

Coming Soon



CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

**EASTER CELEBRATION**

**Next weekend (April 10-12)**

Join us next Friday for our Good Friday service and next Saturday or Sunday for Easter Celebration services. Child care up to 5th grade will be available at all services except the 8:00am service which will have care for up to 5 years.

**We are also asking our members and regular attenders to Worship One and Serve One.** Please fill out the volunteer sheet included with this bulletin and turn it in to an usher or at the Information Center today.

Easter Weekend Service times:

- **April 10: Good Friday services** at 5:00 and 6:30pm
- **April 11-12: Easter services** Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am

**HUNT**

**Next Saturday, April 11, at 1:30pm at Jeffrey Fontana Park.** We are looking forward to serving our local community by providing a safe setting for families to enjoy a traditional Easter egg hunt. Please join us with your family and friends! **HELP us stuff plastic eggs this Sunday (April 5) at 12:30pm in Common Ground.** Volunteers are welcome the day of the event. We

need help with basic set-up and hospitality the day of the event. Arrive between 12 noon and



12:30pm at Jeffrey Fontana Park. There will be approximately 250 people attending the event; this is a wonderful opportunity to meet our "neighborhood community" and let them know we are there to bless them. If you can help us on Saturday, April 11, please contact Rob or Sarah Berrett (rkberrettinc@aol.com or 268-1870).



**WEEKEND TO REMEMBER**

**May 1-3 at the Santa Clara Marriott** Marriage is defined by memories. They can be memories of joy and fulfillment or pain and heartbreak. It all depends on how well you apply the principles that make marriage thrive. The *Weekend to Remember* conference has been helping couples create the kind of memories that build a healthy marriage.

Registration is open to individuals, couples, or groups. Register today online at [familylife.com](http://familylife.com) or after weekend services at the Family Life registration table on the patio. For more information, please contact Deb Omori (997-4614; [domori@venturechristian.com](mailto:domori@venturechristian.com)).

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PALM SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER



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BECAUSE OF LOVE

CELEBRATE

Palm Sunday Weekend

APRIL 4-5

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Good Friday

APRIL 10

5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Easter Weekend Celebration

APRIL 11-12

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

## HUNT! Saturday • April 11th @ 1:30pm

A SAFE SETTING FOR FAMILIES  
TO ENJOY A **FREE** TRADITIONAL  
**EGG HUNT!**

LOADED WITH LOTS OF  
**CANDIES AND PRIZES!**

### JEFFREY FONTANA PARK

CORNER OF GOLDEN OAK WAY & MCABEE ROAD



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### LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Are you new to VCC? The final "Let's Get Acquainted" class will be held on Sunday, April 19, at 10:45am in the Conference Room. This is a great opportunity to learn about Venture

Christian Church, to meet some of our ministry leaders, and to ask questions. Please join us as Pastor Galen hosts this informative session. For more information, please contact Tammy Quigley (997-4636 or [tquigley@venturechristian.org](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

## Ministry News

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Vacation Bible School:** Superheroes of the Faith...coming **June 22-25** to Venture. This **4-day program** will run from 9:00am to noon, **Monday through Thursday**. VBS is for kids who have completed kindergarten - 4th grade. Mark your calendar now—you won't want to miss it! Stay tuned for more details.

**Hume Lake Wagon Train—July 12-18:** This overnight camp is an incredible experience for kids who have completed 3rd or 4th grade. There are still some spaces available but space is limited. The cost is \$475; \$150 deposit is due at registration. For more information, contact the KidVenture office (997-4645).

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** Are you a mom with little ones who is looking to meet other moms with little ones? MOPS II is a great way to get connected. Registration for Fall 2009 begins in May. For more information, contact Kristi (266-0404).

### ADULT MINISTRIES

**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 current focus is the Book of Isaiah). Great discussions, continental breakfast, and many laughs.

**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am: *Focus (singles 45+)*** (Room 216). Leader: Bert Dollahite. The current study is Romans. The group focus is single adults (never married, divorced, widowed) but all are welcome.

**Aspire Singles Ministry (*singles ages 25-35*)—Sundays at 7:00pm:** We are moving our meetings to a new location: 745 Azule Avenue, San Jose. Visit our Web site for more details: <http://aspireingles.googlepages.com/>.

### GLOBAL MINISTRIES

**April Global Ministries Prayer Calendars** are now available in the lower foyer at the Information Center. Please pick one up and pray for our missionaries.

**Globe Project:** this is the final weekend to turn in your banks at the table on the patio for Hope Enterprises Feeding Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. You can always drop them off at the church office during the week. If you are writing a check for the project, be sure to put "Globe Project" on the memo line.

**Ethiopia Team Meeting:** This Sunday, April 5, at 1:00pm. Contact Jack Elwell (337-5389; [jack.elwell@gmail.com](mailto:jack.elwell@gmail.com)) for location.

