

Happy Mother's Day!

VENTURE Weekly

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Coming Soon

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SPECIAL GUESTS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 23-24

DR. CHARLIE SELF



You may know him as "Dr. History" from the Brian Sussman show on talk radio KSFO 560AM. He is also a minister, professor, author, and speaker. He spoke last 4th of July weekend at

Venture, and we are privileged to have him back this year for Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-24. Join us as Dr. Self speaks on "A Call to Awakening" from Habakkuk 3:1-2.

JJ HELLER



JJ Heller is a World Vision recording artist who pours everyday observations into her music. (www.JJHeller.com). "I feel called to

be honest about what's going on in my life—to talk and sing about the struggles that I face so that my listeners realize that they are not alone," explains JJ. Just because we follow the Lord doesn't mean life will be easy. "That's where grace comes in..."

Ministry News

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Truth Seekers* (Room 217-218). Leaders: Stan and Donna Bales (266-9764). You'll experience a warm welcome in our time of fellowship. Join us as we enjoy a time of light refreshment, prayer, worship in song, and study together. Stan will lead in expository teaching as well as topical to relevant subjects. Class participation is encouraged. You'll find numerous opportunities for times of fellowship, service, and activities - as well as an occasional trip. This class is open to people of all ages, both couples and singles. Please visit our new class

Web site for further information at www.truthseekersclass.shutterfly.com and enter the password - venture.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am: *Spectrum* (Room 216).

Leader: Wayne Niblack. Spectrum is a class for all ages, middle school through adult. We begin each week with a time of singing (mostly hymns), a prayer time, and then a Bible lesson. We alternate studying Old Testament and New Testament books and are currently in 2 Thessalonians. We enjoy having guest missionary and ministry speakers; our main social events are class potlucks.

The Truth Project: NO meetings this Sunday, May 10. The final meetings will be May 17; Lesson 11 make-up in Room 235 at 2:45pm and Lesson 12 in Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm.

ADULT SPORTS PROGRAMS

Venture is launching three new opportunities to “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 is also putting together **Men’s Softball** teams in 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).

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!

MEETING DATE CHANGE...Vacation Bible School Team Meeting: Is now 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).

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 a few spaces 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) or e-mail sheriaa@yahoo.com.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The May Global Ministries prayer calendar is available at the Information Center. Please pick one up and pray for our missionary families.

Pray together for our missionaries:

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00am in Room 216. We will lift up our missionary families and urgent global issues. Join your prayer power with others. For more information, call Winifred Verbica (528-9783).



HEERARAA MINISTRY UPDATE

“Get-Together”

THIS SATURDAY, MAY 9
at 6:15pm in Room 212/213



*Bring your family, friends
(especially children)*

*to hear about
what is going on
at the Heeraraa school.*



**For more information, contact Sherry Mason
(410-4743; SAMason500@aol.com).**

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; tqigley@venturechristian.org).

HEALING MINISTRIES

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).

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).

MEN’S MINISTRY

New to the church? Want to get involved in Men’s Ministry? Check out The Herd’s Web site www.venturechristian.org/VCCHerd

Tuesday Nights at 7:00pm in Common Ground: Join The Herd as we continue our Tuesday night study of the Book of Hebrews. It’s never too late to get into God’s Word.

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 for \$10 per person. For more information, contact Ed Ortler (eortler@fulcrummicro.com; 978-3712).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

High School

Senior House Boat Trip: May 15-17; cost is \$150 (deposit \$25 non-refundable/transferable).

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

8th grade goodbye party: Saturday, May 23—we’re going to the Boardwalk for the day. Sign up on Sunday or at Tuesday meetings.

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.

Ministry News (cont.)

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 or visit the Women's page at venturechristian.org.

Women's Retreat NEXT weekend, May 15-17 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center with guest speaker CJ Rapp. **This is the last weekend to**



sign-up!!! Stop by the table on the patio or in the upper foyer after all services. Saturday only spaces are still available. Check, cash or credit card accepted. If you have any questions, contact Kay

McCloskey 356-2050 or e-mail jkmccloskey@msn.com.

**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

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).

PROJECT IRAQ

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 our care packages. For more information, stop by the Project Iraq table after weekend services or contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363).

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. This week we will pray for the people of our nation to remember the Christian principles and moral values upon which our country was founded, repent of forsaking them, and return to those foundational principles which allowed our nation to flourish.

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