

## MEET VENTURE'S STAFF

### Who is Lance Witt?



Lance Witt serves as one of the key players of Venture's Teaching Team. Prior to founding Replenish (a ministry to refresh and refocus the inner lives of pastors), Lance served as Executive/

Teaching Pastor at Saddleback Church. He led Saddleback's Spiritual Growth Campaigns, such as 40 Days of Purpose and 40 Days of Community. His broad spectrum of ministry experience, his strategic thinking gifts, and his passion for spiritual formation give him a unique ability to peer into the soul of a leader and the soul of a church. Lance has been married to his wife, Connie, for 30 years and they have two married children.

### "GOD TALK" AT THE MALL



Have you ever been walking through the mall, weaving in and out of all those busy shoppers, then paused and thought, "I wonder how many of these people know God?" What a great place for outreach! That's why the "God Talk" kiosk will be up all the month of August for "back to

school" shoppers...and we're looking for *you* to help us run it. Training is scheduled for this Sunday, July 26 at 12:30pm in Room 212/213. Join us for training after the last service on Sunday and sign up for a three hour shift.

### BECOME A SMALL GROUP HOST



Break through the clutter in your spiritual life. Take time this fall to concentrate on what really matters. Become

a small group host. At Venture, we believe that life change happens in community. That's why we want to give you the opportunity to host a small group this fall. If you've never facilitated a group before, don't worry! We have all the tools and coaching you need to get started. If you have a willing heart, DVD player and coffee pot, you'll be prepared to host a small group this fall with *The Miracle of Life Change* DVD series by Chip Ingram.

Interested? Then simply pick one of the following six host training dates:

- Saturdays, August 15 or 22 at 6:45pm
  - Sundays, August 16 or 23 at 12:45pm
  - Tuesdays, August 18 or 25 at 7:00pm
- (All host training will take place at Venture in Common Ground.)

Reserve your spot today by contacting Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644 or [sstonehouse@venturechristian.org](mailto:sstonehouse@venturechristian.org)).

### ADULT MINISTRIES

**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: Koinonia—Ages 50+ (Room 212-213).** Leaders: Curt and Gracie Willson (408.294.9257). A lively community of believers maximizing their second half of life through Bible study, fellowship, and loving service to others through prayer. In addition there are special events and in-home bible studies during the week for the singles in the group (contact Jorgi Stanford at 408.892.5560).

**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11:00am: Seekers (Room 214).** Leaders: Frank and Bev Buxton, and Penny Hess. Teacher: Gary Hess. Our group is composed of warm, friendly, and faithful members of all ages. We have times of fellowship and prayer each week and social events throughout the year. Our current study is in I and II Timothy and Titus. We are studying the New Testament Church.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Summer Camp at Los Gatos Christian School:** Looking for a great day camp for your children (grades K-6) this summer? Los Gatos Christian School has a program that runs through August 8 with crafts, cooking, singing, skits, sports games, science experiments, learning about God, and fun field trips! Math and language workshops will also be offered. The camp runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm with extended care available from 7:00 to 9:00am and 3:00 to 6:00pm. The cost for regular camp is \$250 per week and extended care is \$7 per hour. Registration forms are available online at [LosGatosChristianSchool.com](http://LosGatosChristianSchool.com) or at the school office. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Smith (408.778.3963) or Mrs. Agers (408.921.5654; [sheriaa@yahoo.com](mailto:sheriaa@yahoo.com)).

### Parenting from the Trenches:

Saturday, August 15,  
9:00am–1:00pm.

Have you wondered what is behind your child's oppositional behavior and feelings? Do you want to restore essential discipline strategies but fear losing the bond with your



child? *Help One Child* presents national parent educator Katharine Leslie, PhD, who specializes in child development, parenting education, parent-child relationships and abnormal socio-emotional development. This seminar will help you to reframe children's behavior problems such as control issues or defiance and learn sure-fire methods to tame the negative behaviors while encouraging positive ones. The seminar will be held at Union Presbyterian Church, 858 University Ave, Los Altos (\$40/per person or \$70/couple). For registration and child care information, visit [www.helponechild.org/Dr.Leslie](http://www.helponechild.org/Dr.Leslie) Seminar or call Cari (650.917.1210).

### HEALING MINISTRIES

**GriefShare:** GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. There is a \$15 registration fee which includes a workbook. To register or for more information, contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713 or [annej47@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annej47@sbcglobal.net)) or Eva Smith (408.972.1729, 408.605.6708 or [evas@pacbell.net](mailto:evas@pacbell.net)).

**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 beginning with a barbecue at 6:00pm in the parking lot. At 7:00pm, we begin our large group time of teaching and/or testimony;

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at 8:00pm, we have our issue and gender-specific small groups. CR contact information: 408.997.4641 or CR@venturechristian.org.

