

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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SIGN UP TO HOST AN r12 GROUP... IT'S NOT TOO LATE!



There's still 3 more training sessions available, so it's not too late to sign up to host an r12 small group.

Just fill out the card in your weekend bulletin and drop it in the offering bag or give it to an usher. For more information on Venture Small Groups, visit our page under the Ministries tab at VentureChristian.org or contact Sharon Stonehouse ([ssstonehouse@venturechristian.org](mailto:sstonehouse@venturechristian.org) or 408.997.4644).

MINISTRY HUDDLE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Just a reminder for our volunteer leaders—we're looking forward to seeing you next Sunday at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be reconnecting with you and going over upcoming

events at the church.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE UPGRADES—JANUARY 16

- **Middle School group** will be meeting Saturday nights as well as Sunday mornings (Don't miss the kick-off party...see pg. 3 for details).
- **Three new Saturday night classes** will follow the service and childcare will be available:
 - **Love, Sex & Lasting Relationships**
 - **Managing Our Finances God's Way (A Crown Financial Series presentation featuring Chip Ingram)**
 - **No Blind Faith! Evangelizing with Science and History**

NEW SERVICE TIME...

...begins next Sunday, January 10. Join us at 9am instead of 9:15am. The second service will remain at 11am.



SIGN UP FOR AN r12 SMALL GROUP TODAY!

Start the new year on the right path... with the r12 True Spirituality six-week series. When you commit to join a small group, it's our pleasure to give you the book & study guide for free. Simply submit

it at one of our "Growth Resource" hubs located throughout Venture's campus.

You can also sign up & find a group online at VentureChristian.org. To receive your book & study guide, you will still need to submit your small group card at one of our resource hubs even if you register online. Thank you.



r12 growth resources

ADULT MINISTRIES

Please make a note of the following Adult Class Changes:

- **Early Risers** meets at **7:45am** in Room 214.
- **Koinonia** meets at **9am** in the **Fellowship Hall**.
- **Act II** meets at **9am** in **Room 213**.

For more details on all Saturday and Sunday classes, pick up a *Weekends at Venture* adult class schedule at the Information Center.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am (9am beginning 1/10): Truth Seekers—all ages (Room 217-218). Leaders: Stan and Donna Bales (408.266.9764). You'll experience a warm welcome! Join us as we enjoy a time of light refreshment, prayer, worship, and study. Stan will lead in expository as well as topical teaching; class participation is encouraged. For more details, visit our class website at www.truthseekersclass.shutterfly.com and enter the password "venture."

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: New Horizons (Room 218). Leaders: Joe and Faye Viskovich. Come join this exciting mid-sized community as we pursue God's divine purpose for our lives and the steps necessary to achieve our mission as believers. We begin with a time of fellowship, light refreshments, and prayer. This group is open to adults of all ages and all levels of spiritual growth.

Adult Elective Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am (9am beginning 1/10): Blended Families (Ranch House). Leaders: Frank and Beverley Buxton. Blended families are a fact today that we mustn't ignore. They have very special needs. Join us

for this video study by Dr. Kevin Leman to help bring peace and harmony to families who have been joined together through remarriage.

Saturday night classes begin Jan. 16:

- **Love, Sex & Lasting Relationships—**Discover God's prescription for building relationships that last a lifetime. Taken from experts in the field such as Chip Ingram, Gary Smalley, Henry Cloud, John Townsend, R.C. Sproul, Dennis Rainey and more; the study will begin with Chip's DVD series "Love, Sex & Lasting Relationships."
- **Managing Our Finances God's Way (A Crown Financial Series presentation featuring Chip Ingram)—**Need help getting your finances in order? Start the new year off right by joining us for a 7-week commitment that will help you set new priorities and design a spending plan to get out of debt and stay debt free. Cost is \$15 per person for the workbook and CD. Register today!
- **No Blind Faith! Evangelizing with Science and History—**Doubting your faith? Scared to evangelize at work? Worried about your children's faith? Did you know that all BUT 7% of Christian kids will abandon their faith when they get to college. Why? Surveys say it's because their faith is based on emotions and not facts. Find the facts to support your faith and help your kids withstand the scrutiny of their professors. More info at www.NoBlindFaith.com.

