

Upcoming Events

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MINISTRY HUDDLE THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Just a reminder for our volunteer leaders—we're looking forward to seeing you this **Sunday night at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall**. We'll be reconnecting with you and going over upcoming events at the church. See you there!

BEAUTIFUL DAY—COATS FOR THOSE IN NEED



One of our Beautiful Day projects this year is

to collect coats for the homeless and for families that simply don't have the means to buy warm clothing this winter. If you have some spare coats (clean preferred, for both children and adults) or are able to buy some, please drop them off in the bins that are located around the church. Join us in this effort for compassion unleashed on our community through the "Coats of Grace" project. The bins will be available through November 15. For more information, please contact Dennis Conte (dconte_007@me.com or 408.267.0505).

VENTURE CALENDAR ONLINE



Curious where the class you wanted to take is located on campus... or what time it starts... or who the contact

is? Want to know all the activities that are happening at the church today? Visit our online calendar at VentureChristian.org. Click on any event on the calendar page and the details will pop up. It's that easy. Or, click on the "Events Today" tab and see all the activities taking place that day.

WOMEN'S MISSIONS BANQUET

"God's Spirit Ignited Here, There, Everywhere." The annual Women's Missions Banquet will be a **wonderful evening as we hear from Theresa Ingram and our precious missionaries.**



Come and join us **Friday, November 13 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Tickets are now on sale after the services at the Information Center. The cost for this reserved seating is \$14 for adults and \$10 for students. For more information contact Karina Luzod (kluzod@hotmail.com).

YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Youth Basketball season for 1st-6th graders is January 16 - March 20, 2010. The cost is \$125 if you **register by November 1** and \$150 if you register November 2-14. Get your registration form online at VentureChristianSports.org or at the church office during the week. For more information, call Tammy Quigley in the Sports Office (408.997.4636).

ADULT MINISTRIES

Sundays at Venture—



For information on classes available Sunday mornings, pick up a *Sundays at Venture* brochure at the Information Center. Following are some

highlights of classes we offer:

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Act II* (Room 216).

Leaders: John and Gwen White (408.224.8405); Kevin and Sandee DeBella (408.421.8411). This is a friendly group of men and women who grew up in the 60s, 70s, and early 80s. Our kids are graduating from school, and our retirement is on the horizon. Single or married, we all face these and many other changes in our lives. Not old enough to get the “Senior Discount” but too old to do the things of our youth... we are definitely in transition. Looking to make lasting friendships in this part of your life? Then the Act II group is for you. Join us for fun, fellowship, and applying the teachings of the Bible to our daily lives.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: *Spectrum* (Room 216).

Leader/Teacher: Wayne Niblack. Spectrum is a class for a wide range of ages, from middle school through adult. We begin each week with a time of singing (mostly hymns), a prayer time, and then a Bible lesson.



We alternate studying Old Testament and New Testament books and are currently

in I Timothy. We enjoy having guest missionary and ministry speakers; our main social events are class potlucks.

Adult Elective Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9.15am: *Improv* (Room 211).

Facilitators: Aaron and Holly Carmichael. This is a friendly group desiring in-depth, interactive Bible study. Each week, the study is facilitated by a rotating team of couples using the Serendipity Bible as well as commentaries and other discussion materials. True to its name, Improv emphasizes interactive discussion and fellowship. The current study is the Book of Acts.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The **November Global Ministries Prayer Calendar** is available at the Information Center. Bless our missionaries through individual prayer throughout the month.

HEALING MINISTRIES

GriefShare: This support group for those grieving the death of a loved one meets Mondays from 7-9pm in Room 219. There is a \$15 fee for the session (workbooks included). Childcare is not provided during the support meeting. **Surviving the Holidays—sponsored by GriefShare will be Saturday, November 14 from 9:30am-noon in Fellowship Hall.**

This is a helpful and encouraging seminar for those facing the holidays after a loved one’s death. To register please contact Anne (408.997.0713 or anne47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net). There is no charge for this event. No childcare will be provided.

Celebrate Recovery: Join us and discover how God uses this program to heal us from our “hurts, habits, and hang-ups.” We meet every Friday night at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Arrive early (6:00pm) and enjoy

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a weekly barbecue in the front parking lot. For more information, contact CR (408.997.4641 or CR@venturechristian.org).

