, integrity, manners, compassion, forgiveness, responsibility, gratitude, patience, and confidence. This is a book club where you will need to purchase the book for weekly reading and discussions.



Date: Mondays; September 12 and 26,
October 3 and 10
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Hephatha School
Facilitator: Kim Voelker

FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR

Our special guest speaker will be Dave Rueter. His topic will be “Purposeful Parenting.” Being a parent is not about luck. Loving our kids means more than just a roll of the dice. Parenting means being proactive and purposeful. But how? “Purposeful Parenting” addresses the how and gives you tools to truly shape our children into adults we can be proud of.



Dave Rueter has served in youth and family ministry for the past 15 years. He is the devoted husband to Andrea of 9 years as well as daddy to James (3) and their second son (due Oct. 27). Dave currently works for both the Pacific Southwest District, where he resources, counsels, and generally equips congregations for youth and family ministry, as well as Concordia University, where he is a professor preparing students for youth and family ministry. He is an avid Angels fan, enjoys camping with the family, and truly enjoys spending time with youth.

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2011
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall
Facilitators: Pastor Andrews

Apologetics

JESUS AMONG OTHER GODS: THE ABSOLUTE CLAIMS OF THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

We are living in a time when you can believe anything, as long as you do not claim it to be true. In the name of “tolerance,” our postmodern culture embraces everything from Eastern mysticism to new age spirituality. But such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd. All religions, plain and simple, cannot be true. *Jesus Among Other Gods* provides the answers to the most fundamental claims about Christianity, such as:

Aren't all religions fundamentally the same?

Was Jesus who he claimed to be?

Can one study the life of Christ and conclude he *was* and *is* the way truth and the life?

Date: Sundays; October 2, 9, 16

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall

Facilitators: Pastor Andrews, Jeff Wakefield,
Brent Wagstaff, Brennan Haines

SEMINARS

Dr. Adam Francisco



With a Ph.D. in Islamic - Christian relations from Oxford, Adam Francisco is an authority on Islam from a Christian perspective. He has a unique ability to see and understand both the difficulties facing Christians who wish to evangelize their Muslim friends and the Muslims who are being asked to come to Christ. Many of his unique insights come from personal experiences sharing his faith with Muslims. Adam is currently teaching at Concordia University in Irvine California.

Date: Sunday, November 6

Time: 6:01 pm

Location: Hephatha Church

Pastor Mark Jasa

Join us in January for a seminar on evangelism and apologetics with guest speaker Pastor Mark Jasa. Participants will learn about the secularist world view and what they believe about Christians. Various points of discussion and handling secularist objections will be considered so attendees can maneuver some of today's most pressing theological topics without fear. Pastor Jasa graduated from UCLA with a BA in Anthropology. In the summer of 2005, he received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia and successfully completed coursework at the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. He is currently the Chaplain at University Lutheran Chapel, UCLA.



Date: Thursdays, January 12 and 19, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall

Community Outreach



**2011 Annual Walk-a-thon
Saturday, October 22, 2011
Registration begins at 7:30 am
King of Glory Lutheran Church
10280 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708**

This 2011 Walk-a-thon is being held to raise funds to assist people during times of special need. Lutheran Social Services Community Care Centers of Southern California, serve more than 90,000 people in Orange County per year, provides the following services:

Emergency assistance– the Garden Grove office provides emergency food for individuals, families and homeless persons, and utility assistance when funds are available.

Real Help– in Garden Grove Area provides hot meals 6 times monthly to people who are homeless which serve over 1,000 hot meals monthly.

Join us in this fundraising effort to make a difference in the many lives here in Orange County. Give a donation, sponsor a walker or do both. In addition, to financial support, we are also asking you to bring canned food items to donate to our food bank as well. Help support LSS-SC. Please contact Bea Rea at 714-534-6450.

Bag It Up

Someone wise once said: "Thanksgiving, to be truly thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving." How true. At Hephatha, we are giving to people through our "Bag It Up" Thanksgiving service project where we collect food for local families in need. This program is in conjunction with First Lutheran Church in Fullerton. We begin collecting in November and deliver our food collection in mid-November. Please watch the Sunday morning bulletin for additional dates and times or reference our web site.

