

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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THIS WEEKEND... r12 CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION

This weekend we celebrate all the great things God has done in your lives throughout the r12 Campaign. We're also setting aside a special time for baptisms for those of you who have decided to announce your relationship with and commitment to God! If you would like to review any part of the r12 sermon series, visit VentureChristian.org.

FEED THE NEED UPDATES r12 Community Outreach Projects

Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank: Wow... thank you! We just wanted to take a moment to let you know HOW grateful we are for you and your generous participation with the Feed the Need project. Over the past two weeks, we have raised just about 35,000 pounds of food for Second Harvest Food Bank... that's approximately 27,000 meals. Think about it this way, we were able to feed 100 people, 3 meals per day for 3 months OR if given to a family of four, the food would provide 3 meals a day for 6 years!!

We now have an opportunity to have all of our contributions matched, pound for pound, February 25-28.

Please read the email sent this week for more details (online at VentureChristian.org).

Adopt-a-Family Project: We met with 230 families in need, sharing the love of Jesus and providing a week's worth of food.

Do you have a FEED the NEED story?
Tell us about your experience visiting

your family. Share your story with us at VentureChristian.org.

WHAT'S NEXT...

- **New Sermon Series, "Re-entry: Turning your r12 experience into an r12 lifestyle"**—Lance Witt joins Chip in this new series designed to help you move forward as an r12 Christian.
- **Small Groups**—We'll take a short break and then dive into new studies specifically designed for each of your unique groups.
- **Membership Class**—The next Start Here Membership class will be Saturday, March 20 from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2. Breakfast refreshments will be provided as we kick off the day together. **RSVP to Karen Deeter** (kdeeter@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4622) **if you will be attending AND if you will need childcare.**
- **Baptism Class**—Have you recently committed your life to Christ through the r12 Campaign? Take the next step and follow Jesus' example By getting baptized. The next class will be Saturday, April 10.

YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Sign-up now for Venture Youth Baseball for 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10 year-Old co-ed teams; and 11-13 year-old boys teams. Practices begin the week of March 29 and games run April 10 - June 12. 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).

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: *Truth Seekers—all ages* (Room 217-218). Leaders: Stan and Donna Bales (408.266.9764). You'll experience a warm welcome! Join us as we enjoy a time of light refreshment, prayer, worship, and study. Stan will lead in expository as well as topical teaching; class participation is encouraged. You'll find times of fellowship, service, and activities—and an occasional trip. This class is open to all ages and both couples and singles. Visit our class website at www.truthseekersclass.com.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: *Family AdVenture—formerly Parent.Net* (Ranch House). Teachers: Jackie Phillips (408.927.6129) & Gary Hess. We are a family-focused community exploring biblical approaches to the cultural challenges of today's families. Topics range from family communication skills, raising faith-filled children, needs of aging parents, to enhancing marriages, through a variety of media and live discussion.

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 current session 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 March 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

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

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 (408.979.9424; 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 (408.356.2050; jkmcloskey@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.

Women... 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 specific opportunities available:

Bulletin Stuffing (Fri. @ 8:30am); Office Help/Data Entry; Children's Ministry (teachers, helpers, computer check-in and more); 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 on these opportunities or if you would like to serve in ministry not mentioned, please call the church office (408.997.4600).

SHARE YOUR r12 STORY ONLINE

Where have you seen God show up in your life through the r12 campaign? Share with us at VentureChristian.org.

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

Stop by Venue 2 at 9am on Sundays to get updates and more details on the American troops we support. We'll be collecting items for the Easter shipment, so stayed tuned or stop by for more details!

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive at Venture will be **this 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.

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; judy@portermarais.com).

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).

VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

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

r12ONLINE.COM

Dive deeper into r12 online!

CONNECT WITH VENTURE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

Visit VentureChristian.org for direct links.

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.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Feb. 27-28: Baptisms & r12 Celebration

Mar. 20: Start Here Membership Class

Mar. 21: March Ministry Huddle

Apr. 2-4: Easter Services

Apr. 8: Men's Dinner

Apr. 9-10: Engaged Couples Seminar

Apr. 10: Baptism Class

Apr. 17: Women's C.A.F.É.

Senior Pastor, Chip Ingram

Venture's teaching can be heard weekdays at 11am (PST) on KFOX – AM 1100

And weekly on Direct TV – Channel 378 – Mondays 7pm (EST) Weekend

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

Get more information at www.VentureChristian.org