

first time here?

Don't panic! No one is going to single you out or ask you to stand up and give your name. Grab a free coffee or tea, bring it into the Auditorium and relax. Here are a few things we usually do most weekends...

Singing

We usually sing some simple songs to God each weekend. Feel free to have a seat anytime. Some people like to stand the entire time. Just be comfortable.

Giving

For those who value the mission of this place and are learning to give, this is a time to give back to God a portion of what He's given us.

Message

Our speaker will give a 25-30 minute message about applying God's truths to life's challenges.

Want More Info?

Stop by Connections if you have any questions or to find out more about the Vineyard. We're glad you're here!

NOTES:

celebrations

Join us at any of our identical weekly Celebrations:

Sat. 5 & 6:30pm

Sun. 8:30am *(Communion offered)*

10:00am *(Sign language offered in addition to the regular Celebration)*

11:40am *(Spanish translation using headphones offered in addition to the regular Celebration)*

Children *(Birth to 5th grade)* Ext. 8427

DiscoveryLand classes are offered at every Celebration for kids from Birth through 5th grade.

Middle School *(6th to 8th grade)* Ext. 8432

High School *(9th to 12th grade)* Ext. 8433

These grades meet in the Student Union building.



Watch some of our past weekends at:

www.VineyardCincinnati.com



CREED

What are the most basic of truths recorded in Scripture that make us, for lack a better way of saying it, Christian? We battle over some of the words here and there, but it is these truths, these ideals, these realities that unify us. They are recorded in the Bible, written on our hearts, and summarized by our earliest church fathers in the Creed.

CREED message series
starts April 18 & 19



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welcome

April 11 & 12, 2009

HAPPY EASTER

ABOUT THE VINEYARD...

The Vineyard has a firm belief that small things done with great love will change the world. In living this out, we strive to show God's love by serving others in simple ways with no strings attached. God's grace is given freely, so we in turn give it away through practical and often unexpected acts of kindness.

One of the key ways we serve Cincinnati is through the Healing Center, a safe place for people to receive care and support for every need, whether physical, emotional, spiritual or relational. It is a place for anyone who is confronting addictions, going through divorce, dealing with emotional or financial struggles, or who may be in immediate need of food, clothing, transportation or job assistance. Currently thousands of people are served each month through the Healing Center.

We are also committed to providing clean drinking water to an area of Nigeria where polluted water sickens and kills children every day. In 2007 we partnered with Self Sustaining Enterprises to purchase and staff a drilling rig to bore wells for tribal communities near the city of Jos. Today 31 villages — over 20,000 people — are drinking safe, clean water with no new water-borne illnesses reported.

If you are visiting and would like to know more about the Vineyard Community, fill out a Connect Card located in a seat back holder near you. If you do not have a church home then we would love to have you join us again next weekend.

SMALL GROUPS

Group in Blanchester

Our small group is open to everyone, and is looking for new members. Currently we're made up of men and women age 35+. We meet 3 Thursdays a month and do outreach on the 4th Thursday together. For info, contact Jerry Stricker at [295-1429](tel:295-1429) or [jstricker\[at\]cinci.rr.com](mailto:jstricker@cinci.rr.com).

What to do after RESET?

Now that the 6-week RESET groups are winding down, do you wish you still had a group to be a part of?

Many groups are continuing, but some are not. Yours may be one of those that will be ending. If you would like to meet others who participated in a RESET group and want to form new groups, join us April 15 at 7pm in the Banquet Room at the Resource Center for "RESET Remix." There you'll have an opportunity to meet others in your communities that are interested in forming another group. Discussion topics and support will be available for all new groups that form. No need to register, just show up. Contact Duane at [Ext. 238](tel:Ext.238) with questions.

For more info about the events or opportunities listed, call us at (513) 671-0422 plus the extension, or e-mail [info\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:info[at]vineyardcincinnati.com).

