

Upcoming Events

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VENTURE SPEAKING SCHEDULE
May - June

May 30-31: We welcome Chip Ingram back this weekend. Chip and his wife, Theresa, will be in transition during the month of June, and Chip will return as Senior Pastor of Venture the 4th of July weekend.



June 6-7: Next weekend, 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).

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ADULT MINISTRIES

Attention 50+ Singles: We are having a movie night Saturday, June 20, at 7:00pm in Room 218. The movie will be "The Scarlet and the Black," a WWII story starring Gregory Peck. This event is sponsored by Koinonia (a life community group for ages 50+ that meets Sunday mornings at 8:45am in Room 237/238). For more information on this event, contact Jorgia Stanford (892-5560).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Vacation Bible School: "Superheroes of the Faith"... coming **June 22-25** to

Venture, for all children who have completed Kindergarten-4th grade. The cost is \$25.00. 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

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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! Sign up today after the service, or call the KidVenture office (997-4645).

VBS Team Meeting—THIS 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.



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 week long 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

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

Baja Summer Mission Team leaving Tuesday, June 2. Pastor Rigo Martinez and Josh Becknall will be leading a group of 20 College Students and adults for construction and outreach with our sister church in Mulegé, Mexico. Please pray for safety and success for this team!

HEALING MINISTRIES

GriefShare is back! GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. The next session of GriefShare will begin, Wednesday, June 17, at 6486 McAbee Road in San Jose. Child care is not provided during the support meeting. There is a \$15 registration fee which includes a workbook. To register contact

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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).

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. 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.

Middle School (997-4663)

- **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.

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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.



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BAPTISM ASSISTANTS NEEDED

If you are able to help, please contact Tammy Quigley (997-4636; tquigley@venturechristian.org).

USA TROOPS PROJECT

We're not just in Iraq anymore, so we've renamed our project to include all those serving overseas.



We've received names of soldiers now serving in Okinawa as well as Afghanistan. If you would like to add a name to our list, please contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363) or stop by our table after weekend services. 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. Thank you to all who have donated to support this project, including the recent donation of \$180 to cover the cost of mailing these boxes. We're so thankful to be a part of this giving group of believers!

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).



PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. This week, let us join together before the throne of God in prayer for our country because we know His name. We stand in awe of His deeds and His favor on this nation in times past. We ask that He renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy, according to Habakkuk 3:1-2.

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