

~Memorial Day Weekend...in memory of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice~

VENTURE Weekly

May 24, 2009

Venture Christian Church
16845 Hicks Road
Los Gatos CA 95032
408.997.4600

Upcoming Events

www.venturechristian.org

VENTURE SPEAKING SCHEDULE May - June

May 23-24: This weekend we welcome Dr. Charlie Self (aka "Dr. History" on the Brian Sussman radio show) and World Vision recording artist, JJ Heller.



May 30-31: Chip Ingram will be back one more time before his official start in the pulpit the 4th of July weekend.

June 6-7: Meet Lance Witt who will often preach when Chip is away for other speaking engagements. Lance, a former Teaching and Executive Pastor for Saddleback Church, founded *Replenish* to minister to ministers. He is currently based in Texas.



June 13-14, 20-21, 27-28: Our Senior Pastors, Dave and Galen, will be sharing the pulpit the rest of June, concluding with special **Celebration Services** on Saturday, June 27 at 5:00pm and Sunday, June 28 at 9:00 and 11:00am (note different times on Sunday in order to allow for time between services to honor and celebrate with our Pastors). Refreshments will also be provided.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

We are currently collecting stories and pictures that will be placed inside a commemorative book for our Pastors. Give us your story of what God has done in your life through the church and Pastors Dave and Galen. You can drop them off after weekend services in the box at the Celebration Sunday table or e-mail them to Frank Bower (vccwebmaster@covad.net).

Ministry News

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: Act II (Room 238). Leaders: John and Gwen White (224-8405) and Kevin and Sandee DeBella (421-8411). This is an adult fellowship class designed for those entering another phase of life (e.g., a second marriage, new to church/community, impending retirement, empty nest). There are a variety of topical and expository teachings taught by a variety of teachers, and an

opportunity to develop relationships and expand your church experience.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am: Parent.Net (Ranch House). Leader: Mark and Patty Oswald. Teacher: Sam Earp. This community is designed for parents of teens in high school or middle school. It features a variety of video seminars and topical studies pertinent to families with teens, and includes time for discussion and fellowship. Our current video study is "Parenting Teenagers for Positive Results."

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!

VBS Team Meeting—Sunday, May 31 at 12:30pm in Room 300: For all those interested in serving. Lunch will be provided. Join us this summer for an action-packed week of loving kids and pointing them to Christ. You can make a difference! Sign up today to serve. RSVP for the meeting to Diane Clemons (997-4645 or dclemons@venturechristian.org).

5-Day Clubs in your backyard this summer! 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? Training for these 5-Day Clubs (as well as other Child Evangelism Fellowship programs) will be available on Saturday, June 6, from 9:30am to 3:00pm in Rooms 216, 217, & 218. Contact June Beck (june_beck@att.net) to volunteer and impact your neighborhood.

Hume Lake Wagon Train—July 12-18: This overnight camp is an incredible experience for kids who have completed 3rd or 4th grade. A few spaces are still available. 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. 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 losgatoschristianschool.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

Missionary Housing Needed: Chris and Kathy Wassell and their children are in need of housing for June and July. If you can help, please contact Tammy Quigley (997-4636; tquigley@venturechristian.org).

HEALING MINISTRIES

GriefShare is back! GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. It's a place where you can be with people who understand the pain of your loss and you'll have the opportunity to learn valuable information that will help during this difficult time in your life. The next session of GriefShare will

Ministry News (cont.)

begin, Wednesday, June 17, at 6486 McAbee Road in San Jose. Child care is not provided during the support meeting. 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: Celebrate Recovery has started two new groups, “Women’s Eating Disorders” and “Men’s Sexual Addiction.” Please 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).

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.

Men’s Breakfast: Saturday, June 6 (8:00 - 9:00am in Fellowship Hall). This month’s topic is “Being A Messenger” (Part 5 of the Core Man Series). There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please RSVP to Karen Gentrup (997-4604).

The Herd Fellowship Dinner will be Monday, June 8, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall: The guest speaker will be former NHL goalie John Blue who is currently the pastor at Pacific Point Church in Los Angeles. John will be joined by our own Steve Barnett who won an Olympic bronze medal in water polo. Tickets are now on sale on the patio for \$10 per person. For more information, contact Ed Ortler (eortler@fulcrummicro.com; 978-3712).

The Herd’s Small Group Summer Study will be starting in June. We will be 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.

SPORTS—NEW ADULT PROGRAMS

Get In the Game: Co-ed Softball games for ages 15 and up will be played on Kring Field June 13 - August 29; early registration ends May 29. Venture **Men’s Softball** teams are forming for the City of San Jose Church League; these Monday night games will begin June 27 for ages 18 and up. The **Bowling League** will be played at Cambrian Bowl on Saturday nights for ages 15 and up; the season will be June 6 - August 15. Detailed flyers available at the Information Center or contact Bill Mockabee, VCC Director of Adult Sports (499-2274 or wlmockabee@aol.com).

STUDENT MINISTRIES (www.venturestudents.org)

High School (997-4663)

- **Don Pedro:** Our annual Don Pedro trip will be 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.

Ministry News (cont.)

Middle School (997-4663)

- **5th grade welcome party:** Friday, May 29
- **5th grade parent meeting and first Sunday in "678":** May 31
- **Hume Lake (July 12-18)**
A few spots are still available for middle school.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Coming this summer to Venture Women's Ministry: Be still and know... be filled and go. See how you can be a part in this summer's theme. Check out the Women's page on our Web site for details, stop by the Information Center, 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 where you will 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.



Church News

PROJECT IRAQ

We have an update from Camp Victory. Stop by the table this weekend to see their newsletter. Our next shipment to our soldiers overseas will be for the 4th of July. There is a donation barrel in Common Ground if you would like to contribute items for the care packages. For more information, stop by the Project Iraq table after weekend services or contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363).



wonderful ministry serves up food and friendship. Servers and coffee baristas are needed and training is available. If interested, please contact Karen Deeter (997-4622).

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. This week, we will intercede for the branches of our government before the Lord (the executive, legislative, and judicial) and ask God's favor as President Obama selects the next person for appointment as Judge to the Supreme Court. May all rule with integrity and adherence to the Constitution.

"VENTURE CAFÉ" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Venture Café ministry needs partners for the Sunday morning refreshments in Common Ground. This

****Intercessor Prayer Lists** for our church family are available at the Information Center. Contact Audrey Stirm (astirm@venturechristian.org) if you would like to receive our prayer list via e-mail each week. **