

## Upcoming Events

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### FAITH PROMISE 2010

- **FRI., NOV. 13—Women's Missions Banquet** (sorry, we're sold out).
- **SAT.-SUN., NOV. 14-15**
  - ▶ **Special guests:** Matthew Cork, Dr. Minas Hiruy, Joshua D. Youssef.
  - ▶ **Beautiful Day Projects**
- **FAITH PROMISE WEEKEND**

**Special Guests:** Dr. Markos Zemedo and Greg Gripentrog.

### BEAUTIFUL DAY PROJECTS

- **Coats of Grace:** We're collecting coats for the homeless and those in need. Bins will be located around the church until November 21.
- **Food of Mercy:** Food will be collected for local food banks and for CityTeam meal kitchens until November 21.
- **Adopt-a-Creek:** We've adopted two sections of the Los Alamos Creek that feeds Almaden Lake and there is a very popular walking path that parallels the creek. The Creek segments that Venture has adopted are from Mazzone Dr. to Fleetwood Dr. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the creek.
- **Better Homes Project:** The Los Altos House is scheduled for renovation on the Beautiful Day work day, Saturday, November 14 beginning at 8:00am. Volunteers who love to landscape are encouraged to sign-up at [www.beautifuldayvcc.org](http://www.beautifuldayvcc.org) or contact BD

Volunteer coordinator Kim Byler ([kmunozbyler@gmail.com](mailto:kmunozbyler@gmail.com)).

Let's get out and make a difference in our community. For more information on Beautiful Day, visit [OurBeautifulDay.org](http://OurBeautifulDay.org). For information on Venture projects, contact Dennis Conte ([dconte\\_007@me.com](mailto:dconte_007@me.com) or 408.267.0505).

### HELP CHANGE A LIFE— SPONSOR A CHILD!

In partnership with Venture, the Heeraraa School Sponsorship Program provides teachers, supplies, uniforms, and a hot meal six days a week for children in a very rural area of Ethiopia. It's grown from 50 to 300 children... and with your help, we can sponsor all of these children. To meet that goal, we need 90 more sponsors. It's only \$25 per month or \$300 per year. Stop by the sponsorship table to "adopt" your child. For more information, contact Sherry Mason (408.410.4743 or [samason500@aol.com](mailto:samason500@aol.com)). Thanks in advance for your help in this outreach!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Start your Christmas shopping and giving season in a good way by providing a shoe box of hope and joy. Stop by the table in the patio area to get information and a box. You can drop your box off November 20 or 21. Contact Joyce Tsang (408.265.1858) for more information.

## 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: *Early Risers*

**(Room 214).** Leaders: Carl Schultz and Jim Staehs. Start your day of worship and fellowship sharing the Word with one another in an open forum. The class is currently studying Peter 1 & 2.

### Life Community Focus of the Week— Sundays at 11am: *Focus (singles 50+)*

**(Room 217).** Leader: LeRoy Eikanas. Teacher: Bert Dollahite. The current study is Romans. The group focus is single adults (never married, divorced, widowed) but all adults (including married couples) are welcome to attend the class.

### Adult Elective Focus of the Week— Sundays at 9:15am: *Blended Families*

**(Ranch House).** Leader: Frank and Bev Buxton. Blended families are a fact today that we mustn't ignore. They have very special needs. Join us for this video study by Dr. Kevin Leman to help bring peace and harmony to families who have been joined together through remarriage.

**Bible Study Memory Class:** Join us for this Bible memorization and accountability group on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45pm in the LGCS Teacher's Lounge. For more information, please contact Jason Kellar (408.493.0729 or jkellar08@gmail.com).

## 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. For more information, please contact Anne (408.997.0713 or anne47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net).



**Surviving the Holidays: GriefShare and DivorceCare will be joining together for this DVD seminar, Saturday, November 14 from 10am-noon in the Fellowship Hall.** If you are separated or divorced, or grieving the death of a loved one, 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. 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.

## Ministry News (cont.)

**DivorceCare** is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Join us Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 217-218. Contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or [bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net)).

**Venture's Celebrate Recovery Moving to FCC:** Venture's CR Friday night ministry is transitioning to a partnership with Family Community Church, so the Friday meetings will no longer be held at Venture. Wednesday 12-Step groups will continue at Venture. FCC's group meets on Fridays at 7pm in their "Café." Childcare is provided through 5th grade. For more information, contact Mindy Scratch (408.365.0313).

**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

**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](http://www.mycpc.org) or contact Shirley at [Hope@mycpc.org](mailto: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 the 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

**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 [shepaintsalot@yahoo.com](mailto:shepaintsalot@yahoo.com)). *Please call before heading out to make sure someone will be at the court.*

**Youth Basketball: It's not too late to sign up. The deadline is November 14** when the rating clinic will be held. The season for 1st-6th graders will run January 16 through March 20, 2010. The cost is \$150. Print your registration form online at [VentureChristianSports.org](http://VentureChristianSports.org) or pick one up at the church office during the week. For more information, call Tammy Quigley in the Sports Office (408.997.4636).

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Middle School:** We will be going to Sharks Ice (formerly Logitech Ice) for ice skating on November 25 from 7-10pm. The cost is \$20. For more information, contact Rob Walter (408.997.4660).

**High School:** Venture High School students will be reaching out December 4-6 to the poor and homeless in San Francisco for a weekend service experience. Though it's only an hour away, it's often considered the homeless capital of the U.S. Help us love those in need... get all the details at [VentureStudents.org](http://VentureStudents.org) or contact Dave Molchan (408.997.4661).

## Ministry News (cont.)



**College:** We're here to be real, authentic people, going through the ups and downs of life together and truly seeking how to live life in a way that best reflects Jesus. 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 7pm in Room 240.** Contact Carole Reed (356-0182) by November 3 to obtain a workbook.

## Church News

### AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We're updating the lists of those we send packages to; please give us names and addresses of family and friends who are serving overseas. Also, please remember to tell us when they return home from assignment so gift boxes are not wasted. Stop by Room 213 to drop off any gift items you wish to contribute or pick up a list of gift suggestions. Thank You for your continued support! 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](http://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. Park along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road and take our shuttle 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!

### CHECK OUT VENTURE'S LIBRARY

Stop by our library next to the kitchen. It's a great free resource!

### 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

Find life change in Venture's small groups. They're a great place to share your victories and your burdens... and learn what it means to grow deeper in your relationship with God. For more details on Venture small groups, visit [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org) or contact Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644).

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