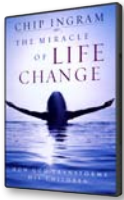


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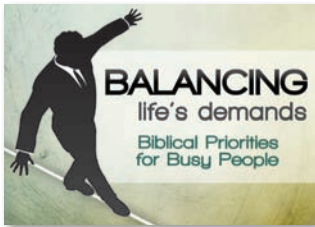
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JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

At Venture, we know that life change and real needs are met in community. That's why we're making it easier than ever to help you find one that's just right for you. Simply fill out the Small Group sign up card in your bulletins this weekend and drop it in the offering bag or go to www.VentureChristian.org to sign up online. Groups start in 2 weeks with "The Miracle of Life Change" DVD series by Chip Ingram. Sign up today!



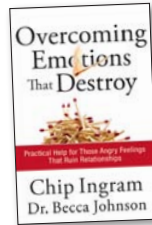
FEELING OVERWHELMED, TIRED & STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT?



Does life seem a little out of control? Are you running long on

"to dos" and short on time? Next week, we'll kick off a brand new 5-part series, "Balancing Life's Demands," where you will learn how to put "first things first" and find peace in the midst of pressure and adversity. No cliches or quick fixes, just practical biblical insights to help you order your personal world. Invite your friends with the promotional cards in your bulletin this weekend, then join us next weekend!

BOOK SIGNING WITH CHIP INGRAM AT BARNES & NOBLE



Barnes & Noble will be featuring Chip Ingram's latest book, *Overcoming Emotions That Destroy*, on Saturday, September 12 from 2-3:30pm at their Pruneyard location (1875 Bascom Ave.

in Campbell). Use the Book Fair voucher provided in your bulletins this weekend when making purchases on Sept. 12 or 13 (Pruneyard location only), a percentage will go to Los Gatos Christian School! You can also download a pdf of the voucher from www.VentureChristian.org to email to all your friends! Don't miss this great opportunity to get a signed copy of Chip's new book and help support our school!

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS, ARTISTS & WEB DEVELOPERS NEEDED!

If you are a graphic designer or web developer looking for a place to serve and use your gifts to advance God's Kingdom, you are wanted! Please contact Annie Ingram at annie@lote.org for more details.

LABOR DAY—MONDAY, SEPT. 7

Just a reminder that the church office and campus will be closed for Labor Day.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Early Risers* (Room 214). Leaders: Carl Schultz and Jim Staehs. Start your day of worship and fellowship sharing the Word with one another in an open forum. We are currently studying Peter 1 & 2.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11:00am: *Parent.net* (Ranch House). Leaders: Mark and Patty Oswald. Teachers: Sam Earp and Geoff Phillips. 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 study is “Sexuality Among Teens.”

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY



Awana fall registration:
Awana is a Bible-

centered, youth-oriented, weekday Bible club for children from age 4 to 6th grade. You can still register on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:15-8:00pm. The official kick-off date is Wednesday, September 16 and will meet from 6:15-8:00pm. The cost is \$40 which includes registration, dues and awards. Volunteers are also needed. For more details, contact Allyson McCombs (amccombs@venturechristian.org) or Emily Mapes (997-4646).

Kids Club: You can transform children’s lives as they learn to follow Jesus in our Kids Clubs that meet weekly in our public schools. Most of these children do not attend church or Sunday School. You may serve by leading a small group or by being a

helper at Guadalupe School or Lietz School this fall. Top notch training will be provided. For more details, contact June Beck (265-0767 or june_beck@att.net). You can also visit www.kidsclubconsultants.org.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

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

Do you have a passion for Global Ministries? Then join us from 8:00-9:00am each Sunday in Room 216 to pray for our missionaries and outreaches. Feel free to bring your missionary booklet (available in the lower foyer) and monthly missionary prayer list.

