

EASTER at VENTURE



This Easter, Pastor Chip Ingram begins a new 6-week series, "Why I Believe," to address some of life's most difficult questions.

Do you have to throw your brains in the basket to believe in God... or the Easter story of Jesus "raising from the dead"? What happens when we die? Can miracles be explained? Answers to these questions are as varied as they are confusing and spring from a plethora of belief systems. But the fact is, we can know the truth. There are solid, logical answers to satisfy the heart AND mind of those who are seeking. If you or someone you know has genuine questions about issues at the core of human existence, this series is an excellent resource!

- **Use the cards in your bulletin to invite your friends. Service times are:**
 - Friday, April 2 @ 7pm
 - Saturday, April 3 @ 5 & 6:30pm
 - Sunday, April 4 @ 8, 9:30 & 11:30am.
- **Attend One / Serve One:** We're asking our regular attenders to help us out this Easter by attending one service and serving one. See insert for details.
- **The 5th Annual "Hunt" Event will be Saturday, April 3 at 1pm at Jeffrey Fontana Park and we could use your help...**
 - **Candy Drive:** We're collecting candy to fill 5000 plastic eggs for the event. Please bring bags of individually wrapped candies (no lollipops please) and drop them off in the "Hunt" cart in the 2nd floor lobby.

- **Egg Stuffing:** Come to a HUNT egg stuffing Party, Saturday, March 27 at 6:30pm in Venue 2 and Sunday, March 28 at 1pm in the 2nd floor lobby.
- **Volunteers:** We need help with the basic set-up and hospitality the day of the event. Arrive at the park between noon and 12:30pm on April 3. There will be about 250-300 people attending the event, so this is a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighborhood community and let them know we are there to bless them. If you are able to help, please contact Rob & Sarah Berrett (sarahbcm@aol.com; 408.268.1870).

MINISTRY HUDDLE THIS SUNDAY!

We're looking forward to getting together again with all of you and sharing our upcoming plans! If you're involved in ministry at Venture, you won't want to miss this great opportunity to connect and get updates. Join us this Sunday, March 21 at 5pm in Venue 2.

EXPANDED SATURDAY NIGHTS!

Beginning April 10, we will be adding an additional Saturday night service at 6:30pm, and 3 new adult classes will be available as well. The classes will all meet at 5pm: "Defending Your Faith in College: Apologetics for Parents & Students," "Managing Your Finances God's Way (Crown Financial)" and "God's Dream for Your Marriage." **Click here for more details and to register online**, or pick up a *Weekends at Venture* brochure at the Information table in the lobby. You can also register by calling the church office (408.997.4600).

ADULT MINISTRIES

Sundays at Venture—For information on weekend classes available, pick up a **Weekends at Venture** brochure at the Information table in the lobby. Here are some highlights of classes we offer:

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9am: GPS—Growth, People, Service (Room 224). Leaders: Frank and Rhonda Teruel. “Know Your Path!” Where are you headed in your life journey? We are a group of all ages who are growing together, encouraging each other, having a blast, and serving our church and community. Everyone is welcome. Join us as we venture through God’s Word together. Check us out at www.venturegps.org.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: Spectrum (Room 216). Leader/Teacher: 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. We enjoy having guest missionary and ministry speakers; our main social events are class potlucks.

50 Plus Singles Events: We’re a very active group—for current events, visit www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS’ HUME LAKE (JULY 11-17) SIGN UPS...

... are by mail this year! There will NOT be a registration day at the church this year. For more information on **Middle School and High School registration**, contact Judie Christensen (jchristensen@venturechristian.org). For **4th & 5th grade registration** (those entering these grades in fall 2010), contact Emily Mapes (emapes@venturechristian.org).

HEALING MINISTRIES

DivorceCare: We meet Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 217-218. For details, contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

GriefShare: We meet Sundays from 2:30-4:30pm in Room 218. For details, contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713 or annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net).

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 Short-Term Trip Information Meeting: Come with us and share God’s love to the children of Ethiopia. We will be serving in Addis and our school in Heeraraa June 19 - July 4. There will be an information meeting on **Sunday, March 21, at 12:45pm in Room 216**. Contact Jack Elwell (jack.elwell@gmail.com, 227-5389) for more information.

LOCAL OUTREACH

“God Talk” in the Mall the month of March: For more information on how you can be a part of this ministry, please contact Charlene and Rich Sevcik (408.354.3966).

MEN’S MINISTRY

Men’s Dinner: What is it like to be a Christian CEO? How can God use you in a mighty way? **Join us at the next Men’s Dinner on Thursday, April 8 at 6:30pm as Bill Dallas presents answers to these questions and more!** Bill Dallas is president and CEO of CCN, the Church Communication

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Network—the world’s largest satellite-based training system for churches. Hear Bill Dallas’ testimony at http://www.cbn.com/700club/guests/interviews/bill_dallas102308.aspx. Tickets are only \$10 and go on sale next weekend. For more information, contact Ed Ortler (eortler@gmail.com).

