

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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PHOTO BOOTH TESTIMONIAL



- Take yours this Weekend!
As you walk out of the services this weekend, you will have an opportunity to share your r12 story in one word on a piece of paper.

Visit one of the photo booths (in the foyer and second floor lobby) to get your picture taken. You'll be given two strips... one to keep and one for us to create an art installment at Venture. Don't miss your chance to tell others how God has worked in your life.

MINISTRY HUDDLE

If you participate in Venture's ministries in any way, please join us **this Sunday, February 21 at 5pm in Venue 2 for the Ministry Huddle.** We'll give you the latest updates and let you know where we're heading as a church. It's a great time to connect and equip you with the skills and tools you need to be successful. See you there!

"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 Sunday, February 21 at 12:45pm or Thursday, February 25 at 7pm in Room 300.** For more information, contact Richard and Charlene Sevcik (408.354.3966).

NEXT STEPS for SMALL GROUPS

Many of you are wondering 'what's next' for your small group. Over the next few weeks, we will provide tools and ideas to your host home leaders to help them guide you to the study that best suits your group going forward. As your group transitions into the next study of your choice, our prayer is that everyone continues to grow in relationship with God and one another as they learn to incorporate what Romans 12 is teaching us about living as Christians. For more information on small groups, please contact Robin Coleman (408.997-4617; rcoleman@venturechristian.org).

FEED THE NEED UPDATES



r12 Community Outreach Project in 2 Parts...

Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank:

Wow... what a great response last weekend! We'll receive the final weight after this weekend's contributions and will give you the final numbers at our celebration services next weekend. Thanks so much to all of you who have helped to make a difference in the lives of those in need in our community!

Adopt-a-Family Project: This is the last week to meet with your family. What a great opportunity this has been to invest in the lives of others! Please be sure to complete your visits by February 26.

Do you have a FEED the NEED story?

Tell us about your experience visiting your family. Share your story with us at VentureChristian.org (get Feed the Need details and downloads online as well).

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:

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9am: *Koinonia—Ages 50+* (Venue 2). Leaders: Curt & 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: *New Horizons* (Room 217-218). 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.

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 this 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).

LOCAL OUTREACH

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

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

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; tquigley@venturechristian.org).

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 this 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 Women's Bible Studies:

- **Tuesday night:** "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.
- **Wednesday morning:** "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark" by Jennifer Rothschild. Join us Wednesdays beginning March 10 in Venue 2 at 9:15am. Child care is available. For more information, contact Linda Dunning (979.9424; sunflower38@sbcglobal.net).
- **Thursday morning:** "One in a Million" by Priscilla Shirer. This Bible Study begins March 11 in Venue 2 at 9:00am. Sign up the first day of study. For more information contact Kay McCloskey (356.2050; jkmccloskey@msn.com).

Stop by the Information Center and pick up the Women's Bible Study brochure to get more details on each study or visit the Women's page at VentureChristian.org.

Save the dates:

☛ **April 17**—Next CAFÉ

☛ **May 14-16**—Women's Retreat

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for a place to serve, we have some opportunities available:

Bulletin Stuffing (Fri. @ 8:30am); Office Help/Data Entry; Sports (field prep, videographers, photographers, and more); Hospitality Team/Kitchen Ministry @ 9am service; Security Team; Information Team; Shuttle Drivers; Guest Services/Greeters. For more information, please call the church office (408.997.4600).

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.

VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

Stop by and see what's now available at the Venture Resource Center located in Start Here.

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

Stop by Venue 2 at 9am on Sundays to get updates and more details on the American troops we support.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TEAM

The pre-service prayer group meets **Saturday from 4:15-4:50pm and Sunday from 10:15-10:50am in Room 203**. Just **pop in and join us anytime** during either of these sessions as we cover the pastors, worship team and body in prayer. For more information, please contact Judy Porter (408.480.4029 or judy@portermarais.com).

PARK OFF SITE & SHUTTLE IN

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.

r12ONLINE.COM

Dive deeper into r12 online!

MISSING SOMETHING?

The **Venture Lost & Found** is overflowing. We have Bibles, glasses, umbrellas, coats... even a couple of cell phones! Check out the Lost & Found cabinets (located on the Second Floor near Venue 2).

FEBRUARY CALENDAR...

Feb. 21— Ministry Huddle
Food Drive concludes

Feb. 26— Adopt-a-Family concludes

Feb. 27-28— Baptisms & r12 Celebration

Mar. 20— Start Here Membership Class

Mar. 21— March Ministry Huddle

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			

Weekend Service Times: Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 9 & 11am.
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