HEALING MINISTRIES



The fall session of GriefShare will begin Monday, October 5. Meetings will be held every Monday (October 5 - through December 28) from 7:00-9:00pm in Room 219. 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. At GriefShare you’ll have the opportunity to learn valuable information that will help during this difficult time in your life. To register or for more information, contact Anne Jones (997-0713 or annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (972-1729 or evas@pacbell.net). There is a \$15 fee for the session (workbooks included). Child care is not provided during the support meeting.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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 Women’s 12 Step Study begins September 23. Experience a healthier and more whole life as you encounter Biblical truth and grace-filled support for your hurts, hang-ups and habits. This study requires a nine-month commitment. Join us for this life-changing adventure! Stop by the CR table after the services for more information or contact CR (997-4641 or CR@venturechristian.org).

Recovery Fest 2009—Saturday, September 19 from 10am to 6pm at Vasona Park in Los Gatos: Bringing the “Recovery Community” together and celebrating transformed lives, young and old. It’s vitally important that everyone in recovery and their family members know there are people willing to help them and that they are not alone in their struggles with addiction. This is a fun-filled day at the park enjoying a barbecue meal, listening to live music, and networking with others in the recovery community.

DivorceCare is a small group devoted to those who are separated, going through a divorce, or divorced. It’s a safe place to find help, discover hope, and experience healing with the help of others who understand. The

fall session begins this Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00pm in Room 217/218. Contact Frank and Bev Buxton (225-3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

Blended Families Class Begins Sunday, September 27. This new class is designed to help married couples who have “blended” two families or for those who have plans to do so soon. The class will meet Sundays at 9:15am in the Ranch House. For more information, please contact Frank and Bev Buxton (225-3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

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 (356-8860).

MEN’S MINISTRY



New to the church? Want to get involved in Men’s Ministry? Check out The

Herd’s website at VentureChristian.org.

The Herd Men’s Ministry: Bible Study Begins Sept. 8! Men, are you “all in” for Christ? Come join *The Herd* this Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall as we begin our study on the Book of Matthew. This comprehensive Tuesday night Bible study is for men who desire a stronger knowledge of the Bible and its application to their lives. For more information, contact John White (224-8405). Come run with ***The Herd!***

SPORTS (Adult)

Open Tennis for all Adults: Join us **Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm** and **Sundays at 4:00pm** at **Leland High School** (6677 Camden Ave). Please contact Stephanie Dunkle (226-8714

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or shepaintsalot@yahoo.com). *(Please call before heading out to make sure someone will be at the court.)*

THE CREATIVE PRAYER TOUR **At Venture, Monday, Sept. 28 at 7pm**

Do you desire a more consistent and energized prayer life? Would you like to have some creative, biblical tools to improve your walk with God? Would you like to see dynamic prayer move to a new level in your family or church? Join Daniel Henderson and the ministry of Strategic Renewal for an evening of teaching, worship and biblical motivation in prayer. For more information on the Creative Prayer Tour, visit www.strategicrenewal.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

New to Venture and looking for a women's Bible study? Stop by the Information Center on the patio and ask for our latest Bible Study brochure.

Women's Fall Bible Studies: Morning and evening options available – sign-up on the patio between services! Find your place of beauty, hope and safety as we study God's Word together!

JEWEL is a ministry of prayer, encouragement, and mentoring that connects women for friendship

and spiritual growth. JEWEL invites all women – young, not-so-young, married or single - to come to an information meeting about the ministry on either Thursday, October 1 from 6:30-8:30pm or Saturday, October 3 from 2:00-4:00pm; both will meet in Fellowship Hall. There will be sign-ups for Pearl or Ruby at these meetings. The kickoff training meeting will be Saturday, October 17 from 9:00am-noon. To participate in JEWEL we need your attendance at these meetings; we will go over all the information and answer your questions. For more information, call Bonnie Bajarin (655-7935) or pick up a JEWEL brochure at the Women's Table.

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. Register now for fall. For more information, call Kristi (266-0404) or Darcy (362-9712).

Church News

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We provide care packages for troops serving overseas. If you would like to donate items or get more details, stop by our table on the patio after the services or contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363).

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.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join the Thursday Prayer Team from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground as we pray about topical issues for our country and leaders.