

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

VENTURE Weekly

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Venture Christian Church

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Upcoming Events

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CELEBRATION SERVICES

Join us as we honor our departing Senior Pastors next weekend during these special **Celebration Services** on Saturday, June 27 at 5:00pm and Sunday, June 28 at 9:00 and 11:00am (note different service times on Sunday in order to allow for ample time between services for refreshments and celebrating with our Pastors).

Volunteers Needed for Celebration Service. Can you help? We need more assistance for our Farewell Celebration Reception for Pastor Galen and Pastor Dave on Saturday evening, June 27 and on Sunday morning, June 28. It's easy work and for short time slots. If you would like to help out, please contact Karen Deeter (997-4622 or kdeeter@venturechristian.org).

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The **10:45am** service and classes will change to **11:00am beginning** the weekend of **July 4-5**. This will include high school and middle school groups, all children's ministry classes, as well as all adult classes.

FALL YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UPS

Early registration for Venture's fall soccer season is July 5 - July 31, and late registration is from August 1 - 16. Register at 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 and U10

The season runs from September 12 - November 7. The Rating Camp for U8 and U10 Boys and Girls will be held August 17-19 at Kring Field. Interested in Coaching? E-mail Donny Dequine (dcdequine@venturechristian.org).

Ministry News

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Married and Company* (Room 224). Leaders: Frank and Rhonda Teruel (832-0771 and 832-0671). Welcome to our group for married couples with kids, no kids, or just thinking about kids. Join us as we focus on our journey as couples.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am: *Growing Families* (Room 212-213). Teacher: Greg DeJager. Teacher: Mike Walitsch. This is a community of parents with children typically ranging from infants to middle school. We focus on strengthening our marriages, sharpening our parenting skills, and personally drawing closer to our Lord.

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We meet for a time of fellowship, prayer, and teaching. We alternate between expository Bible teaching and topical subjects.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Vacation Bible School begins this Monday, June 22! It's not too late to sign up today!

Join us for "Superheroes of the Faith," **June 22-25**, for all children who have completed Kindergarten-4th grade. The cost is \$25. Our Vacation Bible School will be packed full of action and adventure where kids get wet, messy, and wild for Jesus Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm with a special Family Fun Night (dinner included) on Wednesday evening. Each day of "CAMP" is solidly connected to a Bible truth that kids will take home with them. We will focus on four superheroes of the Bible and how God still calls Superheroes today! KidVenture office (997-4645).

5-Day Clubs in your backyard this summer—Hostesses Needed: Each summer, children may hear the Good News of Jesus for the first time if a friendly Christian neighbor invites them to a backyard-based Bible club that meets for 1 ½ hours daily for 5 days. How about where you live? Contact June Beck (june_beck@att.net) to volunteer and impact your neighborhood. Teachers are trained and the curriculum is ready.

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. Register now for Fall 2009. For more information, contact Kristi (266-0404).

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

June 22 - 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 logatoschristianschool.com or at the school office. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Smith (778-3963) or Mrs. Agers (921-5654; sheriaa@yahoo.com).

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The June Global Ministries prayer calendar is available in the lower foyer. Please pick one up and pray for our missionary families.



Interested in a life-changing experience?

Then join us for an information meeting on Sunday, July 19,

at 1:00pm in Common Ground to learn about a short-term trip to India in February 2010 to serve the poorest of the poor. Contact Cheryl Bencala (309-3941) for more information.

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

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includes a workbook. To register or for more information, contact Anne Jones (997-0713 or annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (972-1729, 605-6708 or 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; at 8:00pm, we have our issue and gender-specific small groups. CR contact information: 997-4641 or CR@venturechristian.org.

Eagles’ Wings is a Christian chronic pain support group meeting every other Monday at 7:00pm. For details, contact Vivian Klose (225-3998).

Joyful Rebounders: This group includes women who are “alone again” after a divorce or the death of a spouse. For details, contact Sybil Ruggles (356-8860).

HELPING HAND MINISTRY

The VCC Helping Hand volunteer ministry assists our VCC 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, etc. In addition, the ministry has responded to requests for advice and council regarding a wide variety of home maintenance issues and has provided the names of reputable tradespeople. To request assistance or to volunteer as a Helping Hand, call the Ministry Coordinator, John Spangberg (356-5224) or the Volunteer Coordinator, Don Stuff



(268-0875). Truly, “many hands make light work.” Bring an appreciative smile to someone through your gifts and talents. (James 1:22, James 1:27, and Matthew 19:19)

MEN’S MINISTRY



New to the church? Want to get involved in Men’s

Ministry? Check out The Herd’s Web site at www.venturechristian.org.

Join us for The Herd’s Small Group Summer Study. We’re studying Kenny Luck’s book *Risk* – a challenging book on becoming the man that God is calling you to be. Please contact John White (224-8405) for further information.

STUDENT MINISTRIES (www.venturestudents.org)

High School (997-4663)

- **Don Pedro:** Our annual Don Pedro trip is next weekend, June 25-28. The cost is only \$110 and a deposit of \$25 is required at time of sign-up. This is a great trip to hang out with your friends, tube, wakeboard, and camp.



Middle School (997-4663)

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

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Venture Women's Ministry Summer

Theme: Be still and know...be filled and go. This summer Women's Ministries is trying something new—maybe



even radical! We are planning no weekly campus gatherings as we challenge the women of Venture to focus on their relationship with God and be salt and light in their community. Check out the Women's page on our Web site for details, stop by the Information Center for a detailed postcard, or contact Venture Women's Minister Tricia Christenson (997-4640 or tchristenson@venturechristian.org).

Women of Faith Conference 2009
"A Grand New Day"—July 10-11 at the San Jose HP Pavilion: Join us for this 2-day event! You'll laugh...cry...and realize that you are not alone. It's an experience like no other. You can purchase group rate tickets after all services at the Women's table in the patio area. For more details, contact Sandee DeBella (421-8411, sdebella@cityteam.org) or visit womenoffaith.com.



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Church News

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We'll be putting together the packages for our soldiers on Monday, June 29, at 5:00pm in Room 224. There is a donation barrel in Common Ground if you would like to contribute items for the care packages. If you would like to add a name to our list or if you would like more details on what items to donate, please contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363) or stop by our table after most weekend services.



PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. We will be in

prayer for the safety and protection of our troops as they serve in places of great danger and difficulty. (Philippians 4:6-7)

VOLUNTEER AT "VENTURE CAFÉ"

The Venture Café ministry needs partners for the Sunday morning refreshments in Common Ground. This wonderful ministry serves up food and friendship. Servers and coffee baristas are needed and training is available. Please contact Karen Deeter (997-4622).



****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).****