

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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r12 CHURCH CAMPAIGN

This weekend we dive into *Week 5: Experiencing Authentic Community*. To enhance this lesson, during the week read **Section 4 of the r12 book** and work through **Session 5 with your small group**. If you'd like to review any part of the r12 sermon series, just visit VentureChristian.org and click "Listen Online."

MINISTRY HUDDLE

The next Huddle will be **next Sunday, February 21 at 5pm in Venue 2**. We've got a lot of things to share with all of our volunteer leaders, so we're looking forward to seeing you there!

BAPTISMS DURING CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Week 7 of the r12 Campaign has been set aside to celebrate all the great things God is doing in your lives. Part of that celebration will include baptisms, the outward profession of your new life in Christ. If you have questions about baptism, please contact Karen Deeter (408.997.4622).

"GOD TALK" AT THE MALL

The God Talk kiosk at Oakridge Mall will reopen for the Easter season beginning March 1. This is an incredible opportunity to be a voice for God in the midst of a busy community hub. Join the over 125 current Venture volunteers in the mall, by attending a one-hour mini-training session on either Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00pm or Sunday, February 21 at 12:45pm in Room 300. For more information, contact Richard and Charlene Sevcik (408.354.3966).

FEED THE NEED



r12 Community Outreach Project in 2 Parts...

Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank: Time to bring back your filled bags. Remember, if it's not raining, just leave your bags behind your vehicles and the Feed the Need team will pick them up and place them in the large bin. Or, if it's raining, bring your bags to one of the barrels around the campus. Next weekend is the last weekend for drop off!

Adopt-a-Family: Small group and mid-size group project leaders should begin coordinating with your groups and the family you will be helping. Your groups can begin planning the purchase of groceries and the visit date with the family. All visits should be completed by February 26.

Got questions? Visit VentureChristian.org and click on the Feed the Need button... Feed the Need FAQs and Family Adoption PDFs are available to download as well.

SHARE YOUR r12 STORY ONLINE

Where are you in your r12 journey? What have you learned so far? Tell us what it meant to you to sign the blank check of your life. Share with us at VentureChristian.org.

NOTE Room Name Changes:

- **Venue 2:** (formerly Fellowship Hall)
- **Start Here:** (formerly Common Ground)

ADULT MINISTRIES

Sundays at Venture—For information on classes available Sunday mornings, pick up a ***Sundays at Venture*** brochure at the Information Center. Here are some highlights of classes we offer:

Adult Elective 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.

Adult Elective Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: *Men On The Move—men only* (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.

50 Plus Singles Events: There's always something going on... for details visit www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html.

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.** There is a \$15 fee which includes a workbook. Find help, discover hope, experience healing. For details, contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

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

next session will begin next Sunday, February 21 and will run through June 6. Meetings will be every Sunday (except Easter) from 2:30-4:30pm in Room 218. There is a \$15 fee for the session (workbooks included). 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). Note: Childcare is not provided during the support meeting.

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).

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The Global Ministries February Prayer Calendar is available at the Information table in the lobby. If you would like to receive the calendar each month via email, please contact Tammy Quigley (tquigley@venturechristian.org).

Missionary Requests: We have several missionary families that will be in the area during the summer/fall and are in need of a vehicle and/or housing. If you can help with either of these, please contact Tammy Quigley (408.997.4636).

LOCAL OUTREACH

Blood Drive: The next Blood Drive at Venture will be Monday, March 1 from 1:00-7:00pm in Start Here (*formerly Common Ground*). Sign up online at <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu>. Click on "FIND A BLOOD DRIVE," then on "Los Gatos," and then the date of March 1.

Community Pregnancy Center Updates: If you are interested in volunteering for the **CPC ministry**, an **orientation** will be available March 1, 2 and 4

Ministry News (cont.)

(6:30-9:15pm). **CPC HOPE Retreat:** Join us February 27-28 for a HOPE (Healing Of Past-Abortion Emotions) Retreat. For details, contact the CPC South San Jose Center (408.978.9310).

