

# Coming Events!

Sept. 14

Kid's Club begins again @Shoreline Church. Meet at the Community Center to have your kids escorted, or drop them off directly at the church at 3:30, end at 5:30.

Sept. 17

Ice Cream Social - we provide the Ice Cream, you bring your favorite toppings! 2-4 p.m. in the Com. Center

Sept. 21

Good-bye party for Sarinna 5-6 p.m.

Oct. 17

Tutoring Resumes!! Talk to Katie Pinson for more details and look for flyers

Oct. 27

Village Pumpkin Carving

Nov. 18

Village Thanksgiving Feast

September  
October  
November

# The Village Fall 2011



## Back-To-School

Kids flooded the community center on August 10th for the Village school supply give away. We were honored to have Principal Emilio Handall of McKinley Elementary School present as our guest. Mr. Handall is looking forward to partnering with our kid's programs at the Village! Meanwhile, Village Director Jeff Shaffer talked to parents and families about their hopes and contributions for the Village Community. If you missed this opportunity and would still like to talk with Jeff about your vision of community at the Village, he would love to hear from you!

## New & Changing Programs

**Oasis, a new group for high school girls and guys**, is Mondays at 6 p.m. Come hang-out! Talk to Mike Schwartz about rides and location.  
[mike.schwartz@theturnerfoundation.com](mailto:mike.schwartz@theturnerfoundation.com)

**Kid's Club is changing shape this year, beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>.** We will be partnering with Shoreline Church, to provide more room for fun and games and more volunteers to spend time with the kids. Kid's Club will be at Shoreline Wednesdays from 3:30-5p.m. Your child can meet at the Community Center at 3:15 to be escorted over.

**Mantalk Jr. is coming! 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade boys** will be welcome to join older boys for "Mantalk" on Thursdays at 3:30 in the Community Center

**"Transforming Passages"** adult Bible study begins again Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Apt. #55. All are welcome – childcare provided in the community center.



## REMINDERS

- **To be more eco-friendly, the Village no longer hands out flyers for every individual event. Instead, it is up to YOU to look out for flyers on the bulletin boards!**
- A Turner Foundation staff member will be in the Property Management Position from 9-3 on weekdays to help you. However, please make sure that you call **any and all repairs or complaints directly into Cochrane Property Management (805) 965-2887**



Please use the bike rack by the #43 parking spot, for your bike or you will be fined!

- Community Center Hours will be changing October 1<sup>st</sup> – please check the bulletin board for changes
- September is starting, but that summer weather may last us a while! Please remember to turn OFF the propane tank when you are finished and clean-up the shared grill/pool space. Only two propane tanks per month can be provided.

## Thank You Sarinna!!

Our beloved Community Center Supervisor Sarinna Smith is moving away with her husband to Santa Maria! We will miss her so much. To show our love and appreciation for her, we are having a good-bye party on September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5-6 p.m. in the Community Center. If you want to help with bringing food or organizing, talk to Rebecca Gist in #55

## A Note from the Chaplain

Over the years, I have spoken with many people who have deep regret over past failures. Unfortunately, life is not a game. We cannot "do over". But as the poet Maya Angelou once wrote, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." Let me remind you of four things God says about failure.

1. Everybody fails. We make mistakes and lots of them. Welcome to the human race - it means you're alive. James 3:2 says "We all stumble in many ways." It's not until you admit you're broken that God can finally begin to fix you.
2. Failure is a part of life. Past, present, future - we all have already failed and will fail. Nobody is perfect! The Bible says "all have sinned." We all missed the mark. When you let go of the idea of perfection, the fear of failure will lose its grip on you.
3. Failure is not fatal. We blow failure way out of proportion. It is not the end of the world. *The fear of failure is far more damaging to your life than failure itself.* After failing you can pick yourself up and simply move on. The fear of failure, however, can paralyze and

haunt you for years. There are many ways to be a winner, but there is really only one way to be a loser - to fail and not look beyond it. Paul in II Corinthians 4 wrote "We're struck down but not destroyed". Another translation says "Like a boxer, I'm knocked down but I'm not knocked out."

4. Recognize the Benefits - We usually think of failure as a negative experience. However, failure is one of the primary tools God uses in our lives to mold us, shape us and develop our character. Proverbs 20:30 says "Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways." Sometimes God uses failure to show us we are going in the wrong direction. When you fall, think of all you can learn - resilience, wisdom, and maturity. Coach Bill Vaughn maintains, "In the game of life, it's a good idea to have a few early losses which relieve you of the pressure of trying to maintain an undefeated season."

In conclusion, go easy on yourself! Failure is a part of life. God loves you and so do I. Blessings,  
Jon Wilson  
President CEO of the Turner Foundation, Village Chaplain