

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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r12 CHURCH CAMPAIGN

This weekend we dive into **Week 3: Getting God's Best for My Life**. To enhance this lesson, during the week read **Section 2 of the r12 book** and work through **Session 3 with your small group**. If you'd like to review any of the r12 sermon series, just visit VentureChristian.org and click "Listen Online."

START HERE CONNECTION CLASS - Saturday, February 6

Want to know how to get connected and become a member at Venture Church? The Start Here connection class will be Saturday, February 6 from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2. Breakfast refreshments will be provided as we kick off the day together. **RSVP to Karen Deeter** (kdeeter@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4622) **if you will be attending AND if you will need childcare.**

SHARE YOUR r12 STORY ONLINE

We want to hear from you... how has the message of r12 influenced your life? What has your experience been the past couple of weeks at Venture? Visit VentureChristian.org and click on the link to "Share Your Story." We'll gather the stories together to share with everyone the great things God is doing!

BAPTISM CLASS - February 13

Part of becoming an r12 Christian is modeling after Jesus... publicly announcing your commitment and relationship to God through baptism. If you would like to be baptized, please attend Venture's Baptism Class on Saturday, February 13 at 6:30pm in Start Here. Please RSVP to Karen

Deeter (408.997.4622 or kdeeter@venturechristian.org). During week 7 of the r12 campaign (February 27-28), we will have a special time to baptize all who desire to publicly announce their relationship and commitment to God.

r12 BOOK - Living on the Edge: Dare to Experience True Spirituality

In answer to many of you who have asked if you can purchase additional copies of the r12 book to give to friends or others... copies are available for purchase at the Venture Resource Center located in Start Here. Many other titles are available as well. Stop by and check it out.

FEED THE NEED

r12 Community Outreach Project

Part of becoming an r12 Christian is serving in love... meeting real needs for the right reason in the right way. As we dive into the r12 campaign, everyone at Venture will have the opportunity to serve our community in a tangible way... feeding the need.

The city's food banks are at an all time low and we want to come alongside **Second Harvest Food Bank to supply 45,000 lbs of food to the Bay Area**. Not only that, small groups & adult communities will have the opportunity to **adopt over 225 families** by providing a week's worth of fresh groceries and sharing the love of Christ with them. Look for the card in your bulletin this weekend with details!

NOTE Room Name Changes:

- **Venue 2:** (formerly Fellowship Hall)
- **Start Here:** (formerly Common Ground)

ADULT MINISTRIES

Sundays at Venture—For information on classes available Sunday mornings and those classes currently going through r12 books and study guides, pick up a **Sundays at Venture** brochure at the Information Center. Here are some highlights of classes we offer:

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9am: Act II (Room 213).

Leaders: John and Aggie Lyons (408.264.3367). This is a friendly group of men and women who grew up in the 60s, 70s, and early 80s. Our kids are graduating from school, and our retirement is on the horizon. Single or married, we all face these and many other changes in our lives. Not old enough to get the “Senior Discount” but too old to do the things of our youth... we are definitely in transition. Join us for fun, fellowship, and applying the teachings of the Bible to our daily lives. Our current study is Matthew.

Elective Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: Men on the Move (men only) (Room 219). Leader: Ron Canty. Want to dig a little deeper into the weekend sermons? This class will review the sermons from the previous week, discuss some of the issues and how they apply to you. It’s a great way to take the next step and begin to apply what you have learned each week. All men are welcome.

50 Plus Singles Events:

- **Sanborn Hike**—Join us **Saturday, February 6** for a hike in beautiful Sanborn Park at 2pm, followed by supper at Mimi’s Cafe. For more info, call 408.268.5150.
- **Super Bowl Party**—Bring your favorite snack and beverage and join us **Sunday, February 7** at 4pm. For details, contact Jorgia (408.892.5560).

Visit: www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html for details on all 50 Plus Singles events.

HEALING MINISTRIES

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced.

Join us Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 217-218. There is a \$15 fee which includes a workbook. Find help, discover hope, experience healing. For details, contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

GriefShare: GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. The next session will be February 21 - June 6, meeting every Sunday (except Easter) from 2:30-4:30pm (**Note room change... we will now be meeting in Room 218**). There is a \$15 fee for the session (workbooks included). To register or for more information, contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713 or annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net). Note: Childcare is not provided during the support meeting.

Joyful Rebounders: If you are a woman who has found herself “alone again” after a divorce or the death of a spouse, then this group is for you! For details, contact Sybil Ruggles (408.356.8860).

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Ethiopia Update & Reception: Please join us **Saturday, February 13, at 6:30pm in Venue 2 to welcome and meet two special partners from Hope Enterprises in Ethiopia.** Zenebe Ayele, Executive Director of Hope Enterprises, will share what they are doing in Addis Ababa and throughout Ethiopia for the

poorest of the poor; he will also give us an update on what is happening at our Heeraraa School. Pastor Mattewos Hambebo, chaplain/pastor for feeding centers, will share what our “Globe Project” actually provides for the homeless in Addis. Please RSVP your attendance to Sherry Mason (408.410.4743, samason500@aol.com).

