

Upcoming Events

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RESOURCE CENTER, OCT 3-4

Looking for a one-stop shop for purchasing small group study guides, DVDs, weekend messages, and other resources to help you grow in your walk with God? Visit the Resource Center on the patio after the services this weekend.

RAISING RESPONSIBLE KIDS WITHOUT RAISING YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE!



Want some practical tips on how to get your children to listen to you... the first time? Have battles with getting your child to do their homework? Or just want to help your child build self confidence and inner strength? Dr. Charles Fay of the **Love and Logic** Institute will be joining us on **Tuesday, October 6 from 7:00-9:00pm** in the Worship Center. Visit LosGatosChristianSchool.com to download the registration form or contact the school office (408.997.4681). The cost is \$20/individual or \$30/couple.

WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE?

Do you know how God has uniquely wired you? Every believer was created to play a strategic role in the body of Christ with the gifts God has given them. But many Christians

face one difficult question, "How do I discover my spiritual gifts and use them effectively in and outside the church?" Join us and bring your friends for a new 4-part series, "**Your Divine Design**" starting **October 17-18**.

SMALL GROUPS

We make small groups a big deal at Venture because that's where the real action takes place. It's in the environment of a living room with a group of peers where great friendships are developed and life change occurs. So far this fall, we've launched about 170 groups church-wide... and it's not too late if you want to join! To find a group near you, visit VentureChristian.org today!

WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



1st-6th graders... It's time to practice those hoops! Basketball season is

just around the corner (January 16 through March 20, 2010)! Registration dates are October 1 through November 14. The cost is \$125 if you register October 1-31 (early bird discount) and \$150 if you register November 1-14. Get your registration form online at www.VentureChristianSports.org or at the church office during the week. For more information call Tammy Quigley (408.997.4636).

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Early Risers* (Room 214). Leaders: Carl Schultz and Jim Staehs. Start your day of worship and fellowship sharing the Word with one another in an open forum. The class is currently studying Peter 1 & 2.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: *Growing Families* (Room 212/213). Leader: Greg DeJager. Teacher: Mike Walitsch. This is a community of parents with children ranging from infants to middle school. We focus on strengthening our marriages, sharpening our parenting skills, and personally drawing closer to our Lord. We meet for a time of fellowship, prayer, and teaching; the current topic is: “Apologetics, training your child to defend the faith.”

Adult Elective Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Improv* (Room 212/213). 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. The current study is the Book of Acts.

Sundays at Venture

For more information on classes available Sunday mornings, pick up a *Sundays at Venture* brochure at the Information Center on the patio.

50+ Singles Bible Study—“Walk in the Dust of the Rabbi, Jesus”: Learn about the historical, geographical and cultural context of the scriptures.

You may never read the Bible the same again. The first DVD is “When the Rabbi Says ‘Come.’” Small group discussion follows and brunch served. RSVP Jorgi at 408.892.5560.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The Global Ministries October Prayer Calendar is available at the Resource table.

Do you have a passion for Global Ministries? Join us Sundays from 8-9am in Room 216 to pray for our missionaries and outreaches. Feel free to bring your missionary booklet (available in the lower foyer) and monthly missionary prayer list.

HEALING MINISTRIES

The fall session of GriefShare will begin this Monday, October 5. Meetings will be held every Monday (October 5 through December 28) from 7-9pm in Room 219. GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. 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). There is a \$15 fee for the session (workbooks included). Child care is not provided during the support meeting.

Surviving the Holidays—sponsored by GriefShare: Join us Saturday, November 14 from 9:30am-noon in Fellowship Hall. This is a helpful and encouraging seminar for those facing the holidays after a loved one’s death. To register please contact Anne (408.997.0713 or anne47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net). There is no charge for this event. No child care will be provided.

Ministry News (cont.)

Celebrate Recovery: Join us and discover how God uses this program to heal us from our “hurts, habits, and hang-ups.” We meet every Friday night beginning with a barbecue at 6pm in the parking lot. At 7pm, we begin our large group time of teaching and/or testimony; at 8pm, we have our issue and gender-specific small groups. For more information, contact CR (408.997.4641 or CR@venturechristian.org).

DivorceCare is a small group devoted to those separated or divorced. It’s a safe place to find help, discover hope, and experience healing with the help of others who understand. The group meets Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 217-218. Contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

Blended Families: This new class is designed to help married couples who have “blended” two families or for those who have plans to do so soon. The class meets Sundays at 9:15am in the Ranch House. For more information, please contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.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).

LOCAL OUTREACH



Do you want to be a part of “Compassion Unleashed” on our

community? Beautiful Day is calling those who have a heart for service,

and would like to lead projects or serve in an administrative role. For more information about Beautiful Day at Venture and how you can get involved, please visit the website at <http://www.beautifuldayvcc.org>. If you are led to serve, please submit your information on the volunteer page or contact Dennis Conte (dconte_007@me.com or 408.267.0505).

Volunteer Opportunities at Community Pregnancy Centers:

For anyone interested in volunteer opportunities for the Community Pregnancy Centers, orientations will be offered October 5, 6, and 8 from 6:30-9:30pm at the South San Jose Center (3315 Almaden Expressway, Suite 25). For more information and to register, contact Sally (408.978.9310; sally@mycpc.org).

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 Fellowship Hall. This fall we are studying the Book of Matthew. This comprehensive Tuesday night Bible study 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!*

SPORTS (Adult)

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.)*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Looking for a women's Bible study? Pick up a *Women's Bible Studies Fall 2009* brochure at the Resource table on the patio after the service or visit the Women's page at VentureChristian.org.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)



Are you a mom with little ones who is looking to meet

other moms with little ones? MOPS

is a great way to get connected with moms with kids from infancy through kindergarten. At Venture, we currently offer two different groups:

- ▶ MOPS I, meet the 2nd and 4th Friday morning of every month. For more information, call Darcy (408.362.9712).
- ▶ MOPS II, meet the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of every month. For details, please contact Kristi Guardanapo (408.266.0404 or kreneee48@yahoo.com).

Church News

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We provide care packages for troops serving overseas. Stop by Room 213 on Sunday mornings to see our pictures, find out what items to donate or add new soldiers to our list. For more details, contact John and Millie Evans (408.267.2363).

MORE PARKING AVAILABLE ON GUADALUPE MINES ROAD

For those who call Venture "home," may we recommend parking on Guadalupe Mines Road on Sunday mornings? Just arrive a few minutes earlier and enjoy the convenience of door to door service. There are approx. 300 spaces for cars along the sides of this public road and we provide shuttle service



to and from the church from 6:45-9:15am, 10:15-11:00am, and 12:15-1:30pm. It's a great way to free up more spaces on campus for visitors and the shuttle drops you off right in front of the church.

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.

WEEKEND MESSAGE - LISTEN ONLINE OR CDS AVAILABLE



You can share today's message with a friend by either purchasing a CD at the Resource table after the service or visiting the Resources page at VentureChristian.org to listen online for free!

BLOOD DRIVE

Give the Gift of Life! The next VCC Blood Drive will be Monday, October 5, from 1:00-7:00pm in Common Ground. Sign up at the table this weekend or online at <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu>. Click on "FIND A BLOOD DRIVE," then on "Los Gatos," and then the date. For more details, contact Rosemary Mikulencak (997-4664).

WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES:
Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00am.