

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 14 @ 2am**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward this Saturday before you go to bed, or you may wake up Sunday morning and wonder why everyone else seems to be on a different schedule.

**ALL-CHURCH WORSHIP & PRAYER**

**Tuesday, March 16 @ 7pm.** Join us as we worship & pray together to praise and thank God for all He has done throughout the r12 Campaign, and rely on Him for the working and outcome of our upcoming Easter celebration. *(All Tuesday night groups will join us.)*

**EASTER at VENTURE**

**"Why I Believe"** —Find answers to life's most difficult questions as Pastor Chip Ingram begins a new 6-week teaching series beginning Easter Weekend.

- ❖ **Use the card in your bulletins to invite your friends. Service Times:** Friday, April 2 @ 7pm; Saturday, April 3 @ 5 & 6:30pm; and Sunday, April 4 @ 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30am. *(click here for details)*
- ❖ **Attend One / Serve One:** We're asking our regular attenders to help us out this Easter by attending one service and serving one. Please see the bulletin insert for details. *(click here to sign up online)*
- ❖ **The 5th Annual "Hunt" (Saturday, April 3 at 1pm at Jeffrey Fontana Park):** Please bring bags of individually wrapped candies (no lollipops please) and drop them off in the "Hunt" cart in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby. We need enough candy to stuff 5000 plastic eggs! We could also use help stuffing the eggs on Saturday, March 27 at 6:30pm and Sunday, March 28 at 1pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby.

**SATURDAY NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS**

Beginning April 10, we will be adding an **additional Saturday night service at 6:30pm, and new adult classes:**

- ❖ **"Preparing Your Teens to Defend Their Faith" (Room 214 at 5pm)**—All BUT 7% of Christian kids will lose their faith when they get to college. Why? Surveys show it's because their faith is based on feelings and not facts. Find the facts to support your faith and help your kids withstand the scrutiny of their professors. This class is for middle school through adults. For those without kids: Learn to defend your faith and witness at work without awkwardness. Get more information at [www.NoBlindFaith.com](http://www.NoBlindFaith.com).
- ❖ **"Managing Our Finances God's Way" (Room 217 at 5pm)**—Need help getting your finances in order? Come and discover how 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!
- ❖ **"The Essentials of Marriage" (Room 213 at 5pm)**—Whether you're engaged or married for years, this class will help you discover or rekindle the greatest parts of a marriage as God intended for it to be. You'll learn from experts in the field through various DVD series and group discussion on communication keys, love languages, how to turn opposites into assets, finances, love, respect, intimacy and more. Come expecting to grow, learn, laugh and be blessed! The first series will be "Love and Respect," presented by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs.
- ❖ **To register for any Saturday night class, call the church office (408.997.4600).**

### 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 7:45am: *Early Risers*** (Room 214). Leaders: Carl Schultz and Jim Staehs. Start your day of worship and fellowship sharing the Word with one another in an open forum. The class is currently studying Peter 1 & 2.

**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: *Seekers*** (Room 214). Leaders: Frank and Bev Buxton, Penny Hess; Teacher: Gary Hess. Our group is composed of warm, friendly, and faithful members of all ages. We have times of fellowship and prayer each week and social events throughout the year. Our ongoing focus is the interaction of the church and culture.

**50 Plus Singles Events:** Join us Saturday, March 20 for lunch & the theatre. For details, visit [www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html](http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html).

### CHILDREN & STUDENTS' HUME LAKE (JULY 11-17) SIGN UPS...

... are by mail this year! There will NOT be a registration day at the church this year. For more information on **Middle School and High School registration**, contact Judie Christensen ([jchristensen@venturechristian.org](mailto:jchristensen@venturechristian.org)). For **4th & 5th grade registration** (those entering these grades in fall 2010), contact Emily Mapes ([emapes@venturechristian.org](mailto:emapes@venturechristian.org)).

### HEALING MINISTRIES

**DivorceCare:** We meet Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 217-218. For details, contact Frank and Bev Buxton

(408.225.3624 or [bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net)).

**GriefShare:** We meet Sundays from 2:30-4:30pm in Room 218. For details, contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713 or [annej47@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annej47@sbcglobal.net)) or Eva Smith (408.972.1729 or [evas@pacbell.net](mailto:evas@pacbell.net)).

**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](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

### LOCAL OUTREACH

**“God Talk” in the Mall:** For more information on how you can be a part of this ministry, please contact Charlene and Rich Sevcik (408.354.3966).