Missionary Requests: We have several missionary families that will be in the area during the summer and are in need of a vehicle and/or housing. If you can help with either of these, please contact Tammy Quigley (408.997.4636).

LOCAL OUTREACH

California Pregnancy Center Updates:

- If you are interested in volunteering for the **CPC ministry**, an **orientation** will be available March 1, 2 and 4 (6:30-9:15pm).
- **CPC HOPE Retreat:** Join us February 27-28 for a HOPE (Healing Of Past-Abortion Emotions) Retreat designed to embrace the needs of women who have experienced abortion. This weekend retreat is a small group setting with post-abortive, non-judgmental facilitators.

For details, contact the CPC South San Jose Center (408.978.9310).

MEN’S MINISTRY

The Herd Men’s Ministry Tuesday Night Bible Study: Men, are you “all in” for Christ? Come join The Herd Tuesdays at 7pm in Venue 2. This comprehensive Bible study (we’re currently in the book of Matthew) is for men who desire a stronger knowledge of the Bible and its application to their lives. For more information, contact John White (408.224.8405). Come run with The Herd!

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups—find out what they are all about. Visit the Small Groups section at VentureChristian.org. For more information, please contact Robin Coleman (408.997-4617; rcoleman@venturechristian.org) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644; sstonehouse@venturechristian.org).

SPORTS

Open Tennis for all Adults Wednesdays from 6-8pm and Sundays at 4pm at Leland High School (6677 Camden Ave). Please contact Stephanie Dunkle (408.226.8714 or shepaintsalot@yahoo.com).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle School: Join us Saturdays at 5pm or Sundays at 11am. Middle School r12 Small Groups are Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 305. Middle School Pastor, Rob Walter (RWalter@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4660).

High School: We meet Sundays at 11am and Tuesdays at 7pm for our r12 groups in Venue 2. High School Pastor, Dave Molchan (DMolchan@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4661).

College: We meet Sundays at 7pm in Venue 2. For details, contact College Pastor, Josh Becknall (JBecknall@venturechristian.org).

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

New to Venture and looking for a women’s Bible study? Stop by the Information Center and ask for our latest Bible Study brochure or visit the Women’s page at VentureChristian.org.

Save the dates:

- **April 17**—Next CAFÉ
- **May 14-16**—Women’s Retreat

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

The Koinonia Kookie Kommandos are shipping Valentine cookies to our troops on February 9. Please provide cookies no later than Sunday, February 7 (you can bake them now and freeze them or deliver them fresh on Feb. 7). Stop by Venue 2 at 9am on Sunday to get more details.

DATA MINER/STATISTICIAN

Venture needs help gathering statistics for the Bay Area. If you already have statistical data or are able to gather data for us, please contact Carrie Collins (ccollins@venturechristian.org).

HAVE A BURDEN TO PRAY?

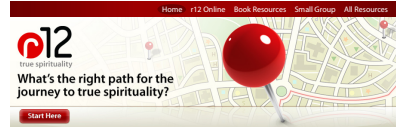
Join us for the r12 pre-service prayer group to cover the pastors, the worship leaders and the body in prayer and to ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit. Join us in Room 203 anytime before the services on Saturday from 4:15-4:50pm and Sunday from 10:15-10:50am. For more information, please contact Judy Porter (408.480.4029 or judy@portermarais.com).

NEW SHUTTLE HOURS

The Sunday shuttle from Guadalupe Mines Rd. to the church will run the following times: 7:45-9:15am, 10-11:15am, and 12:15-1:15pm.

r12ONLINE.COM

Dive deeper into r12 online!



CONNECT WITH VENTURE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!



Visit VentureChristian.org for direct links.

WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES

- Saturdays @ 5pm
- Sundays @ 9 and 11am

FEBRUARY CALENDAR...

- Feb. 6—Start Here Connection Class
- Feb. 6—Feed the Need begins
- Feb. 9—Troops Valentine Shipment
- Feb. 13—Baptism Class
- Feb. 21—Ministry Huddle

r12 Campaign Schedule at a Glance

DATE	FOCUS	READ (r12 book)	SMALL GROUPS	COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Week 1: Jan. 16-22	Join the r12 Journey	Intro of Book	Session 1	
Week 2: Jan. 23-29	Surrendered to God	Section 1	Session 2	
Week 3: Jan. 30-Feb. 5	Separate from the World's Values	Section 2	Session 3	
Week 4: Feb. 6-12	Sober in Self-Assessment	Section 3	Session 4	Feed the Need
Week 5: Feb. 13-19	Serving in Love	Section 4	Session 5	Feed the Need
Week 6: Feb. 20-26	Supernaturally Responding...	Section 5	Session 6	Feed the Need
Week 7: Feb. 27-28	Celebration Weekend & Baptisms			