

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

in January. Sign-up cards are available at the Information Center. For more information on Venture Small Groups, visit our page under the Ministries tab at VentureChristian.org or contact Sharon Stonehouse (sstonehouse@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4644).

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE TIME BEGINS JAN. 10

In order to give you more time to connect and talk in between services and help smooth out the traffic flow, we're pushing the 9:15am service back to 9:00am on January 10. The second service will remain at 11am.

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**—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.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Adult Class Changes:

Please note... we're making a few changes:

- **Early Risers (beginning Dec. 27)** is moving to an earlier time, they will meet at 7:45am in Room 214.
- **Koinonia (beginning Jan. 3)** will meet at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Act II (beginning Jan. 3)** will meet 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): **GPS—Growth, People, Service (Room 224)**.

Leaders: Frank and Rhonda Teruel. “Know Your Path!” Where are you headed in your life journey? We are a group of all ages who are growing together, encouraging each other, having a blast, and serving our church and community. Everyone is welcome. Join us as we venture through God’s Word together. Check us out at www.venturegps.org.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: **Growing Families (Room 212-213 beginning 1/3 they’ll meet in Room 213 only)**.

Leaders: Jim & Darlene Weber. 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.

Adult Elective Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am (9am beginning 1/10): *Improv: Life Unscripted (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. The current study is the Book of Acts.

HEALING MINISTRIES

GRIEF SHARE®

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).

DIVORCE Care

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).

Joyful Rebounders: If you are a woman who has found herself “alone again” after a divorce or the death of

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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. Come hear Guy's practical and inspirational testimony on how drugs, alcohol and his off-field behavior affected—and almost ruined—his playing career. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend. **Tickets (which include dinner) are just \$10 and will go on sale 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. The times on that event are 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) if you are available to invest in kids.

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... **Just a reminder, we will not be meeting this Sunday, December 27,** but feel free to contact and meet up with your groups off site. We will resume on January 3. **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 Resource Center Saturday or Sunday to reserve your spot at the C.A.F.E.

Church News

NOTE UPCOMING CHANGES IN WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES:

- **Beginning this weekend, Dec. 26-27:** Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at **9:15 and 11am only (no 8am service)**.
- **Beginning Jan. 9-10:** Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at **9 and 11am**.

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

Thanks again to all of you who participated in 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 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.

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.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER WILL RESUME JANUARY 9-10

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

VENTURE'S LIBRARY

On the shelf this week: The Whole Truth by James Scott Bell. Lawyer Scott Conroy has one last chance to overcome the past that has haunted him for twenty-five years. But he'll learn that the present can be darker than any nightmare he's ever had.

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