Celebrate through Singing	**Armando Rios and the Youth Band**
Rejoicing in Salvation - Communion Meditation	**Ryan Hunt**
Teaching from the Word	**Tim Wood**

The Life-Changing Word of God
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Stay and Pray – We invite you to come forward following the service.
Our Elders and Prayer Team will be waiting to pray with you

Sunday:	**Men's Bible Study and Prayer**	8:00 am
	Casa de Oracion	4:00 pm
	All Church Prayer Meeting (1st, 3rd 5th Sun)	6:47 pm
Tuesday:	**Student Ministries**	7:00 pm
Thursday:	**Intercessory Prayer**	9:00 am
	Women's Prayer Group	6:00 pm
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm

January 21-22, 2012

Music / Singing

Worship is our response to who God is. We encourage you to worship by singing out, lifting your hands, and clapping as the Holy Spirit leads you in praises and celebration.

Communion

Through communion we remember the sacrifice of Jesus. The bread represents Christ's body, broken on our behalf. The juice symbolizes His blood poured out for the forgiveness of our sins. We participate in communion to proclaim the Lord's death until He returns. All believers are invited to join us in the communion celebration.

Offering

Giving is an expression of worship to God from hearts that are grateful to Him. We return to God a portion of what He has blessed us with. We do so with joy and not from any obligation.

Prayer

If you would like our Elders or someone from our prayer team to pray with you, they are in the front of the room immediately after the service. God delights in the prayers of our hearts so come and pray this morning.

We invite you to stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift and information about the church. The Guest Card in the seat back is a way for you to communicate your needs, prayer requests, and any other message to us.

We have a dynamic Children's Ministry that can minister to the needs of your child in a well-supervised, child-friendly way.

Visit our hospitality area on the lawn between Sunday services for some refreshments and get to know the people of EVC.

Please remember to silence your cell phone during the worship service.

Offering **$ 13,491**

Sermon Notes January 21-22, 2012
Pastor Tim Wood

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1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

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Paul was thankful for three things:

1. The Word of God in us.

   - They received the Word.

   - The power of the Word.

     1 Peter 1:23 -

Luke 11: 28 –

2 Timothy 3:16 –

Psalm 119:105 –

Psalm 119:24 –

Psalm 119:54 –

John 15:3 –

John 17:17 –

- Welcoming the Word in my life (5 M's)

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2. The people of God around us.

3. The glory of God before us.

Small Group and Personal Bible Study
Pastor Dennis Hadley

Small Group Study: What does it mean to believe the Bible?

Opening Prayer: Father God, we thank you for everlasting Word to us and we ask you to take control of our hearts and our minds and allow Your Word to transform us by your love, making us more like you every day and giving us the strength to overcome all opposition. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

Memory - Meditation Verse: "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

Opening Discussion:

- How do you feel about reading the Bible?
- What challenges do you face regarding the teaching in the Bible?

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- In verse 13 what do you observe from Paul about the Bible?
- How do you receive the Word of God? (What does that mean?)
- Paul says the Bible is accepted not as human word but the Word of God. How would you explain that to someone else?
- What does it mean that the Word of God is "at work in you who believe"?
- After reading this entire passage, what was the result of accepting the Word of God for the people?
- What does this teach us about persecution for receiving the Word of God and being changed by God?
- Why does Satan and those who do his work want to keep us from speaking the Word of God?
- What promise is left to those who do believe, as Paul indicates in verse 20? How should that encourage you to proclaim the Word of God?

Closing Discussion:

- Can anyone share a story of inspiration about how a believer stood strong under opposition to his/her faith?
- Share with the group how God's Word has proven itself to you to be from God and not from human hands.

Close by praying for one another to receive
God's Word in trust and obedience.

Parenting A-Z Workshop: January 29th, 2012 11a-12p. Come explore what the Bible has to say about parenting, meet other parents. If you're a parent –this is for you! We will be meeting in the conference room during the second service. For more info, contact Pastor Ryan at ryan.hunt@evergreenvalleychurch.org.

Date Night: February 10th at 6:30 pm, bring your special someone to a special movie night here at EVC. We will have snacks, great fellowship and enjoy a film. Get a sitter and enjoy a date. For details and to get your free tickets please contact Pastor Ryan at ryan.hunt@evergreenvalleychurch.org.

Bible Quest: March 4th at 11am, come join Mike Lynch for a twelve week study on the history and veracity of the Bible as well as ways to observe, interpret and apply it to our lives. If you want to dig deeper, this class is for you!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

-Nursery, Preschool, Toddler teachers: All the lessons are ready, the kids are here….we just need you. Contact Amber at ahook@evergreenvalleychurch.org.
-Respite Day: February 4th 9am-3pm. We minister to families who are affected by disabilities and give the parents a break for a few hours. Come be a buddy to one of these children! Training, breakfast and lunch are provided! For more information please contact Irene Trapp at 408-204-8660 or oneachord@sbcglobal.net.

LADIES:

-Women connecting through Prayer at EVC
Sundays 8:00am led by Pam Wood
Thursdays 9:00am led by Claudia Hobbs and at 6:00pm led by Cecelia Lopez

MEN:

-Purity Class: We are so excited about what God has been doing in the lives of the men of EVC thru this study. Now it's your turn! Ready to claim your victory in Jesus? Ready to commit to nothing less than God's standard of purity?
Join us as we begin our next twelve week session Mondays February 6th at 7pm.

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Saturday Celebration Service	**5:00pm**
Sunday Pre-service Prayer	**8:00 am**
Sunday Celebration Services	**9 and 11 am**
Nursery (6wks - 23 months); Toddler (2 yrs - 3 yrs)	**9 and 11 am**
Preschool (4 yrs - 5 yrs)	**9 and 11 am**
Elementary (K - 5th Grade)	**9 and 11 am**
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