**Joyful Rebounders:** This group is for women who are “alone again” after a divorce or the death of a spouse. For details, contact Sybil Ruggles (408.356.8860).

### HELPING HAND MINISTRY

The Venture Helping Hand volunteer ministry assists our Venture widows, seniors, and single moms with various maintenance tasks inside and outside their personal residences, such as repairing electrical fixtures and leaking faucets, various gardening tasks, unsticking doors, window and fence repair, and more. Advice and counsel on home maintenance issues are also provided. To request assistance or to volunteer as a Helping Hand, call the Ministry Coordinator, John Spangberg (408.356.5224) or the Volunteer Coordinator, Don Stuff (408.268.0875).

### MEN'S MINISTRY



*New to the church? Want to get involved in Men's*

*Ministry? Check out The Herd's website at VentureChristian.org.*

**Men On The Move:** Looking for a men's class on Sunday mornings? Then look no further. Join us at 11:00am in Room 219. This popular class has been helping men improve their marriages and their employment for almost two decades. The class is taught by Ron Canty and some of the materials used include information gathered from the weekend sermons and professional marriage counselors. Refreshments are provided.

### SECURITY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Anyone interested in joining the Venture Christian Security team please contact Don Dequine Sr. (408.997.4655). Those with current or prior law enforcement experience are especially encouraged.

### SPORTS MINISTRY (YOUTH)

**Fall youth soccer early registration** ends this Friday, July 31 (late registration is from August 1-16). Register at [VentureChristianSports.org](http://VentureChristianSports.org) or stop by the church office.

- ▶ Mini Kickers ages 2-4 years old – limited space!!
- ▶ Coed League for U6 (ages 5-6)
- ▶ Separate Boys and Girls Leagues for U8 (ages 7-8) and U10 (ages 9-10)

The season runs from September 12 – November 7, and there is a mandatory Rating Camp for U8 and U10 Boys and Girls August 17-19 at Kring Field. Interested in coaching? E-mail Donny Dequine ([dcdequine@venturechristian.org](mailto:dcdequine@venturechristian.org)).

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

*(VentureStudents.org)*

#### Middle School (678)

**Summer Midweek:** Join us Tuesday nights this summer for “Red Letters” as we journal through the four Gospels (7:00-8:30pm; Room 305).

#### High School (V3)

**Summer Midweek:** Join us every Tuesday night this summer from 7:00 to 8:30pm for crazy games, worship, and teaching ...and since it's summer, you can hang out with your friends at the “Afterhouse” from 8:30 to 10:30pm (each week at a different house selected by the V3 staff). For more details, contact Dave Molchan (408.997.4661 or [dmolchan@venturechristian.org](mailto:dmolchan@venturechristian.org)).

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Are you a mom with little ones who is looking to meet other moms with little ones? MOPS is a great way to get connected with moms with kids from infancy through kindergarten. Join us for summer park days and/or register now for fall 2009. For more information, call Kristi (408.266.0404) or Darcy (408.362.9712).

#### Venture Women's Ministry Summer

**Theme:** Be still and know...be filled and go! As you continue to focus on your relationship with God this summer, we



hope you have also had an opportunity to be salt and light in the community.

Share your ideas and stories...e-mail us (WomensMinistry@VentureChristian.org). For more details, pick up a postcard at the Information Center and check out the Women's page on our website. Venture Women's Minister Tricia Christenson (408.997.4640 or tchristenson@venturechristian.org).

## Church News

### AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

Throughout the year we send shipments of care packages to our troops serving away from home. We'd like to keep our shipping lists current, so please be sure to keep us updated when your loved ones come home ... and let us know if you would like to add new names to our list. For more details on what items to donate, please contact John and Millie Evans (408.267.2363) or stop by our table after most weekend services.



### ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG



Have a penchant for antiquity? The Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project is in

need of volunteers to dig with them on this site. Among other possibilities, the site could be the location of the ancient Biblical city of Sodom. The

cost for the trip is tax deductible and college credit is available. For more information, contact Thomas Winder, PhD (505.220.3263) or visit [www.TallelHammam.com](http://www.TallelHammam.com).

### DAILY E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, please call or e-mail Tammy Quigley in the church office (408.997.4636 or [tquigley@venturechristian.org](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)). **Intercessor Prayer Lists** for our church family are available at the Information Center or join our e-mail Prayer Chain by contacting Audrey Stirm ([astirm@venturechristian.org](mailto:astirm@venturechristian.org)).

### PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join the Thursday Prayer Team (12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground) as we petition for national economic recovery. *"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare."* Jeremiah 29:7 (NASB)