

**Upcoming Events**

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**FAITH PROMISE 2010**

Special Guests this weekend:



**Matthew Cork (Lead Pastor, Yorba Linda Friends Church)**—The “reluctant missionary.” Come hear Matthew’s story of how God broke his heart for a lost and

hurting world, especially the Dalits of India. Matthew will be just back from his most recent trip to India visiting the Dalit Education Centers, like our DEC school in Gangoh. He will bring us a word from his travels and from God’s Word of what’s possible when the people of God MOBILIZE.



**Dr. Minas Hiruy (President HOPE University College)**—

Dr. Minas will give us a report on conditions in Ethiopia, our school in Heeraraa, the feeding

Center in Addis Ababa, and the excitement surrounding the opening in 2010 of HOPE University College.



**Joshua D. Youssef (Executive Vice President, Leading The Way)**—Leading The Way ministry has helped launch the first Christian channel on an Arab

Satellite platform, broadcasting to the Arabic-speaking world.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Start your Christmas shopping and giving season in a good way by providing a shoe box of hope and joy. Stop by the table in the patio area to get information and a box. The last day to drop off your box at Venture is Sunday, November 22. Contact Joyce Tsang (408.265.1858) for more information.

**HELP KEEP THE NEEDY WARM AND FED THIS WINTER**



We are collecting coats and non-perishable food for those in need this winter. Bins will be located around the campus through

November 22. Thanks for helping us to reach out with compassion to those in our community who are in need. For information, contact Dennis Conte ([dconte\\_007@me.com](mailto:dconte_007@me.com) or 408.267.0505).

**YOUR DIVINE DESIGN CARDS**

Thanks to all of you who submitted the “What’s Your Divine Design” cards this past weekend. We are in the process of entering all the data and will get back with you soon. If you have not turned your card in, please do so this weekend. Cards are available at the Information Center or you can download and print them from [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org).

## ADULT MINISTRIES

### Sundays at Venture—



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

highlights of classes we offer:

### Life Community Focus of the Week—

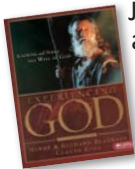
**Sundays at 9:15am: *Koinonia - ages 50+ (Room 212-213)***. Leaders: Curt and Gracie Willson. A lively community of believers maximizing their second half of life through Bible study, fellowship, and loving service to others through prayer. In addition, there are special events and in-home Bible studies during the week for the singles in the group (contact Jorji Stanford at 408.892.5560 for details on 50+ Singles events).

### 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 11am: *Believing God (Room 211)***. Leader: Shadia Hrichi. Join us as we study together a new video-based series, "Experiencing God" by Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King. This study will run through April 2010.



### Bible Study Memory Class: Join



us for this Bible memorization and accountability group on Wednesdays

from 6:30-7:45pm in the LGCS Teacher's Lounge. For more information, please contact Jason Kellar (408.493.0729 or jkellar08@gmail.com).

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The **November Global Ministries Prayer Calendar** is available at the Information Center. Bless our missionaries through individual prayer throughout the month.

## HEALING MINISTRIES



**GriefShare:** This support group for those grieving the death of a loved one meets Mondays from 7-9pm in Room 219. There is a \$15 fee for the session (workbooks included). Childcare is not provided during the support meeting. For more information, please contact Anne (408.997.0713 or anne47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net).



**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. Contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

**Venture's Celebrate Recovery Moving to FCC:** Venture's CR Friday night ministry has combined with Family Community Church, so the Friday

## Ministry News (cont.)

meetings are now being held at FCC. The Wednesday 12-Step groups will continue at Venture to complete their nine month commitment. FCC's group meets on Fridays at 7pm in their "Café." Childcare is provided through 5th grade. For more information, contact Mindy Scratch (408.365.0313).

**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



**The Herd  
Men's Ministry  
Tuesday  
Night Bible**

**Study:** Join us Tuesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall; we're currently studying the Book of Matthew. For more information, contact John White (408.224.8405). Come run with *The Herd!*

**The Herd's Jonathan Group:** Find strength to live up to the calling God has given you. God never intended for you to go through life alone. Even King David, a man after God's own heart, needed Jonathan in his life. The Jonathan Group meets in small groups of 2-3 every Tuesday from 6-7pm in Room 215. For more information, contact Joe Rechenmacher at (408.265.4626).

### 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.*

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Middle School:** We will be going to Sharks Ice (formerly Logitech Ice) for ice skating on November 25 from 7-10pm. The cost is \$20. For more information, contact Rob Walter (408.997.4660).



**High School:** Venture High School students will be reaching out December 4-6 to the poor and homeless in San Francisco for a weekend service experience. Though it's only an hour away, it's often considered the homeless capital of the U.S. Help us love those in need... get all the details at [VentureStudents.org](http://VentureStudents.org) or contact Dave Molchan (408.997.4661).



**College:** We're here to be real, authentic people, going through the ups and downs of life together and truly seeking how to live life in a way that best reflects Jesus. Join us Sundays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Look for new Women's Bible studies coming in January. If you would like more information on Women's activities, visit the Women's page at [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org) or contact Venture Women's Pastor, Tricia Christenson (408.997.4640).

## AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT



Join us in supporting our troops serving overseas. If you know of

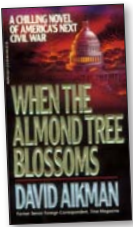
someone serving whom you'd like to include or who have now returned, please stop by Room 213 during the Sunday services to update our list. You can also pick up a list of gift suggestions or drop items off. For more details, please contact John and Millie Evans (408.267.2363).

## CHECK OUT VENTURE'S LIBRARY

Stop by our library located next to the kitchen on the second level. It's a great free resource!

### ▶ On the shelf this week:

#### When the Almond Tree Blossoms



by David Aikman.

The year is 1998. Constitutional rule in the United States has been abolished. The People's Movement, a radical, collective regime controls

most of the country. Standing in their way of total control are the Constitutionals, a tough resistance group determined to topple the revolutionary regime. This novel is a powerful story of high suspense, futuristic drama, and hold-your-breath action as you experience the passion of one man's odyssey into a terrifying future.

## 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 see Venture's calendar—visit [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org). It's an easy way to stay connected and get many of your questions answered.

## 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.

## RESOURCE CENTER @ VENTURE

Venture has a growing Resource Center in Common Ground (just across the patio from the Worship Center). If you would like to purchase the "Your Divine Design" DVD series or other titles, stop by after the service. Enjoy a free beverage if you stop by between the 9:15 and 11am services.

## THANKS FOR PARKING OFF-SITE



To our regular attenders who have been parking off-site

Sunday mornings, thank you so much for making room for our visitors. If you haven't had the opportunity to try it, simply park along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road and take our shuttle to and from the church from 6:45-9:15am, 10:15-11:00am, and 12:15-1:30pm.

## VENTURE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 26-27

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

## WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES:

**Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8, 9:15 and 11am.**