

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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WHY I BELIEVE

This weekend, Week 3: Why I believe in the Bible

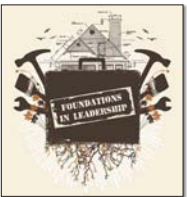


Join us this weekend as Pastor Chip Ingram discusses the validity of the Bible. Find logical

answers to some of life's most difficult questions. For more information on the entire 6-part series, visit VentureChristian.org.

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL AND CURRENT LEADERS...

Foundations in Leadership Seminar—Friday, May 21 from 6-9pm and Saturday, May 22 from 7:30am-4pm



Join Venture potential and current leaders at **Foundations in Leadership**, a fun and informative conference, presented by Pastor Mark

Collins. Gain insight into how leadership works and receive core skills and tools!

Topics will include raising up the next generation of leaders, group dynamics and conflict resolution. Meals provided. Space is limited, register today at VentureChristian.org. For more details, contact either Robin Coleman (408.997.4617 or rcoleman@venturechristian.org) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644 or ssonehouse@venturechristian.org).

MONTHLY MINISTRY HUDDLE

To all our volunteers... don't forget the next **Ministry Huddle** will be **THIS Sunday, April 18 at 5pm in Venue 2**. For more information, contact Terry Lund (408.997.4642; tlund@venturechristian.org).

START HERE MEMBERSHIP CLASS—Saturday, April 24

Join us **Saturday, April 24 from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2** 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.**

“UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS” SEMINAR

Want to continue your journey on supernaturally responding to evil with good? Need some practical ways to deal with the “Rock” you deposited at the front of the church? Then this seminar is for you. Steven Diehl, founder of Forgiveness Ministries, will help you discover the two sides of forgiveness – personal and relational. Learn how to bring healing to past wounds and establish appropriate boundaries in reconciliation. Join us **Thursdays, April 29-May 20 from 7-9pm in Room 237**. The cost is \$15. To register, contact the church office (408.997.4600). Get details online at ForgivenessMinistries.com.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Weekends at Venture—Keep updated on coming changes in weekend classes and new classes being offered... get details in the *Weekends at Venture* brochure at the Information table in the lobby.



“Weekend to Remember” Marriage Conference in Santa Clara:

• April 30-May 2



For more than a million people, the Weekend to Remember conference has been a turning point in their marriage. From engaged couples to empty-nesters, it's never too late to make your marriage flourish. For details, contact Anne and Darrell Brown (408.842.9149).

Singles 50 Plus: Join us **Saturday, April 17 at 6:30pm** for “**Potluck and Games**” (at 1199 Washoe Dr. in San Jose). Contact for RSVP and food item: Carol (408.268.5150) or Jorgia (408.892.5560). Web: <http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html>.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

The **Global Ministries April Prayer Calendar** is available at the Resource table. If you would like to receive the calendar each month via email, please contact Tammy Quigley (tquigley@venturechristian.org).

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

✘ We will have a **Baptism Class for children in 2nd-5th grades on Sunday, April 18 at 9am in Room 225**. Please RSVP Diane Clemons (dclemons@venturechristian.org). Note: At least one parent must

attend this class with their child.

✘ **Parent and Child Dedications will be Mother’s Day weekend, Saturday, May 8 at 5:00pm; Sunday May 9 at 9 & 11am**. Email dclemons@venturechristian.org to sign up.

✘ **Vacation Bible School: June 21-24**



for children entering 1st through 5th grade in the fall of 2010.

...more information coming soon.

LOCAL OUTREACH

Join the VCC Team to raise funds for the Community Pregnancy Centers Walk for Life/Charge Up for Life 5K Run “Generation to Generation,” May 1, 9:30am at Almaden Lake Park, Arroyo Picnic site, San Jose. You can register for the Venture team online at <http://friends.mycpc.org> OR contact Liz Nunez (lizfn.28@sbcglobal.net).

The Family Nobody Wanted: Enjoy a great theatre production and support “Help One Child.” For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Crissi Allen (408.712.4646; heartacademy@comcast.net).

National Day of Prayer 2010: Prayer, Praise & Worship Thursday, May 6 from 7-8pm at the San Jose City Hall Plaza. For more details, visit www.VAC.org.

SPORTS MINISTRY

Adult Drop-In Tennis: Contact Stephanie Dunkle for more information (shepaintsalot@yahoo.com).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

(VentureStudents.org)

Middle School: We had a great missions trip! Thanks for your prayers. Here are some upcoming dates to note:

- **May 16:** Baptisms (sign up this weekend)
- **May 22:** 8th Grade Goodbye Party @ the Boardwalk
- **May 28:** 5th Grade Welcome Party at Pump It Up in Santa Clara.

High School: V3 presents the annual



Car Rally - Friday, April 23. This event is one of our most exciting events of the year!

The Car Rally is essentially a HUGE scavenger hunt all throughout San Jose. Don't miss it! There will be food, trophies, crazy times, and the wildest competition of your life—all for only \$10. **Parents, we need drivers!** Please contact Dave Molchan (dmolchan@venturechristian.org; 408.997.4661) if you are able to help out. Thanks!!

SUMMER CAMP - HUME LAKE CHILDREN & STUDENTS' ...



This summer, Venture youth will be going to Hume Lake the week of July 11-17. Mail

in your registration forms soon... spaces are filling up quickly. 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 Allyson McCombs (amccombs@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.

New Thursday morning Precept study: "Ezra and Haggai-Rebuilding the Temple" begins April 22 at 9:00am in the Worship Center lobby. Contact Debi Dalton for more information (408.225.2949, edanddebi@dslextreme.com).

Venture Women's Retreat will be held May 14-16 at the 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).

Update on the C.A.F.É.: It's being postponed until June -- More details soon on exciting new date and speaker!

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We'll be packing Monday, May 3 for our next shipment to Iraq, Afghanistan and Ft. Drum, NY. It's beginning to warm up in Iraq, so please, no more chocolate for now. Get details at our display outside Venue 2 on Sunday mornings.

VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

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

OFF-SITE PARKING

Join us in opening up parking on campus Sunday mornings by parking along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road (just one street over). We provide shuttle service to and from the church from 7:45-9:15am, 10-11:15am, and 12:15-1:15pm. Thanks!

MISSING SOMETHING?

Stop by the Venture Lost & Found and see if it's there. We have Bibles, glasses, umbrellas, coats... even a couple of cell phones! Check out the Lost & Found cabinets (located on the Second Floor near Venue 2).

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join us Thursdays from noon to 1pm in Start Here as we pray about topical issues for our country and leaders.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TEAM

Drop in and join us as we cover the pastors, worship team and body in prayer **Saturdays from 4:15-4:50pm and Sundays from 10:15-10:50am in Room 203**. For more information, please contact Judy Porter (judy@portermarais.com; 408.480.4029).

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VENTURE LIBRARY

Stop by Venture's library (on the 2nd level near Venue 2). We have many fiction and non-fiction titles available.

SATURDAY 2ND SERVICE...

Note: the start time has been pushed to **6:45pm** beginning this weekend.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **Apr. 18:** Ministry Huddle
- **Apr. 23:** High School Car Rally
- **Apr. 24:** Start Here Membership Class
- **Apr. 30-May 2:** Weekend to Remember (*Santa Clara*)
- **May 8-9:** Mother's Day Weekend Celebration; Baptisms
- **May 14-16:** Women's Retreat
- **May 21-22:** Foundations in Leadership Seminar

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

Weekend Service Times: Saturdays at 5 & 6:45pm and Sundays at 9 & 11am.

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