Childcare registration for events is always required. Register by calling 1 week in advance or cancel your registration within 24 hours so we can provide the best care for your children. (513) 671-0422 Ext. 328.

Unless stated otherwise, cost is \$5 per child and \$10 for 2 or more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXPLORING THE ROADMAP

(Overview of finding your way at VCC)

Sunday, April 19 from 1-2:45pm in the Banquet Room at the Resource Center Building

If you are new here to the Vineyard, this is the place to start! We'll present an overview of our history; help you discover what God has next for you, and have a question & answer session with Dave, our Senior Pastor. Bring your questions! Free lunch. Please RSVP at [Ext. 480](tel:Ext.480). Register for free childcare at [Ext. 328](tel:Ext.328).

Wednesdays at the Healing Center

Vineyard Friends & Family night from 6:30 – 9pm

Are you facing a situation that you never expected to be in? Today's economy is affecting many of us and you may have more questions than answers as to how to resolve these new challenges. Starting April 15, the Healing Center will be open Wednesday evenings for Vineyard friends and families offering a range of services, including job coaching, financial coaching, prayer, and some classes. So invite a friend and we'll see you there!

Vineyard University

Wednesdays starting April 15 at 7pm

There are a wide range of classes and Bible studies for adults, classes for children, and childcare for the little ones. To top it off, the Café is open for dinner from 5:30–7pm. See the back page of the VineNews for details.

Dave Ramsey's Town Hall for Hope

Thursday, April 23 at 8pm in the VCC Big Room

Join Dave Ramsey for a nationwide town hall meeting and discover what's happening with the economy, how we got here, and where we're going. Plus, Dave will answer your questions live throughout the event! VCC is one of thousands of locations across the country hosting this event broadcast live via satellite. Go to townhallforhope.com for more info.

THE LIFT

Every Thursday at 7:15pm in the Student Union

A weekly gathering of young adults. Come be a part of worship, teaching, and community. Visit theliftcommunity.com

Choices Game Night (single adults 30+)

Friday, April 17, 7–9pm in the Big Room.

Contact Dan Ninke at [dninke\[at\]cinci.rr.com](mailto:dninke[at]cinci.rr.com) for more information.

SOS (Summer of Service)

June 22–26, 2009

Summer of Service is an annual outreach conference at the Vineyard for students currently in grades 6–12. Register at www.summerofservice.com. Cost is \$199 before April 30.

Be baptized

If you're ready to "go public" with your decision to follow Christ, we'd love to celebrate with you! Be baptized during a celebration April 25 or 26. A brief class is required on Tuesday, April 21. Register at vineyardcincinnati.com/baptism or [Ext. 477](tel:Ext.477)

Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk and 5K run

Memorial Day, May 25 at 9am, Downtown Cincinnati

Come walk only 3 miles for the Healing Center. For every participant, the Healing Center will receive 140 lbs. of food to help end hunger in our city (will feed a family for 3 weeks). Last year with your participation, we raised \$26,000 in credits which gave us over 6 months of free food! This year's Hunger Walk coincides with the first anniversary of the Healing center. We're serving thousands of folks monthly with food, clothes, jobs, prayer, and necessary services to help our struggling guests spiritually and physically. Register at www.freestorefoodbank.org, or by mail, or at the event. You can also sponsor someone else. Be sure to note "Healing Center" as the agency you're supporting. Cost is only \$15.

Vineyard Leadership Institute Weekend Intensive: Leadership and Vision

May 2 and 3. The concept of vision will be defined, described and illustrated. You'll also learn how to write a mission statement for your ministry and how to make action plans to accomplish the vision. Instructor: Gary Best, Director of the Association of Vineyard Churches, Canada. Cost is \$30. Contact Peggy at [Ext. 515](tel:Ext.515) or [vi\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:vi[at]vineyardcincinnati.com)

Eating Smart, Being Active for Healthy Families Class

Saturdays, April 18–June 6, 11am–12pm

at the Healing Center

This free class is presented by The Ohio State University. You'll learn how to eat healthfully and have an active life without spending extra money. There will be cooking lessons and other fun surprises. Call [346-4080](tel:346-4080) and let the receptionist know you want to attend.

