

# Conferences, Events and Workshops

Starting  
Sept./Oct.

## **Life Skills** “Learning to Live, Learning to Love” course

### **Locations:**

Westgate-South Hills Community Church Campus, San Jose - Niola Cusati - 408-414-3049 or [Niola.Cusati@westgatechurch.org](mailto:Niola.Cusati@westgatechurch.org) or Judy Ruiz, 408-414-3034  
Morgan Hill Bible Church, Morgan Hill - Bill Berry, 408-706-4654  
Vintage Faith Church, Santa Cruz - Kim Lacy, 408-702-7418  
Grace Covenant Church, South San Francisco - Linda Stainthorp, 510-386-7299

*This is a 30-week course designed to improve your relationships with your spouse, family, co-workers, friends and yourself. Men and women attend separately, with 8-15 persons per class. Some of the curriculum includes: awareness and processing of feelings, childhood wounds, healthy boundaries, communication, anger management, breaking the shame cycle, love and family bonding, and learning to forgive.*

More information at <http://westgatechurch.org/care/life-skills/>

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## **CounselTalk Webinar through the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC):**

**Topic:** *Asperger's and Autism Across the Lifespan: Challenges, Strengths and Techniques from Childhood to Marriage*

**Time:** 3:00pm - 5:00pm PST. It is recommended to sign in at least 10 minutes early.

**CEUs:** 2

**Cost:** AACC members without CEUs get in free. Other pricing varies from \$10-\$30, depending on whether or not you are an AACC member and/or want CEUs.

**Speaker:** Stephanie C. Holmes, M.A.

Click [here](#) for more information about this course and [here](#) for information about AACC.

Participants will:

1. Learn about the stages of grieving and transitioning from the day of diagnosis to the impact the diagnosis has on everyday family life: How does ASD impact a family when a child is diagnosed? What about when a spouse is diagnosed later in life?
2. Explore challenges and issues spectrum teens face, including complex cases of co-morbidity of depression, anxiety, eating disorders, suicidal ideation, and gender identity dysphoria
3. Identify nuances and challenges in Aspie- Neuro-Typical marriages and strategies that are beneficial to working with this complex marriage issue

## **Sept. 18-19 Apologetics Conference**

**Theme:** “Reasonable Faith For a Skeptical World”

**Sponsored by:** [Biola University](#) and [Twin Lakes Church](#)

**Dates/times:** Sept. 18 from 6:30pm-9:00pm and Sept. 19 from 9:00am-12:30pm

**Featured speakers:** Sean McDowell (PhD), Paul Copan (PhD), Craig J. Hazen (PhD), and Paul Spurlock (MA)

**Location:** win Lakes Church (in Monschke Hall)

2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

**Cost:** One day \$20, both days \$30, \$35 at the door

**Register:** Register at the Twin Lakes Church lobby on weekends, the office on weekdays, or at [www.biola.edu/on-the-road/aptos](http://www.biola.edu/on-the-road/aptos).

**More info:** Contact [robin@tlc.org](mailto:robin@tlc.org) or 408-465-3381

*Learn to answer the tough questions from some of the leading Christian thinkers of our day. How do we respond to recent, huge cultural changes? Is there evidence for the Resurrection? Did God really command genocide? What do I say to skeptical attacks on the Bible? Get answers and gain confidence. Register today!*

## **Sept. 18-19 The Art of Marriage workshop**

**Dates/times:** Sept. 18 from 6pm-9:30pm and Sept. 19 from 9am-5:30pm

**Location:** [Valley Church](#), 10885 N. Stelling Rd., Cupertino 95014

**Cost:** \$30/person (if registered before Aug. 16), \$40/person after August 16, \$15/person for alumni registration (must have attended previously and have workbook. \$12/person boxed lunch (optional)

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## Sept. 18-19 **The Art of Marriage workshop (cont.)**

**RSVP:** Register at [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) - search: 'Art of Marriage Cupertino' and direct inquiries to the events hosts at [valleyaom@gmail.com](mailto:valleyaom@gmail.com).

*The Art of Marriage Event (by Family Life™ at [www.theartofmarriage.com](http://www.theartofmarriage.com)) is a video experience that combines dramatic stories, real-life testimonies, expert interviews, humorous vignettes, and other teaching methods to lay out God's design for marriage in a fresh, engaging way. Six dynamic sessions on the purpose of marriage, drift to isolation, roles, communication, romance and intimacy and the legacy of love.*

## Sept. 24 **The Arts of the Covenant monthly meeting**

**Sponsored by:** Menlo Park Presbyterian Church

**The Vision:** Christ in culture through the arts and media

**Meets:** Every fourth Thursday of the month

**Time:** 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Location:** Located near Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

950 Santa Cruz, Menlo Park 94025. We meet in room Fellowship Hall.

**Contact:** Belinda Lettieri at [belindalettieri@yahoo.com](mailto:belindalettieri@yahoo.com) or 650-328-5754

*The Arts of the Covenant is sponsored by Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. It is a group of people interested in exploring the intersection of Christian faith and the visual arts. Emerging and professional artists, art teachers, and art therapists who live throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area gather monthly for intellectual stimulation, spiritual nourishment, artistic development, and the opportunity to use art in ministry.*

## Sept. 24-26 **Upward: Mission Leaders Conference 2015**

**Sponsored by:** Missio Nexus - Connecting the Great Commission Community of North America

**Location:** Orlando, Florida

**RSVP:** [Register now](#) (Conference registration closes September 3, or sooner if attendee capacity is reached.)

*As much as ever, church and mission leaders must set their minds—and their strategic priorities—on things above, while boldly facing on-the-ground realities to advance the Great Commission in this generation and the next. Join them to look UPWARD as they address today's pressing leadership questions of complexity, legacy, diversity and adversity, plus learning and networking for executive leadership, globally engaged churches, mission finance and administration, short-term missions, personnel, women in leadership and more.*

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**Speaker:** Ron Hawkins, D.Min, Ed.D.

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