**"God Talk" kiosk at Oakridge Mall through April 10:** This is the last week to be a part of the "God Talk" kiosk at the Oakridge Mall. God is doing an

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amazing work through this ministry; we have spoken to approximately 250 people about Jesus and have had the privilege of seeing 25 people accept Jesus as their Savior. Also, word is getting out, and more and more churches across the country are looking into kiosks for their local malls. Please continue to pray for this ministry. For more details, contact Rich and Charlene Sevcik (354-3966).

### LOCAL OUTREACH

**Walk for Life:** The Community Pregnancy Center *Walk for Life/Charged Up for Life 5K run* is Saturday, May 16, at Almaden Lake Park-Arroyo Picnic site. You can make a difference by walking two miles or running a 5K. For information and to register, contact Liz Nunez (265-0482). You can also join the VCC TEAM and collect pledges online by registering at <http://friends.mycpc.org>. For actual pledge forms, contact Toni (229-9836).

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Special upcoming event!

Don't miss the riveting testimony and moving songs by independent artist Sylvia Lange! She'll be sharing at the Celebrate Recovery meeting on Friday night, April 24.

As someone who lived for years looking like she had it all together, Sylvia will share how keeping secrets ate away at her very soul. With class and discretion, yet refreshing honesty, Sylvia shares how God's grace quite literally saved her from herself.

For more information, please visit [www.sylvialange.com](http://www.sylvialange.com).

Find freedom from your hurts, hang-ups, and habits every Friday night. The barbecue begins at 6:00pm in the parking lot, followed by a powerful message at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

April's schedule:

- April 10—Good Friday; meet in the Worship Center
- April 17—"Moral" by John Todd
- April 24—Special music and testimony by Sylvia Lange

For details, contact CR (997-4641; [CR@venturechristian.org](mailto:CR@venturechristian.org)).

### MEN'S MINISTRY

**The Men's Bible Study** is Tuesday nights at 7:00 in Common Ground. We're currently studying the Book of Hebrews. For information, please contact John White (224-8405 or [johnwhitecpa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnwhitecpa@sbcglobal.net)).

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

**High School Car Rally:** Drivers wanted! We need adult drivers for our annual Car Rally to be held on Friday, May 1 from 7:00-11:00pm. If you are interested in driving and helping with our biggest event of the year, please contact Dave Molchan at 997-4661 or [dmolchan@venturechristian.org](mailto:dmolchan@venturechristian.org).

**Senior House Boat Trip (May 15-17):** Sign up today. The cost is \$150 (deposit \$25 non-refundable/transferable).

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**New to Venture and looking for a women's Bible study?** Stop by the Information Center and ask for the latest Bible study brochure.

**New Tuesday night women's Bible study:** "*Stepping Up*," a Beth Moore study of the 15 Psalms of Ascent (Psalm 120-134). Join us on this pilgrimage going up these 15 steps into the heart of God. Seven-week study begins April 7 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Contact Carole Reed if you have questions (356-0182).

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**Venture Women's Retreat:** May 15-17, 2009 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center featuring, "Under Construction: Built Up in Him" with speaker, CJ Rapp. You don't want to miss this special time away with other ladies from Venture. Sign up in the upper foyer after all services. Check, cash, or credit card accepted. If you have any questions, contact Kay McCloskey (356-2050 or [jkmccloskey@msn.com](mailto:jkmccloskey@msn.com)). Brochures are available in the upper foyer.

### Women's Retreat Scholarship

**Donations:** Are you able to financially help someone attend Women's Retreat? Each year, we have many ladies and college gals who would

love to attend but can't without your help. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help, please mark your gift "Women's Retreat Scholarship" and give to Tricia Christenson or Kay McCloskey. Thank you!

### July 10-11—Women of Faith

**San Jose—HP Pavilion:** Tickets will be on sale soon. Visit [womenoffaith.com](http://womenoffaith.com) for more details or contact Sandee DeBella (421-8411 or [sdebella@cityteam.org](mailto:sdebella@cityteam.org)).



## Church News

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are going to start taking photos for an upcoming church directory and are looking for the following volunteer positions:

- amateur photographers to take church family photos
- data entry persons to input photos into the church database
- data collections persons to get release information to use personal information in the directory

If you are able to help, please contact Deb Omori in the Connections and Hospitality Ministry (997-4614; [domori@venturechristian.org](mailto:domori@venturechristian.org)).

### PRAYER

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm. We're moving to a new room (stop by the church office for new location). This week's prayer focus: Prayer to intercede for our nation before God - 2 Chronicles 7:14:

1. For God's protection and presence upon the military troops serving our country. (Psalm 91)
2. For God to intervene and thwart the governments's plan to remove the "Conscience Clause" for medical professionals and allow it to remain in effect so that doctors and nurses do not have to participate in abortions. (Psalm 139:13-16)

### PROJECT IRAQ

The Easter packages will be packed on April 9. Please bring baked goods in as close to this date as possible. Remember, no more chocolate, this time of year it will arrive a gooey mess (donation barrels are in Common Ground). For more information, contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363).

**\*\*Intercessor Prayer Lists** for our church family are available at the Information Center.\*\*