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 beginning January 13.** This 13-week

session will run through April 7, and the cost (which includes a workbook) is \$15. Find help, discover hope, experience healing. For details, contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

GriefShare: This support group for those grieving the death of a loved one meets Mondays from 7-9pm in Room 219. **Note: the GriefShare meetings originally scheduled for December 21 & 28 are cancelled and will now meet January 4 & 11 instead.** For more information, please contact Anne (408.997.0713 or anne47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva (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).

MEN’S MINISTRY

Are you ready for some football— and inspiration?? Join us in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, January 28 at 6:30pm for the Men’s Dinner, featuring Guy McIntyre! The five-time Pro Bowler was a fixture on the San Francisco 49ers’ offensive line from 1984 to 1993, and is now Director of Alumni Relations for the team. Guy also travels the bay area speaking on behalf of Fellowship of Christian Athletes One Way 2 Play Drug-Free program, which challenges today’s young men and women to live their lives in purity and free of addictions. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend. **Tickets (which include dinner) are just \$10 and will go on sale this Sunday, January 3.** For more information, please contact Ed Ortler (eortler@gmail.com).

SPORTS

Open Tennis for all Adults: Join us **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). *Please call before heading out to make sure someone will be at the court.*

The Youth Basketball Ministry needs you... we need someone with a servant’s heart and a tow hitch to transfer equipment to and from the Branham High School gym for Saturday games. If you are able to help out (Jan. 16 - Mar. 20), please contact Sports Minister, Donny Dequine (dcdequine@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4632) by January 11.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle School: We meet Sundays at 11am and Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 305. **We’re adding a Saturday night group on January 16, and we’re kicking it off with a free party in the Fellowship Hall** with pizza, inflatables, games, and tons of guilt-free-fun. Join us for this special event from 5-7pm; and any middle schooler can come, whether they attend Saturday nights or Sundays. If you are available, we could really use your help on Saturday nights in January in the Middle School ministry; please contact Rob Walter (RWalter@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4660).

High School: We meet Sundays at 11am and Tuesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Join us this winter for our annual Joyride trip. Joyride is our winter trip to Northstar at Tahoe January 21-24.** Come to snowboard and ski or just relax and hang out in the snow. The cost is \$150 (plus \$48 for each day’s lift ticket). Sign up on Sunday

or Tuesday. \$50 deposit required to sign up. For more information, please contact Dave Molchan (DMolchan@venturechristian.org or 408.997-4661).

College: We meet Sundays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Come join the Venture College Group on our annual snow retreat.** Connect with other college students, relax, and snowboard/ski at Northstar Ski Resort, January 28 - 31. For more information, contact Josh Becknall, College Pastor, at 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.

Women of Venture Church - you are invited to the C.A.F.E. - "Coffee and Friends Engaged." Meet and greet our newest pastor's wives: Theresa Ingram, Kathy Lineman, Carrie Collins, and Amy McCauley. Join us as we hear the voices behind the men and the heartbeat of each wife. Coffee house pastries and beverages will be served.

❖ Date: Saturday, January 16

❖ Time: 9:30-11:30am

❖ Location: Fellowship Hall

Sign-up at the Women's table in the Upper or Lower Foyer, Saturday or Sunday to reserve your spot at the C.A.F.E.

Church News

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

Thanks again to all of you who contributed to the packages that were sent to our troops. We will be moving our troop information center to just outside of Fellowship Hall near the Koinonia class beginning this weekend, January 3 at 9am. Stop by to see cards and information from our troops!

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 at ccollins@venturechristian.org.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER WILL RESUME NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 9-10

Our pre-service prayer time will resume in January. For more information, please contact Judy Porter (408.480.4029 or judy@portermarais.com).

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join the Thursday Prayer Team from noon to 1pm in Common Ground as we pray about topical issues for our country and leaders.

VENTURE'S LIBRARY

On the shelf this week: Final Witness by James Scott Bell. Young, idealistic Rachel Ybarra has just been assigned the case of a lifetime – helping in the prosecution of an infamous leader of the Russian mafia. But, when the star witness turns up dead, Rachel becomes fearfully aware that this case is not merely a battle for the court ... it is a battle for her life!

VENTURECHRISTIAN.ORG—IT'S A GREAT RESOURCE!

If you need any information about Venture, would like to listen to the weekend messages, like donating online, or want to sign up for our weekly news email—visit VentureChristian.org. It's an easy way to stay connected and get many of your questions answered.