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Herd Men's Ministry Tuesday Night Bible Study @ 7pm in Venue 2: This comprehensive Bible study (we're currently in the book of Matthew) 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).

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups—find out what they are all about. Visit the Small Groups section at VentureChristian.org. For more information, please contact Robin Coleman (408.997-4617; rcoleman@venturechristian.org).

SPORTS

YOUTH BASEBALL! Sign-up now for Venture Youth Baseball! 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10 year old co-ed teams; 11-13 year old boys teams. Download a form at VentureChristianSports.org or pick one up in the church office during the week. For more information, contact Tammy Quigley (997-4636; tqigley@venturechristian.org).

Global Outreach through Soccer...

The Sports Ministry will be going to South Africa June 9-22 to partner with Freeway Footballers Academy in their endeavor to spread the gospel of Christ and the wonderful game of soccer to underprivileged youth in townships. We are looking to take a team of 8 and have very limited time (deadline Feb. 19)! Please contact Sports Minister Donny Dequine at dcdequine@venturechristian.org if you are interested.

Open Tennis for all Adults 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).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle School: Join us Saturdays at 5pm or Sundays at 11am. Middle School r12 Small Groups are Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 305. **For more information on our upcoming Mission Trip, join us Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm.** Middle School Pastor, Rob Walter (RWalter@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4660).

High School: We meet Sundays at 11am and Tuesdays at 7pm for our r12 groups in Venue 2. High School Pastor, Dave Molchan (DMolchan@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4661).

College: We meet Sundays at 7pm in Venue 2. For details, contact College Pastor, Josh Becknall (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.

New Tuesday night study: "Lord, Change My Attitude" by James MacDonald. This 11-session study begins Tuesday, March 2 at 7pm in Room 240. Contact Carole Reed (408.356.0182) for more information and to register.

Save the dates:

☞ **April 17**—Next CAFÉ

☞ **May 14-16**—Women's Retreat

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT



Thank you to everyone who donated to the troops cookie shipment for Valentines Day. We shipped off 40 boxes of cookies! Stop by Venue 2 at 9am on Sundays to get updates and more details.

JOIN THE r12 PRAYER TEAM


Has God given you a burden to pray? Join us for the r12 pre-service prayer group in Room 203 anytime before the services on Saturday from 4:15-4:50pm and Sunday from 10:15-10:50am. For more information, please contact Judy Porter (408.480.4029 or judy@portermarais.com).

CONNECT WITH VENTURE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!



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PARK OFF SITE & SHUTTLE IN

For those of you who attend Venture for two services on Sunday, may we request you park off-site and enjoy shuttle service to the Worship Center? There is parking along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road and we provide shuttle service to and from the church from 7:45-9:15am, 10-11:15am, and 12:15-1:15pm. Thank you for helping us create more space for all of our new visitors.

VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

Stop by and see what's now available at the Venture Resource Center located in Start Here (*formerly Common Ground*).

WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES

- Saturdays @ 5pm
- Sundays @ 9 and 11am

FEBRUARY CALENDAR...

Feb. 21— Ministry Huddle
Food Drive concludes

Feb. 26— Adopt-a-Family concludes

Feb. 27-28— Baptisms & r12 Celebration

r12 Campaign Schedule at a Glance

DATE	FOCUS	READ (r12 book)	SMALL GROUPS	COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Week 1: Jan. 16-22	Join the r12 Journey	Intro of Book	Session 1	
Week 2: Jan. 23-29	Surrendered to God	Section 1	Session 2	
Week 3: Jan. 30- Feb. 5	Separate from the World's Values	Section 2	Session 3	
Week 4: Feb. 6-12	Sober in Self-Assessment	Section 3	Session 4	Feed the Need
Week 5: Feb. 13-19	Serving in Love	Section 4	Session 5	Feed the Need
Week 6: Feb. 20-26	Supernaturally Responding...	Section 5	Session 6	Feed the Need
Week 7: Feb. 27-28	Celebration Weekend & Baptisms			