

MID-VALLEY fellowship

releasing the power of hope

Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:5

September 2008



New Ministry Partnership

In early August, Mid-Valley Fellowship embarked on an exciting new ministry partnership. For the last two years, MVF has benefited from the generosity and open hearts of LifeSpring FourSquare Church in Corvallis for office and ministry space. While this met the immediate need of space, it did not fit with our long term goals to be an Albany-based ministry, serving the Central Willamette Valley. In addition to being in the middle of the Willamette Valley, Albany also has easy access off Interstate 5 for those coming from surrounding areas.

After a long process of researching and prayer, Mid-Valley Fellowship proposed a partnership with Willamette Community Church in Albany to utilize office and ministry space. The leadership of Willamette accepted the proposal, and this week MVF began utilizing a newly renovated space for ministry.

Not only did this new space fit with the long term goals of Mid-Valley Fellowship, but it also gave an opportunity to see in tangible terms what we desire to see in the lives of individuals who come to us for support. The space MVF is utilizing was primarily used for storage over the last twenty years. As a result, it was in significant disrepair, and at first glance, a space not worthy of bothering with. When the process of renovation began, the appearance of the space actually got worse by most accounts, as elements that could not or should not be salvaged were removed. Once the old items were removed and cleaned up, there was room for new work/construction to begin. Some of the issues resolved would never be obvious by just glancing at the space. The transformation would have to be described. The end result (though not 100% complete at the moment) is something that takes the breath away from those who saw it in its former state. It is hard to believe that the new space ever looked as it once did. Our desire as a ministry is to be those people that see the potential in a person's life, rather than only seeing what's immediately in front of us, to have a vision of what extraordinary things God can do in their lives, and to walk alongside them in their process, even as it gets messy.

We are incredibly excited about this partnership and look forward to other partnerships with churches and ministries. In the near future, we will have an Open House for you to explore our new space, or you can give us a call and come by before that. Some "Before," "During," and "After" photos are displayed at the right.





Struggling with Homosexuality?

Discipleship & Support Program
(Taking Back Ground)
Begins Tuesday, October 7th



For More Information:

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Taking Back Ground is a two-year discipleship program designed for people struggling with homosexuality. The name is not arbitrary. Many times in life, the ground we walk on seems uncertain. We have lost our bearings, perhaps feeling driven, lost, or on an uphill climb that never summits. We may be walking where we were never intended to walk. Resting in Christ as our firm foundation is what we all long for. Yet the person struggling with homosexual desires has been told by the world at large that they must give in to those longings, that they will never be happy unless they do. Taking Back Ground creates an environment in which a person can step away from that lie and walk instead toward a redemptive God who will not reject them, no matter what the temptation. It allows them to "take back" their true identities in Christ as His sons and daughters.



*Want to learn more about
Mid-Valley Fellowship?
Struggling with homosexuality?
Have a loved one struggling?*

Teleconference Open Group

**A time for anyone impacted by or
concerned about homosexuality
to share and learn together.
Everyone is welcome.**

**Thursday, September 25th
7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Confidential
Join Us from Home**

**No Need to Sign-Up or Call Ahead
Simply Join Us on the 25th**

**Phone Number: 218-339-4300
Access Code: 812885#**



Pray With Us

Father, thank you for our new partnership with Wilamette Community Church, allowing another part of the vision you laid before us to be fulfilled. We are also incredibly grateful for the partnership with LifeSpring FourSquare Church over the last two years. Please bless them for their generosity.

We ask that you prepare our volunteer leaders for Taking Back Ground and move in the hearts of those who would benefit from the program.



**Second Annual
Benefit Dinner
October 25, 2008**

**Please Contact Us
for ways you can be a part**

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