Date: Sunday, November 20
Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Location: meet at Hephatha
Facilitator: Pastor Andrews



Community Outreach



Gift Wrapping

We will once again be offering free gift wrapping as one of our Random Acts of Kindness during the Christmas Season at a couple of locations in Anaheim Hills. Please join us on one of these evenings. Unfortunately, at the time of printing the day, date, time and location had not been determined.

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: TBA
Facilitator: Rhonda McCurdy



Trinity Cristo Rey

During the Christmas season we will be partnering with Trinity Cristo Rey, and provide a Christmas Party consisting of crafts, games and refreshments for this growing community of Lutheran believers. Please join us on...

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: Trinity Cristo Rey in Santa Ana
Facilitator: Pastor Andrews

Iglesia Hispana San Pablo

Partnering with San Pablo, we will be providing a Christmas Party consisting of crafts, games and refreshments for this community. You will not want to miss this opportunity to impact the lives of others for the kingdom. Please join us on...

Date: Tuesday, December 20
Time: TBA
Location: Iglesia Hispana San Pablo at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Orange
Facilitator: Pastor Andrews



Community Outreach

CAREER COACHING WORKSHOP

Are you looking for career direction or support during transition, you will find encouragement, practical skills, and fellowship as you develop your job search skills by hearing about:

- God's will, skills and abilities analysis
- Resume writing
- Interviewing
- Networking
- Marketing
- Target company list
- Accountability
- Salary negotiations
- LinkedIn
- 1 on 1 Coaching, including mock interviews and resume review

Come hear presidents of companies, career service specialists, contract negotiators, and HR experts that have made a successful career transition using God's principles and purpose for the work they were made for.

Date: Monday, October 17 and 24

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Hephatha Fellowship Hall

Facilitator: Pastor Andrews

Guest Speakers: Suzanne Adelizi, Cindy Minshall, Mike Mundia, Richard Smallwood

the Living Nativity

Rediscover the true reason for the Christmas season. Interact in the marketplace, pet the animals, see the baby Jesus lying in the manger as you talk to Mary and Joseph. Come...experience the time of the birth of Christ as you walk the streets of Bethlehem.

Date: Friday, December 9

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the Elderly and Special Needs

Date: Friday, December 9

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Date: Saturday, December 10

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Hephatha School Grounds

Facilitator: Pastor Andrews and
a multitude of hosts



Sign Up

**SIGN ME UP FOR
THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES
WHERE I HAVE PLACED A CHECK MARK!**

MEN'S MINISTRY

- ◇ Working for the Man Upstairs
- ◇ Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation & Faith
- ◇ Men's Breakfast: October 15
- ◇ Men's Breakfast: January 21

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ◇ Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- ◇ Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- ◇ Thursday Morning Bible Study
- ◇ 2011 Fall Fashion Show
- ◇ Christmas Ornament Exchange
- ◇ Slow Flow
- ◇ Women's Retreat

YOUTH MINISTRY

- ◇ Wildside (middle school youth group)
- ◇ The Rock (high school youth group)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- ◇ 9:30 am Children's Church
- ◇ Club 2:52 (6:01 pm Children's Church)

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

- ◇ Movie Night: Courageous
- ◇ Fatherhood
- ◇ Your Child: Essentials of Discipline
- ◇ Marriage: The Art of Communication
- ◇ Modern Parents, Vintage Values
- ◇ Family Life Seminar

APOLOGETICS

- ◇ Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message
- ◇ Adam Francisco Seminar
- ◇ Pastor Mark Jasa Seminar

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ◇ Bag It Up
- ◇ Gift Wrapping
- ◇ Trinity Cristo Rey
- ◇ Iglesia Hispana San Pablo
- ◇ Career Coaching Workshop
- ◇ The Living Nativity

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION IN ORDER
FOR US TO BETTER SERVE YOU:**

NAME: _____

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