

Upcoming Events

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FAITH PROMISE 2010

This weekend we conclude our Faith Promise challenge and welcome back **Lance Witt**, along with **Dr. Markos Zemed**, founder of Horn of Africa Mission, and **Greg Gripentrog**, President of OC International providing leadership to over 450 missionaries worldwide.

Pray – Promise – Participate. Please be sure to submit your commitments this weekend! Our Goals: 100% Participation & \$850,000. Thank you for your heart for the lost and hurting... here, there, and everywhere.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—FINAL WEEKEND

Thank you so much to all of you who have already dropped off your Christmas boxes for needy children around the world. This is the last collection weekend at Venture. After this Sunday, please take your boxes to an OCC drop off location. Visit SamaritansPurse.org to find the closest location. For more information, contact Joyce Tsang (408.265.1858).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO OUR COATS AND FOOD DRIVE



This is the last weekend to drop items off in the bins.

The bins will be available through this Sunday afternoon. Thanks so much for helping us to make a difference

for those who are cold and hungry this winter. For details, contact Dennis Conte (dconte_007@me.com or 408.267.0505).

BEAUTIFUL DAY—A GREAT SUCCESS!

What a great success Beautiful Day was this past Saturday thanks to all of you who rolled up your sleeves and helped us complete two of our projects. Our Beautiful Home project



“The Los Altos House” landscaping clean up helped an older couple meet local codes,

and we received great praise by both local residents and those on the trail



for the Los Alamitos Creek clean up. It was great to see you demonstrating r12 Mobilization

here in our own community! To see more “before and after” pictures, visit BeautifulDayVCC.org.

YOUTH BASKETBALL UPDATE

We had a great turnout for the rating clinic last Saturday with almost 250 kids signed up for our winter session. A big thanks goes to all of you who have stepped up to coach, referee, keep score, and all those other details that make these games so great. For more information on Venture’s Sports ministry, visit VentureChristianSports.org.

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: *GPS—Growth, People, Service (Room 224)*.

Leaders: Frank and Rhonda Teruel. “Know Your Path!” Where are you headed in your life journey? We are a group of all ages who are growing together, encouraging each other, having a blast, and serving our church and community. Everyone is welcome. Join us as we venture through God’s Word together. Check us out at www.venturegps.org.

Life Community Focus of the Week— Sundays at 11am: *New Horizons (Room 218)*.

Leaders: Joe and Faye Viskovich. Come join this exciting mid-sized community as we pursue God’s divine purpose for our lives and the steps necessary to achieve our mission as believers. We begin with a time of fellowship, light refreshments, and prayer; we are currently studying 1 John. This group is open to adults of all ages and all levels of spiritual growth.

Adult Elective Focus of the Week— Sundays at 11am: *Men On The Move (Room 219)*.

Leader: Ron Canty. Want to dig a little deeper into the weekend sermons? This class will review the sermons from the previous week, discuss some of the issues and how they apply to you. It’s a great way to take the next step and begin to apply what you have learned each week. Open to all men.

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).



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).

Venture’s Celebrate Recovery Friday nights now at FCC: Venture’s CR Friday night ministry has combined with Family Community Church, so the Friday meetings are now being held at FCC. The Wednesday 12-Step groups will continue at Venture to complete their nine-month commitment. 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).

Ministry News (cont.)

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).

MEN’S MINISTRY

The Herd Men’s Ministry Tuesday Night Bible Study: Join us Tuesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall; we’re currently studying the Book of Matthew. For more information, contact John White (408.224.8405). Come run with *The Herd!*

The Herd’s Jonathan Group: Find



strength to live up to the calling God has given you. God never

intended for you to go through life alone. Even King David, a man after God’s own heart, needed Jonathan in his life. The Jonathan Group meets in small groups of 2-3 every Tuesday from 6-7pm in Room 215. For more information, contact Joe Rechenmacher at (408.265.4626).

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

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 or contact Dave Molchan (408.997.4661).



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 Sundays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Look for new Women’s Bible studies coming in January. If you would like more information on Women’s activities, visit the Women’s page at VentureChristian.org or contact Venture Women’s Pastor, Tricia Christenson (408.997.4640).

Church News

NEXT MINISTRY HUDDLE— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

VENTURE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 26-27

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

Join us in supporting our troops serving overseas. If you know of someone serving whom you'd like to include or who have now returned, please stop by Room 213 during the Sunday services to update our list. You can also pick up a list of gift suggestions or drop items off. For more details, please contact John and Millie Evans (408.267.2363).

CHECK OUT VENTURE'S LIBRARY

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

► **On the shelf this week:** **The Strength of His hand** by Lynn Austin. The legacy Hezekiah has established as one of Judah's great leaders is threatened; his beloved wife,



Hephzibah remains barren. Desperate to provide a successor to her husband's throne, Hephzibah makes a forbidden pact with the fertility goddess Asherah. Feeling repulsed and betrayed by her act of idolatry, Hezekiah destroys the pagan shrine. But in his rage, he himself is critically injured. As Hezekiah struggles to redeem his wife and save his nation, the aged prophet Isaiah arrives with divine instructions for the king to put his house in order and choose a successor. With his life—and the future of his kingdom—hanging in the balance, Hezekiah once more cries out to the Lord.

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 sign up for our weekly news email—visit VentureChristian.org. It's an easy way to stay connected and get many of your questions answered.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

Has God given you a burden to pray? We're starting a new pre-service prayer group to cover the pastors, the worship leaders and the body in prayer and to ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit. Join us anytime during each session on Saturday from 4:15-5pm and Sunday from 10:15-11am in the Prayer Room (follow the signs at the top of the ramp). For more information, please contact Judy Porter (408.480.4029 or judy@portermarais.com). *"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* Matthew 18:20

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.

VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

Venture has a growing Resource Center in Common Ground (just across the patio from the Worship Center). If you would like to purchase the "Your Divine Design" DVD series or other titles, stop by after the service. Enjoy a free beverage if you stop by between the 9:15 and 11am services.

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