

## Upcoming Events/Highlights

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### THIS WEEKEND AT VENTURE



This weekend we welcome Chuck Bentley for part 3 of the “Cents and Nonsense About Money” series. Chuck is the CEO of Crown Financial Ministries, an interdenominational

ministry dedicated to equipping people around the world to learn, apply, and teach biblical financial principles. Chuck has traveled throughout the world teaching biblical financial principles to the affluent, middle class, poor and ultra poor. As host of the daily radio broadcast MoneyLife,<sup>™</sup> Chuck connects with all generations and inspires his audience with a strong scriptural emphasis. Chuck and his wife, Ann, have been married for 31 years, live near Atlanta, Georgia and have four sons, a daughter-in-law, and a new grandson!

### WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Sign-ups will begin August 21 for the Fall studies. You can pick up a brochure at the information table or in the church office during the week.

### THE GOD TALK KIOSK AT OAKRIDGE MALL

Our “God Talk” kiosk at Oakridge Mall is open all of August for the busy back-to-school shopping season.

It’s a great opportunity to share our faith with thousands of unchurched shoppers. If you would like to join our volunteers for one 3-hour time slot at the kiosk, please contact Rich and Charlene Sevcik (408.354.3966); you can also check out the website at [www.Godtalkinthemall.com](http://www.Godtalkinthemall.com).

### AUDITIONS FOR VENTURE’S VOCAL TEAM & BAND

We are looking for passionate r12 Christians to help lead our church in worship each weekend. Band auditions will be held Tuesday, August 17 and Vocal auditions will be held Thursday, August 26. For more information please contact Regina Pruitt ([rpruitt@venturechristian.org](mailto:rpruitt@venturechristian.org)).

### SMALL GROUP FOUNDATIONS IN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Join potential and current Venture small group leaders at a fun and informative conference, *Foundations in Leadership*, 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 will be provided. See the sign-up card in this weekend’s bulletin or sign up online! Questions? Contact either

Robin Coleman (408.997.4617 or rcoleman@venturechristian.org) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644 or sstonehouse@venturechristian.org). You won't want to miss this great opportunity to become a more dynamic small group leader.

### ADULT MINISTRIES



Keep updated on coming changes in weekend classes... get details in the **Weekends at Venture** brochure at the Information table in the lobby or on the patio.

#### **Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9am: Improv (Room 211).**

Facilitators: Aaron and Holly Carmichael. This is a friendly group desiring in-depth, interactive Bible study. Each week, the study is facilitated by a rotating team of couples using the Serendipity Bible as well as commentaries and other discussion materials. True to its name, Improv emphasizes interactive discussion and fellowship. **Singles 50 Plus:** Get details and view upcoming events at <http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html>.

#### **Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: Men on the Move (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. All men are welcome.

#### **Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at : Act II (Room 213)**

Leader: John Lyons (jlyons611@gmail.com). For those (40s-50s plus, couples or singles) desiring to be in a community and grow in their relationship with Christ, along with other like-minded followers of Jesus. The focus is on supporting one another by fellowship, prayer, and expository teaching of Scripture. Currently we are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

### GLOBAL MINISTRIES

**The Global Ministries August 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).

### HEERARAA SPONSOR "THANK YOU"

We invite all of you who have sponsored our students in Heeraraa, Ethiopia, to a reception to thank you for making a difference in the lives of children and opening the door for them to learn of God's saving grace. What an amazing gift you have given these children. Please join us Saturday, August 21 at 12:45pm in Room 213. If you have questions on our child sponsorship program, please contact Sherry Mason (samason500@aol.com)

### HEALING MINISTRIES

Are you broken or heart-heavy because of losses in your life from the death of a loved one, separation or divorce? We're here to help you through the pain and healing.

**GriefShare** is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. The

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current session of GriefShare runs August 4 - October 27, and you can join anytime. We meet off-site on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. For more information, please contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713; annej47@sbcglobal.net).

**Divorce hurts... find help at DivorceCare.** A new session begins this fall, September 8 - December 8. We'll meet on Wednesdays from 7-9pm in Room 217/218. For more information, please contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624; bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

*Both workshops meet for 13 sessions. The cost is \$15 which includes your workbook.*

## SPORTS MINISTRY

Get details on Venture's Fall Youth Soccer league and download registration forms at [VentureChristianSports.org](http://VentureChristianSports.org). You can also pick up forms at the Information table on the patio or at the church office during the week. **Registration ends August 13.** Mail or drop off payment and registration forms at the church office during the week. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Quigley (408.997.4636; [tquigley@venturechristian.org](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

**Adult Drop-In Tennis:** For more information, contact Stephanie Dunkle ([shepaintsalot@yahoo.com](mailto:shepaintsalot@yahoo.com)).

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

*([VentureStudents.org](http://VentureStudents.org))*

**Middle School:** Join us on Tuesday nights (7-8:30pm) this summer for games, music and a time of teaching. For details, contact Rob

Walter (408.997.4660; [rwalter@venturechristian.org](mailto:rwalter@venturechristian.org)).

**High School:** Join us Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm for crazy games, worship, and teaching ...and since it's summer, you can hang out with your friends at the "Afterhouse" from 8:30-10:30pm (each week at a different house selected by the V3 staff). For more details, contact Dave Molchan (408.997.4661; [dmolchan@venturechristian.org](mailto:dmolchan@venturechristian.org)).

## AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We're committed to ensuring that our loved ones serving in the military know that we love and support them. If you would like more information, stop by the American Troops Project table just outside of Venue 2 on Sunday mornings. You can view many of our pictures as well as get details on how you can participate. Join us with Koinonia on Sunday, August 8 for special guest speakers, Tim and Bobbi Bettger, missionaries with Cadence International who minister to soldiers stationed at Fort Drum in New York.

## COMMUNION @ VENTURE

We celebrate communion together as a church once a month during our weekend services (this is usually scheduled the first weekend of the month). For those who make communion a weekly part of their worship experience, we invite you to come down near the stage after the service where communion tables are available.

### SHUTTLE SERVICE ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Our shuttle drivers are enjoying the summer off, so please remember to park on-site. We'll let you know when the shuttle service will start back up.

### 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](mailto:judy@portermarais.com); 408.480.4029).

### ONLINE BULLETIN BOARD

Have a room to rent? Have a car for sale? Have something good to give away? Check out our online bulletin board at [venturechristian.org](http://venturechristian.org); click the "Resources" tab.

### HEAR THE SERMON ONLINE...

Listen to each Sunday's sermon on our website at [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org). Sermons are available for five days after the service. You can also purchase current and older CDs of Venture sermons at our Information table after weekend services.

### CONNECT WITH VENTURE

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### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **Aug 21:** Heeraraa Student Sponsor "Thank You"
- **Aug 27-28:** Small Group Foundations in Leadership
- **Sept 7:** Night of Prayer & Worship
- **Sept 11-12:** "Spiritual Simplicity" Series Begins

Chip's teaching can be heard weekdays at **10am on 88.1 FM & 11am on KFAQ 1100 AM** and weekly on **Direct TV – Channel 378 – Mondays 7pm (EST)**

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

Venture Senior Pastor, **Chip Ingram**—Get more information at [www.VentureChristian.org](http://www.VentureChristian.org)