

FAITH & SPIRIT

Amador

Mt. Zion Assembly of God, Pine Grove

www.mtzionassembly.org

Sunday School, 9am. Service, 10:15am. Wed, 7pm, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, Bible Study. Kids Connection, Revolution. 13891 Cedar Pine Ln, Pine Grove. 296-5673.

Foothill Jewish Community

Sabbath service and social hour, third Saturday of every month at 10 am, Amador Senior Center, 229 New York Ranch Road. For info, call Sharyn 209-267-5254 or Lucille 295-4215.

Calvary Chapel

www.calvaryamador.org

Sunday Worship 830 (children's church), 1030am (Sunday school program); Teens, Sunday 530-730pm (JHS/HS). 18400 Ridge Rd., Pine Grove. UFC Wed night program, 5:45-7:45pm. Call 209-296-5961.

Calvary Ione Fellowship

www.ccione.org

Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. (held at the 7th Day Adventist Church 108 E Market St., Ione) Thurs, Evening Prayer: 6:30 p.m. Call 209-267-4031.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

www.stpatparish.org

Sat, 6pm; Sunday Mass, 8am & 11am; 12:30pm in Spanish. Daily Mass, 8am (except Saturday). Confessions: Sat, 3:00-3:30pm, 115 Court St., Jackson. 209-223-1068.

St. Bernard Catholic Church,

Saturday, 4:30 pm, Confessions by appointment, Plug at Immigrant St., Volcano.

Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church,

Sunday, 9:30 am, Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 am, Confessions by appointment, 26750 Tiger Creek Rd., Buckhorn, CA.

The Healing Word, a

Foursquare Gospel Church

Come, rest, and enjoy God as we learn about His hope for us. Sunday Church Service 10:30 AM. Wednesdays: 1:00pm Women's Bible Study; 5:00 pm Prayer Ministry; 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study. Food Bank food distribution, 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 12 Noon to 3 PM plus free clothing & soup every Thurs at 26675 Tiger Creek Rd., corner of Hwy 88 inside The Healing Word Church, Pioneer-Buckhorn. Call 209-295-8699. E-mail healing@volcano.net

Faith Lutheran Church,

Early Guitar Service, Traditional Liturgical worship, Adult classes/Sunday school. Nursery Care available. 22601 Hwy 88, Pioneer. 295-4545. David H. Solevad, Pastor.

Amador Christian Center,

16829 Latrobe Road, Plymouth, Office phone: (209) 245-3371.

Church of The Nazarene,

14050 Ridge Rd., Sutter Creek, Sunday Worship Times 8:30 & 11:00 am; Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am. For all ages. Infant and toddler care provided. Wednesday Night "Refill" Dinner at 5:30 p.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Worship and Ministries for

all Ages. Mark Lehman, Pastor. (209) 267-1307.

Cornerstone Church of Ione

www.cornerstoneione.org

Sunday School, 9am, Worship, 10am, 6pm. Church & Market Streets, Ione. 274-4131.

Church at the Cross,

Worship Service, 9:30 am - 10:45 am. Nursery provided for 3 years and under. Sunday School Classes (preschool through Adult) 11:00 am - noon. 21895 Homestead Road, Pine Grove, CA. 296-5075. www.pioneerchurch.net.

Foothill Jewish Community

meets on the third Saturday of every month at 10AM at the Amador Senior Center, 229 New York Ranch Road. All new and past members are welcome; refreshments served. For more info, call Sharyn Cunningham at 267-5254 or Lucille Shoenfeld at 295-4215.

Trinity Episcopal Church,

430 Hwy 49, Sutter Creek, CA.

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church

Come discover the true "New Testament Church." And, you don't have to be Serbian! Our worshipers do include Serbian "cradle" Orthodox, but also Greeks, Romanians, and Russians, as well as American converts. We are located at 724 N. Main St. in Jackson; we offer Divine Liturgy Sun at 10 a.m., Vespers Saturday at 6pm. Entrance of the Theotokos (Mother of God), with Festal Vespers on Thur, Dec 3 at 6 PM; Liturgy on the feastday, Fri, Dec 4 at 9 AM. Sun, Dec 6, the church celebrates the 115th anniversary of its founding, with Liturgy and a memorial service for Fr. Sebastian Dabovich and the church founders. A special bakalar luncheon will follow. The Feast of St. Nicholas is Sat, Dec 19. Nativity of Christ on Jan 7. Bookstore open every Sunday after lunch. Deacon Triva Paul leads the Book Club; we will meet after lunch on Dec 13 to continue our discussion of "The Early Church" by Henry Chadwick. Fr. Stephen Tumbas (209-245-3142) for more information.

New Life Christian Center

Breakthrough, young adults, Sunday 6pm. *Uturn*, youth 12-18, Fridays 7-10pm, food, games, positive message. 87 West Ridge Rd, Sutter Creek. 209-267-1263

Plymouth Pentecostal Church of God,

A place for games, food and hanging out with friends. Friday nights 6-8:30 PM, 18519 Poplar Street, Plymouth, CA (just off Highway 49 in Plymouth) Ages 12-18. For more info, call (209) 245-3140.

Sierra Baptist Church,

www.sierrabaptistpioneer.org. Sunday Worship: Sunday School- 9:45am; Morning Worship- 11am; Evening Worship- 6pm. Wed Prayer Service, 630pm. 26355 Buckhorn Ridge Rd., Pioneer. Pastor Gene Overstreet, 209-295-5395.

