

Training and Community

Empowered Parenting. Empowered Parenting is a **parenting small group program** designed for those who want to build strong families and connect with other parents in order to learn and grow as parents. It provides a safe place for parents to share experiences, struggles and joys with others who are on the same journey. There are several small groups within the Empowered Parenting program targeting specific parenting needs. We currently offer two semesters of Empowered Parenting per year: March – May and September – November on Tuesday nights. Children's classes are also offered for a small fee for Nursery – Grade 6. **Empowered Parenting brochures** are available the month before each semester begins. See a brochure for more information about specific groups being offered and to register for the upcoming semester.

Family Small Groups. During any given semester, there are family-friendly groups offered where children are included in the format. Some groups are even geared toward families with special situations such as Single Parenting and Blended Families. See the **small group catalog** for descriptions, days and times each group meets.



Parenting Classes. As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. But who is teaching you? We offer parenting classes throughout the year to teach biblical parenting skills and provide parents with practical tools and support. Watch the **bulletin** for upcoming class dates and times.

Child Dedication. In dedicating their child to the Lord, parents are committing to the responsibility of raising that child in the ways and instruction of the Lord. The dedication service provides an opportunity to make this commitment public before God and the church family at VCNP. Dedication services are held **4 times a year** during **Saturday 5:00 pm services** with a reception for the entire family following the service.

In preparation for the ceremony, parents will be required to attend a dedication class where parents will learn a biblical basis for dedicating their child. See a **Child Dedication brochure** for dates and other information and to register your child.



Fun

Preschool Storytime. Join other preschoolers and their families every Wednesday in July for a time of stories, fun, crafts and one-on-one time together. You can expect to spend an engaging morning discovering important lessons for life and biblical principles illustrated by silly characters and giggly wiggly stories. See a **Preschool Storytime brochure** for more information or to register your child.

Family Fun Day/Baptism. Twice a year our church family gathers at a public pool for a church wide baptism. "Celebration" is the name of the game with swimming, crafts, food, contests, kids' play areas, water balloon wars and lots more. Join us as we celebrate new life in Christ with those being baptized.



Children

Vineyard Kids. Our Children's Ministry program is designed to serve, teach and minister to the families of our church through their children and is based on the 3 points of **Faith, Wisdom** and **Friendship**. More info available about this exciting program for ages 0 - 6th grade—or ways you can volunteer to be a part of it!— is available at the **Kid Check counter** at the entrance to the Children's Ministry Building.



Marriage

Marriage Ministry. A God-honoring marriage is at the heart of a God-honoring family. The Marriage Ministry at VCNP exists to encourage married couples and show them God's true love for one another through love, prayer, fellowship and ministry. Opportunities for this include **Marriage Connections**—where couples meet here at the church to enjoy dinner out with other couples, a yearly **Marriage Event** and attending one of several **married couples small groups**. See your bulletin for more information on upcoming events, or a **small group catalog** for descriptions, days and times each Married Couples group meets.

Parenting Resources. Please see the Family Ministry section of our website: vineyardnorthphoenix.com to find resources designed to help your family have fun together, as well as to develop physically and spiritually. Monthly devotions and other miscellaneous resources are also available at the Parent Corners, located off of the Main Lobby and Elementary sections of the Children's Ministry building.



ourpurpose

VCNP Family Ministry

Desires to **empower every parent** to live by the parenting principles found in God's Word. We will do this through classes, ministry and community building events.

We are committed to **equipping parents** with both the **tools** and the **training** they need to **build** strong families and **raise** kids who honor God.



For information regarding any of the events or programs within this brochure, please contact **Jody Kingston, Family Ministry Pastor**, at **623.934.4000** or via e-mail at **jody@vcfnp.com**.

2010 Family Ministry Event Calendar

- **Empowered Parenting**
Spring: Tue: Mar 9 – May 25
Fall: Tue: Sept 14 – Nov 23
- **Parenting Classes**
Spring: TBA
Fall: TBA
- **Child Dedication**
Sat: Jan 23 | Apr 24 | July 24 | Oct 23
- **Preschool Storytime**
Wed: July 7 - 28
- **Family Fun Day/Baptism**
Mon: May 31 | Sept 6
- **Marriage Connection**
Fri: Feb 12 | May 14 | Aug 20 | Nov TBA



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