DivorceCare “Surviving the Holidays” seminar: If you are separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful, and depressing time. But there’s hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new ways to enjoy them again. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am for a Continental Breakfast with Griefshare. Regular DivorceCare meetings are Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 217-218. Contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

Joyful Rebounders: If you are a woman who has found herself “alone again” after a divorce or the death of a spouse, then this group is for you! For details, contact Sybil Ruggles (408.356.8860).

LOCAL OUTREACH



Beautiful Day Meeting Monday, November 2 at 7:30pm in Common Ground: If you are interested in leading or taking part in any of the projects for Beautiful Day this year, please attend this informational meeting. For more information, please contact Dennis Conte (dconte_007@me.com or 408.267.0505).

There is H.O.P.E. (Healing Of Post Abortion Emotions): Community Pregnancy Center invites you to be

our guest at a HOPE Retreat for Bible study and a time of healing for women who have had an abortion in the past. Our next retreat is scheduled for November 14-15. Register online at www.mycpc.org or contact Shirley at Hope@mycpc.org.

MEN’S MINISTRY

The Herd Men’s Ministry Tuesday Night Bible Study: Men, are you “all in” for Christ? Come join *The Herd* Tuesdays at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. This fall we are studying the Book of Matthew. This comprehensive Tuesday night Bible study is for men who desire a stronger knowledge of the Bible and its application to their lives. For more information, contact John White (408.224.8405). Come run with *The Herd!*

SPORTS (Adult)

Open Tennis for all Adults: Join us **Wednesdays from 6-8pm** and **Sundays at 4pm** at **Leland High School** (6677 Camden Ave). Please contact Stephanie Dunkle (408.226.8714 or shepainsalot@yahoo.com). *(Please call before heading out to make sure someone will be at the court.)*

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle School: Join us this Tuesday night, November 3, at 7pm for a non-scary-post-Halloween-costume-party. NO horror costumes, please. We will be starting the night out with baptisms. For more information, contact Rob Walter (408.997.4660).

High School: Come serve the poor and homeless for a weekend service experience. We are only an hour drive from the city with the largest percentage homeless population in the country, and there are huge needs and great opportunities to serve as

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we partner with local ministries and organizations. The cost is \$130. Sign up on Sunday or Tuesday. A \$30 deposit is required at sign up. For more information, contact Dave Molchan (408.997.4661).

College: Join us Saturdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

New to Venture and looking for a women's Bible study? Pick up a brochure at the Information Center.

New Women's Bible study: Precept study of Matthew (chapters 14-28) **begins Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm in Room 240.** Contact Carole Reed (356-0182) by November 3 to obtain a workbook.

Venture Prayers & Squares (quilting ministry) meets the second Tuesday of each month. Find more information on this and other Women's Ministry programs on the Women's page at VentureChristian.org.

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AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT



We provide care packages for troops serving overseas. Stop by Room 213 on

Sunday mornings to see our pictures, find out what items to donate or add new soldiers to our list. For more details, contact John and Millie Evans (408.267.2363).

VENTURECHRISTIAN.ORG—IT'S A GREAT RESOURCE!

If you need any information about Venture, would like to listen to the weekend messages, like donating online, or want to see Venture's calendar—visit VentureChristian.org. It's an easy way to stay connected and get many of your questions answered.

OFF-SITE PARKING

Park off-site and enjoy shuttle service to the Worship Center. There is parking along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road and we provide shuttle service to and from the church from 6:45-9:15am, 10:15-11:00am, and 12:15-1:30pm. It's a great way to free up more spaces on campus for visitors!

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join the Thursday Prayer Team from noon to 1pm in Common Ground as we pray about topical issues for our country and leaders.

RESOURCE CENTER IN COMMON GROUND

Venture has a growing Resource Center in Common Ground, and we now have the current series, "Your Divine Design," available for purchase as well. Check it out this weekend and enjoy a free beverage if you stop by between the 9:15 and 11am services.

VENTURE SMALL GROUPS

Venture's small group community is growing and thriving. It's a safe place to come share your victories and your burdens... and learn what it means to grow deeper in your relationship with God. If you would like more information on getting involved in a small group, visit VentureChristian.org or contact Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644).

WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES:
Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00am.