



# The Castro Valley Connection

## Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene

May 17, 2016

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### **READ MORE ABOUT NEW WINESKINS**

#### **Matthew 9:14-17**

“No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Isaiah 43:19

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:20

Joshua 1:9

### **A New Vision—A Better Dream**

I'm always amazed how businesses are constantly changing to address the changing society around them. There are new slogans, new signs, new technologies and from time to time they gut everything and do a major remodel inside and out. Why is this so important? They know they have to stay in step with the changing society around them. But whether they change the slogan, the sign, the technology or even to a major renovation, the foundations of their

business, their base product, stays nearly the same. Dominos still sells pizza, Apple, technology and McDonalds—the Big Mac.

I often wonder how that might be accomplished in the Church. What I do know is that our product, our message is timeless and never gets old, you never have to put a new face on salvation in Christ, nor the value of connection. And for a Christian, the ultimate renovation is eternity. But are there things that need to happen in the church in order to address the changing society around us. Maybe

that is what Jesus was addressing when he spoke of wineskins in Matthew 9:14-17. Please note, that Jesus' message is about the wineskin, not the wine; wineskins were always filled with new wine. The question is, what will we put it in? Old stretched out mechanisms or new ones that grow with us?

If you could dream a big dream, let your imagination run wild, what “new wineskins” could we get ready allowing the Holy Spirit to fill it and take us into the next chapters of our church life. Here's the absolute and sobering truth. We

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## Prayer Concerns:

**Prayer is the foundation of power in the life of the Christian. Please keep the following items on your prayer list this week:**

### Don Cote

Don has been on a transplant list for awhile and a kidney has come available. The doctors are asking him to make some changes in preparation for this, changes that are challenging. Pray for strength and favor.

### Elizabeth Lopez

Although she is doing as well as expected, the aftermath of radiation is causing pain and struggle. Keep her in your prayers.

### Mark Bovee

Mark Bovee is having some additional challenges health wise and needs our prayers. Also keep Ed and Bonnie covered for strength.

### From Zola Schantin

Prayer for friend Kathy and her husband.

### Nick Stephan

Nick has been diagnosed with leukemia and is under the care of a specialist. Prayer for health and a job as well.

### 90th Birthday Celebration

The family of Martha Castleman would like to invite all of the church family to her

90th birthday celebration, May 21, 2016 from 1:00—5:00 p.m. If you plan to attend **please** R.S.V.P. to her son Rob at:

**castlemanr56@gmail.com**  
or (530) 301-7372

## Marie Fowler's Life Celebration

Thank you to all who attended the celebration for Marie. Your support of Janet and the family was greatly appreciated. The day at Lake Chabot park was absolutely beautiful and the food was wonderful. Thank you to Janet Fowler for inviting us all to be a part of her mother's important day.

### Prayer Team:

For critical items of prayer contact Pastor Steve or Bonnie Bovee to activate the prayer team.

**Pray  
without  
ceasing!**

“To be a Christian without prayer is not more possible than being alive without breathing.” Martin Luther

## Did You Know....

...Ross Martinson will be living in Castro Valley for the summer and will be working for the National Security Technologies.

...that our church won special awards for faithfulness, financial support and missions support at our annual district assembly and convention. We are a PRIORITY ONE church!

...that a new light poll has been purchased and installation is expected at any time? Our parking

lot is coming together.

...that graduation Sunday is set for June 12.

...that our church is turning 90? Our 90 Year Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 23. Please put this on your calendar.

....Charity Hartshorn's parents were visiting this past Sunday? Glad to have them with us.

...June's Gospel Music Celebration is Sunday, June 12? Get the word out!!!

...Summer Camp is coming soon? Be looking for opportunities to support our children and youth.

June 24-27 Young Adult Retreat

June 27-July 1 High School Camp

July 25-29 Middle School Camp

July 25-28 Kid's Camp—Diamond Arrow

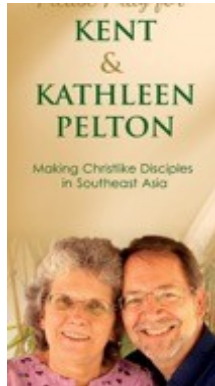
# Announcements and Calendar Updates



## Celebrations

### May Birthdays

- 17 Chris Kosciusko
- 21 Bob Bloemink
- 27 Josie Hernandez
- 29 Bob Frey
- 30 Debbie Olsen
- 31 Maddie Redmond



### Missionary Celebration

Our time with Kent and Kathleen Pelton was a great time to get connected with the missionary work around the world. Keep them in your prayers as they continue to travel around the States and plan for their future in Mission's work.

# Calendar

### May Anniversaries

- 27 Don & Rita Cote
- 28 John & Krizia Porter

### May

- 29 50 Yardline Sing—See info on page 5

### June

- 4 Chabot Fishing Tournament
- 5 Board Meeting—Lunch in.
- 12 Graduation Sunday—9:30 a.m.
- 13 Gospel Music Celebration
- 19 Father's Day
- 24 Young Adult Retreat
- 27 High School Camp—Blue Slide

*If your birthday or anniversary are not listed, let us know.*



### Sarah Redmond

Will be graduating from Castro Valley High School on Wednesday, June 15.

Congratulations!

### MAY GIVING REPORT

#### Tithes/Offerings

May Budget: \$14,000.00  
 Received: \$7,283.00  
 Still Needed: \$6,717.00

Can you help us?

Please continue to give generously, in faith to fulfill the call of God on our Church.



June 24-27 at  
 Redwood  
 Chapel

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## Sunday Worship Prep

### Sermon Series

## The Practical Implications of God Designed Love

### Message 1—God is Love!!!

### 1 John 4

## Pastor's Message: "New Wineskins"

must change our wineskin.

This past Sunday I asked you to consider what it would be like when the Holy Spirit leads us into future. I hinted that it was likely to be challenging, moving us from our comfort zones to cutting edge, into the foreign, speaking different "languages" and needing to be ready for logistical fluidity. That is we need to be thinking about how we do what we do and whether it is effective in bringing our product: salvation in Christ and connection.

This past week was our district assembly, a series of meetings for

encouragement, instruction, goal setting and planning. Our district has challenged us to rethink, to ask ourselves how can we do what we are doing more effectively?

One of the models is to create multiple connection points where the church meets, even away from the facility. In fact, they are strongly encouraging us to start groups, different groups, for all kinds of different purposes, each though, keeping the same foundational content, with Jesus as our center and the church facility as our resource hub.

What could this look like? Let your imagination

run wild!!!

- Exercise Church
- Starbucks Church
- Walking Church
- Hang Out Church
- Golf Church
- Shopping Church
- Breakfast Church
- Sewing Church

Am I being ridiculous? Maybe, maybe not. We must ask ourselves the question, "are we reaching people for Jesus?" If the answer is "no" it's time to think differently, it's time to change."

Would you pray?  
What you dream? It's time.

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**EAST BAY CHURCHES WORSHIP IN CVHS STADIUM**

**50 YARD LINE**  
**SING**

**FOOD TRUCK MAFIA**  
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GOURMET FOOD TRUCK EVENTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Dinner 5:30pm**  
**w/ FOOD TRUCK MAFIA**  
**@CVHS STADIUM LOT**  
located on Redwood Road

**SUNDAY MAY 29TH @ 7PM**

## **A Castro Valley Community of Faith Event**

Our church is co-sponsoring this event with leadership, music and staffing. Please plan on participating, representing the Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene.

We need 12 ushers! See Pastor Steve this week to volunteer.

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