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## welcome

We're glad you're here. We're a church made up of people from all walks of life who have found hope, healing, and meaning through the transformational love of Jesus. We hope this is a place where you will hear God's truth, experience His love and grace, and respond to Him with freedom.

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## what's next

Are you new to ENCOUNTER and wondering what's next? Join us for *NEXT*, this Sunday, May 20, 10:45 a.m., a one-hour overview of our mission and ministries, to help you determine your best next step. Meets in the Living Room (off of the patio/courtyard).  
Contact [next@encounterlife.org](mailto:next@encounterlife.org)

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## make a difference

### vbs volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed to help with kids, snacks, music, games, and Music Camp! VBS is June 25 – 29, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Sign-up at our table during weekend services. Contact Michelle, x239.

### kids' cove summer volunteers

Our regular early childhood and elementary teachers need a break! Volunteers are needed (one time or several times) during all services starting June 16 & 17. Fill out the bulletin insert and bring to CLC. Contact Leslie Lewey, 551-4908.

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## serve the city

### ACTION day of service

*ACTION DAY OF SERVICE* is coming Saturday, June 2. Join with hundreds of Christians all over Ventura County to serve our community with the love of Christ. Individuals, families, and small groups are encouraged to participate. Contact Don Cole, [don.cole@actionvd.org](mailto:don.cole@actionvd.org) or 987-0300. Learn more at [actionvc.org](http://actionvc.org)

### missionaries of the month

**Nate and Louise Johnson**  
*Cadence International*  
**Dick and Margaret Patty**  
*Cadence International*

### financial update

new update coming soon

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## gluten-free communion

Gluten-free communion is on the right side of the center communion table for those who are gluten-intolerant or have allergies.

## faith@home event

If you're a parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt, or uncle, and have a 5-year-old child, Kids' Cove invites you to a special event designed specifically for you and your child. A *Family Prayer Time* will be this Sunday, May 20, 10:45 a.m., Room 206. Contact Gloria, x252.

## partners in prayer

*Partners in Prayer* is a group open to anyone who would like to join in prayer for our 19 missionaries. Meets this Sunday, May 20, at 10:45 a.m., Room 302. Can't come but want to pray? Email [Ikeebler@encounterlife.org](mailto:Ikeebler@encounterlife.org) to receive a monthly prayer update.

## 520 funfest

Students, (middle, high school, and college) and parents are invited to a fun-filled evening, Sunday, May 20, 5:20 p.m., Youth Center. There will be a \$5 BBQ, games, inflatable obstacle course, and a live band. Contact Doug, x272.

## vacation Bible school

*Amazing Wonders Aviation* Vacation Bible School (VBS) is from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on June 25 – 29, for Grades K – 5. Register at our weekend services on the patio or [encounterlife.org](http://encounterlife.org), or the Children's Ministry Office, Mon – Thurs, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child. Invite your friends! Contact Michelle, x239.

## women's summer Bible study

Jesus told about a sower who planted a seed that yielded a hundred-fold harvest. *SEED* is a unique Bible study experience for those who long to dive deeply into the Scriptures. Join Priscilla Shirer as she relays six distinct spiritual principles. Begins July 9, Mondays, 7 – 9 p.m., Auditorium. Register, [encounterlife.org](http://encounterlife.org), or CLC.

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## happening now

### women of faith 2012

Looking for a great weekend away with other women? *Celebrate What Matters* with the *Women of Faith* tour coming to Anaheim, September 14 – 15. Discounted tickets are available for school teachers and military. Join the BFC group at [gps.womenoffaith.com](http://gps.womenoffaith.com), choose Find a Group, enter BFC and Ventura. Paid registrations are needed for 50 reserved floor seats by June 15. Contact Lori-An Wentling, 256-5562, or [lori-an@roadrunner.com](mailto:lori-an@roadrunner.com)

### honduras fall missions trip

Join us on an adventure that will change your world view! We've rescheduled our June trip to Honduras for Fall break, October 19 – 27. Details and application are posted at [encounterlife.org](http://encounterlife.org) under Global Missions. Contact Lori Hahn, [lhahn@encounterlife.org](mailto:lhahn@encounterlife.org)

### urbana 12 missions conference

Urbana 12's mission is to compel this generation to give their whole lives for God's global mission. It happens December 27 – 31 in St Louis, Missouri. College students and young adults are encouraged to attend. Contact Lori Hahn, [lhahn@encounterlife.org](mailto:lhahn@encounterlife.org) or 509-1974.

### former BFC pastor Roland Niednagel

Pastor Roland, now one of our missionaries, is recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor. The family needs our prayers and financial help, as the Lord leads. If you would like to help, make your check to BFC, and write on the offering envelope, not on the check, "Roland". You can keep up with Roland's progress on [Facebook.com/RolandsRecovery](http://Facebook.com/RolandsRecovery).

### this weekend at compass

Our food court special this weekend: Hawaiian BBQ, teriyaki chicken, or Hawaiian pork, macaroni salad, steamed rice, and cabbage.

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## prayer

Our prayer team is available following ENCOUNTER to pray with you (go to the Prayer Area in the back of the Auditorium). You can also write your prayer request on the card in the seat pocket and place it in the offering, or submit a request online at [encounterlife.org](http://encounterlife.org)

## encounterlife.org

Go to our website to sign up for IGNITE, our weekly update and e-bulletin about what's happening at ENCOUNTER. You can also download podcasts, submit prayer requests, register for events, give online, and learn about programs we offer.

## join the conversation

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[facebook.com/EncounterEDGE](http://facebook.com/EncounterEDGE)  
twitter: @encounter\_life

05.19.12 – 05.20.12  
weekend gatherings  
Saturday 6 p.m.  
Sunday 9 I 10:45 a.m.

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### first time visiting?

Fill out the INTRODUCE YOURSELF CARD

Stop by the Community Life Center and pick up a coupon for a FREE DRINK at *Compass* Coffee Bar & Media Center.

Right after ENCOUNTER today, link up with us for a quick *10 Minute Connection* next to our Community Life Center. Someone will be waiting there to welcome you!



Download a free QR app to your phone and scan to go to our website.

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## identity Ruth — Part 2

### *Discovering Life When All Seems Lost*

Pastor Daniel Hahn

Ruth 1:1-22

May 19/20, 2012

#### Much more than a historical story

- A \_\_\_\_\_ time (pun intended).
- A \_\_\_\_\_ story.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ decision.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ of tragedies.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ in the road.

#### Three responses:

1. Orpah's return to the past.
2. Ruth's declaration of faith.
3. Naomi's resignation into bitterness.

#### Three applications:

1. Honestly assess where your decisions are leading you.
2. Bravely take steps not to let your past dictate your future.
3. Humbly commit your way to God no matter how painful or frightening it may feel right now.

All scripture is taken from the New International Version unless otherwise indicated. CD's and DVD's of weekend messages are available at the media center located in *Compass*.

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encountering God  
encouraging each other  
engaging the world