Sutter Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church

www.sutterhillsda.org Sat, 9:30 am, Bible study; Sat

Worship Service, 11:00 am. Mon evenings, 4pm, community free supper and food distribution. Wed evenings, 6pm prayer and praise service. K - 8 grades, Mon-Thurs, 830am to 330pm; Fri 830am - 1230pm. Pastor Myron Tait, 209-267-1456 cell: 712-9200. 12900 Ridge Rd, Sutter Creek.

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Morning Star Christian Fellowship, West Point

www.morningstarcf.com

A Foursquare Gospel Church; Sunday Service, Praise & Worship, 10am to 11:30am, Children's Church, 10:45am. Come as you are; all are welcome. Food closet. Pastors Bill and Andrea Smith, MSCF, 299 Main Street, West Point, CA. 209-293-7799.

First Baptist Church of West Point,

Sunday School, 9:30am, worship at 10:45am; evening worship at 6:00pm; Wednesday, Children's program, 6:00pm. Thursday, Bible Study and prayer at 6:00pm. Dr. Kenneth R. Terry, Pastor. 209-293-7207.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, WP

Bible Study, Thurs from 4:30 to 6PM. Saturdays, Mass 4-5 PM.

West Point Community Covenant Church

www.westpointcovenant.com

Sunday school 9:45am, Church Service 11am. Monday, Youth group, 7pm; Wed, NA meetings, 7pm; Thurs, AA meetings, 7pm. 22264 Highway 26, West Point (209) 293-4226.

Church of the Living Word,

West Point, 23717 Highway 26, West Point. Sunday- 9:00 a.m., Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Church Service. First Sunday of every month "Prayer Time" @ 5:00 p.m. Mon/Tues, 7:00 pm, 12 Step Recovery Group. Pastor Rod Landreth, 293-4366.

El Dorado

Bayside of Placerville

www.baysideplacerville.com

9-1015am, 1045-12pm; 530-626-7288. Senior Pastor Brian Lopez. 4602 Missouri Flat Rd., Placerville.

Christian Life Center of Pollock Pines

www.clcpollockpines.com. Sunday Services 1030 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pollock Pines

First Baptist Church of Pollock Pines

www.fbcfpp.com. Sunday Services, 830am and 1110am.

Camino Foursquare Church

www.caminochurch.com. Sunday services 10am. Get connected through Life Groups.

Faith Episcopal Church

www.faithec.org. Sunday Worship services, 730am, Eucharist, full services 9am & 11am.

El Dorado Community Church -

4701 Church Street. Sunday Service: 11:00am; Pastor Claude Dunn, contact: hunnibears@sbcglobal.net.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

There's No Such Thing as Too Many Hugs

Women especially understand the need for hugs at critical times in their lives. Seemingly equipped with an alarm that goes off the moment they are in need, they intuitively know they must reach out for support. One talented writer is doing her best to wrap her arms around every woman - one at a time - with her uplifting book, *Hugs Bible Reflections for Women* (Simon & Schuster).

Mindy Ferguson understands this need and the benefit of uplifting help, and although she can't personally hug each reader, she manages to do the next best thing with prose in her enchanting book.

What better time to introduce this book with the Holidays fast approaching, bringing their accompanying emotional mix of joy, sadness, love, pain, and loneliness. Since this compassionate author has made it her mission in life to help women, she has collected meaningful real-life stories during her nationwide speaking engagements that became the basis for *Hugs* - a collection that will tug at heartstrings with tales ranging from losing loved ones to destroyed financial dreams.

The message they offer is wisdom and understanding - that through the journey of these women came discovery about God's desire for each of our lives. During these tough economic times, it has become increasingly difficult to hang on to proper values and to search for God's guidance; however, as evidenced by Ferguson's insightful and inspiring book, 'don't ever underestimate the power of a hug' and responding by helping others.

When Jesus told parables or stories, His followers could grasp his message. Likewise, in the fifty-two inspiring lessons in *Hugs*, Ferguson uses real-life stories to enable women to find the work of God's words. Founder of Fruitful Word Ministries, a non-profit corporation dedicated to encouraging women of all denominations to better their lives through the study of



Author Mindy Ferguson. Courtesy Photo

God's word, she is recognized as an expert speaker who understands the special challenges that women face in this world of selfish ambition, and through her positive outlook she sees today's woes as simply an opportunity to promote wide-spread healing.

Visit Mindy Ferguson's inspiring website at: <http://www.fruitfulword.org>. Her writings have appeared in *Chicken Soup for the Mother of Preschooler's Soul*, the *P31 Woman* magazine, *Just Between Us* magazine, and the *One Year Life Verse Devotional*. Ferguson is the author of *Walking with God: From Slavery to Freedom*; *Living the Promised Life*, an in-depth Bible study for women.

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present. If you have good control over your attitude, the battle is half won. Some folks can be just about as miserable as they choose to be. I'm not diminishing genuine maladies, but how we deal with them is largely affected by our attitude. I suppose we all have at least one acquaintance who has a negative personality -- everything is wrong with everything. Phil. 2:5 says, "Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had." Jesus' life is a good attitude pattern for us to follow -- be a copycat! In Romans 14 we read these words, "17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God. And other people will approve of you, too."

Morning Star Christian Fellowship



A Foursquare Gospel Church

Sunday Services:

10:00 AM Service
10:45 AM Children's Church

Midweek:

7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Home Group



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Balance in doctrine as well as in lifestyle