SPORTS

Youth Baseball: Sign-up now for Venture Youth Baseball for 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10 year-old co-ed teams; and 11-13 year-old boys teams. Registration deadline is Saturday, March 27; practices begin the week of March 29 and games run April 10 - June 12. Download a form at VentureChristianSports.org or pick one up in the church office during the week. **Coaches needed!** For more information, contact Tammy Quigley (408.997.4636; tquigley@venturechristian.org).

Open Tennis for all Adults Wed. 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).

SMALL GROUPS

Your Spiritual Health Assessment will help your group in discovering the next study that best suits you. See your host for details. If you are not yet part of a small group, now is the time to get plugged in.

Upcoming dates to note:

- **Saturday, March 27** - Small Group Host Training in Start Here at 6:30pm
- **Sunday, March 28** - Small Group Host Training in Start Here at 12:30pm
- **Friday, May 21** - Foundations in Leadership Training
- **Saturday, May 22** - Foundations in Leadership Training

For more information on small groups or details about events, please contact Robin Coleman (408.997.4617;

rcoleman@venturechristian.org) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644; sstonehouse@venturechristian.org).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

(VentureStudents.org)

Middle School: Saturdays at 5pm or Sundays at 11am; and Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 305. Middle School Pastor, Rob Walter (RWalter@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4660).

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

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

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Women’s Tuesday night Bible study will resume on March 30 at 7pm with Carrie Collins teaching “Experiencing God.” For more information on studies, visit the Women’s page at VentureChristian.org.

Women’s Retreat registration begins this weekend! Venture Women’s Retreat will be held May 14-16 at Mt. Hermon Conference Center. Join us for **“Partly Cloudy with Scattered Worries: Finding Peace and Trust in God in All Kinds of Circumstances”** with speaker, **Kathy Collard Miller**. Kathy loves to inspire Christian women to live out their spiritual inheritance in Christ, and challenge those who don’t know Jesus personally to consider His love for them. She’s authored 49 books and has spoken in 30 states and several foreign countries. There are three packages available: Economy \$175; Standard \$225; Deluxe \$260. Sign up after every service and at the Women’s Bible Studies. For more information, contact Kay McCloskey (408.356.2050, jkmccloskey@msn.com).

BAPTISM CLASS - First step to being baptized at Venture. Have you recently committed your life to Christ? Take the next step and follow Jesus' example by being baptized. **The next class will be Saturday, April 10 at 6:30pm** in Start Here.

START HERE MEMBERSHIP CLASS - Saturday, April 24 from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2. Join us and take the next step to finding out about Venture membership. We'll provide breakfast refreshments as we kick off the day together. **Call the church office (408.997.4600) to RSVP if you will be attending AND if you will need childcare.**

ENGAGED COUPLES SEMINAR
April 9-10. For details and to register contact Karen Deeter (408.997.4622).

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE? FIND YOUR NICHE...
We have many different opportunities available for you to plug in and use your God-given gifts to help others. Visit VentureChristian.org and click on the Volunteer link under "Connect." From helping with children and students to community outreach and evangelism, whatever your gifting, there are options to choose from. You can make a difference!

JOANNE HOPSON MEMORIAL
Joanne served the church faithfully for over 30 years. Join us this Saturday, March 20 from 2-4pm in Venue 2 as we celebrate her life.

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT
We're doing an Easter card drop this year, no packages. You can drop cards off at our table by Venue 2 at 9am on Sundays.

PARK OFF SITE & SHUTTLE IN

You can be a part in helping reduce the parking congestion on Sundays by parking off site. There is parking along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road (just one street over), and we provide shuttle service to and from the church from 7:45-9:15am, 10-11:15am, and 12:15-1:15pm. Thank you in advance for helping us create more space for our new guests!

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TEAM

Join us **Saturdays from 4:15-4:50pm and Sundays from 10:15-10:50am in Room 203.** For more information, please contact Judy Porter (408.480.4029; judy@portermarais.com).

VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

We have many books, DVDs, and other items available for purchase at the Resource Center in Start Here.

VENTURECHRISTIAN.ORG—

It's a great resource... connect with Venture on Facebook and Twitter, Share your r12 lifestyle stories, and much more!

r12ONLINE.COM

Continue your r12 exploration online!

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar. 21:** March Ministry Huddle
- Mar. 27-28:** Small Group Host Training
- Apr. 2-4:** Easter Services
- Apr. 8:** Men's Dinner
- Apr. 9-10:** Engaged Couples Seminar
- Apr. 10:** Baptism Class
- Apr. 24:** Start Here Membership Class
- May 14-16:** Women's Retreat

Venture's teaching can be heard weekdays at 11am (PST) on KFAQ – AM 1100 and weekly on Direct TV – Channel 378 – Mondays 7pm (EST)

Weekend Service Times: Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 9 & 11am.

Senior Pastor, Chip Ingram—Get more information at www.VentureChristian.org