OUTREACH & WORLD MISSIONS

Tired of doing the expected?

Join us as we do the unexpected. We're called to go beyond the first mile and to reach out and serve others in new and unexpected ways. If you'd like to experiment with us one Saturday, we will meet in the Big Room at 10am and choose one of several serving opportunities every single week. Kid-friendly and first-timer-friendly options are always available. Just show up!

Calling all Party Animals!

We need party-minded people to help us Friday, May 1 as we throw our next Breathe Respite Event. We hang with kids with special needs and send the parents out for a night on the town. You won't want to miss this! Go to www.vineyardcincinnati.com/breathe and sign up to serve! Questions? Contact Marilyn at [3proverbs30\[at\]fuse.net](mailto:3proverbs30[at]fuse.net)

Want to Help Foster Children?

You could be a part of raising awareness about the hundreds of local children in need of loving homes. To find out more about how you can promote a faith-based response to the fatherless through an upcoming event in our area, contact Kande at [Ext. 225](tel:Ext.225) or [wilson\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:wilson[at]vineyardcincinnati.com).

Loving Lincoln Heights

A team of people is partnering with our neighbors in Lincoln Heights to promote projects that address literacy & education, generational poverty and positive after-school and summer alternatives for kids. To join the team and make a difference, contact Kande at [Ext. 225](tel:Ext.225) or [wilson\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:wilson[at]vineyardcincinnati.com).

VOLUNTEERING

Spring cleaning season is here!

Do you have lightly-worn, clean clothes hanging around your home? You can help the Healing Center in a huge way by donating these clothes and other small household items. It's easy! Bring them to the Healing Center and place them in the clothes bins on the side of the building. If bins are full, place the items at the front door of the Healing Center.

Adult volunteers needed for SOS

Summer of Service is on June 22-26, 2009, and there are over 1,000 open roles. We need you! Serve for an hour or serve all week...it's up to you! Go to Vineyardcincinnati.com and click on "volunteering" then "opportunity by event." Sign up now to lock in your favorite serving role. Contact Shannon at [albrecht\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:albrecht[at]vineyardcincinnati.com) or [Ext. 246](tel:Ext.246) with questions.

Hey Ladies...

It's wedding season which means that someone somewhere is buying a bridesmaid dress that they will probably never wear again. Why not take those dusty dresses and donate them to "The Prom" Gown Collection for our friends with special needs? Please go to vineyardcincinnati.com/prom for info.

Wanted: Planners who like to camp...

or campers who like to plan! We'd like to offer some opportunities for camping this summer for our VCC folks and need people who love to 1) go camping and 2) plan and organize. If this is you, contact Claudia at [hinda\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:hinda[at]vineyardcincinnati.com) or [Ext. 205](tel:Ext.205).

Join the DiscoveryLand Welcome Team!

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Would you like to help new and current families have a welcoming experience in DiscoveryLand that also ensures our children's safety? Assist with check-in/check-out at any of our four celebrations! If you are interested contact Ryan at [king\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:king[at]vineyardcincinnati.com) or [Ext. 167](tel:Ext.167).

Pick up donations on Friday night at Panera

The Healing Center needs someone to pick up Panera bread in Tri-County on Friday evening at 8:30pm and deliver it at 9am on Saturday mornings. If this fits your schedule, join our team of drivers who help feed our guests at your Healing Center. Call Steve at [346-4080](tel:346-4080) Ext. 376.

Volunteering from Home

Do you like helping new folks feel welcomed? Could you make a few phone calls or write some brief notes? Make a difference on the Welcome Team! We follow up with our guests AFTER they have visited with us just to say "Hi" and welcome them to VCC. Training and all materials provided. Internet access a must. Contact Kimberly at [beacham\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:beacham[at]vineyardcincinnati.com) if interested and/or for more info.