### MEN'S MINISTRY

What is it like to be a Christian CEO? How can God use you in a mighty way? **Join us at the next Men's Dinner on Thursday, April 8 at 6:30pm as Bill Dallas presents answers to these questions and more!** Bill Dallas is president and CEO of CCN, the Church Communication Network—the world's largest satellite-based training system for churches. Hear Bill Dallas' testimony at [http://www.cbn.com/700club/guests/interviews/bill\\_dallas102308.aspx](http://www.cbn.com/700club/guests/interviews/bill_dallas102308.aspx). Tickets are only \$10 and go on sale next weekend. For more information, contact Ed Ortler ([eortler@gmail.com](mailto:eortler@gmail.com)).

### SPORTS

**Youth Baseball:** 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](http://VentureChristianSports.org) or pick one up in the church office during the week. **Coaches needed!** For more information, contact Tammy Quigley (408.997.4636; [tquigley@venturechristian.org](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

**Open Tennis for all Adults Wed. 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](mailto:shepaintsalot@yahoo.com)).

### SMALL GROUPS

Have a party, reflect, recharge... and take your Spiritual Health Assessment! Small group hosts have been provided with great ideas and tools to help plan your time until Easter as well as discover what curriculum to study next. As your group transitions into the next study of your choice, we pray that each of you continues to grow in relationship with God and each other.

#### Upcoming dates to note:

- **Saturday, March 20** - Small Group Host Celebration in Venue 2
- **Saturday, March 27** - Small Group Host Training in Start Here at 6:30pm
- **Sunday, March 28** - Small Group Host Training in Start Here at 12:30pm
- **Friday, May 21** - Foundations in Leadership Training
- **Saturday, May 22** - Foundations in Leadership Training

For more information on small groups or details about events, please contact Robin Coleman (408.997.4617;

[rcoleman@venturechristian.org](mailto:rcoleman@venturechristian.org)) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644; [sstonehouse@venturechristian.org](mailto:sstonehouse@venturechristian.org)).

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

#### VentureStudents.org

**Middle School:** Saturdays at 5pm or Sundays at 11am; and Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 305. Middle School Pastor, Rob Walter ([RWalter@venturechristian.org](mailto:RWalter@venturechristian.org) or 408.997.4660).

**High School:** Sundays at 11am and Tuesdays at 7pm in Venue 2. High School Pastor, Dave Molchan ([DMolchan@venturechristian.org](mailto:DMolchan@venturechristian.org) or 408.997.4661).

**College:** Sundays at 7pm in Venue 2. For details, contact College Pastor, Josh Becknall ([JBecknall@venturechristian.org](mailto:JBecknall@venturechristian.org)).

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Tuesday night Bible study will resume on March 30 at 7pm with Carrie Collins teaching "Experiencing God." For more information on studies, visit the Women's page at [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org).

**Women's Retreat registration begins March 20!**

### 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 a ministry not mentioned, please call the church office (408.997.4600).

### START HERE MEMBERSHIP CLASS

We're moving it to a later date...  
**Saturday, April 24 from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2.** Join us and take the next step to finding out about Venture membership. Breakfast refreshments will be provided as we kick off the day together. **RSVP to Emily Mapes** (emapes@venturechristian.org or 408.997.4646) **if you will be attending AND if you will need childcare.**

### BAPTISM CLASS - First step to being baptized at Venture

Have you recently committed your life to Christ through the r12 Campaign? Take the next step and follow Jesus' example by being baptized. **The next class will be Saturday, April 10 at 6:30pm** in Start Here.

### 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](http://VentureChristian.org).

### AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We're doing an Easter card drop this year, no packages. You can drop cards off at our table by Venue 2 at 9am on Sundays.

### 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](mailto:judy@portermarais.com)).

### VENTURE LIBRARY

Stop by Venture's library (on the 2nd level near Venue 2) to see the latest books available. On the fiction shelf this week: Nobody by Creston Mapes.

### r12ONLINE.COM

Continue your r12 exploration online!

### VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

Check out what's currently available at the Venture Resource Center located in Start Here.

### CONNECT WITH VENTURE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

Visit [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org) for direct links.

### PARK OFF SITE & SHUTTLE IN

You can be a part in helping reduce the parking congestion on Sundays by parking off site. There is parking along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road (just one street over), 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 in advance for helping us create more space for our new guests!

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar. 16:** All Church Prayer & Worship
- Mar. 21:** March Ministry Huddle
- Mar. 27-28:** Small Group Host Training
- Apr. 2-4:** Easter Services
- Apr. 8:** Men's Dinner
- Apr. 9-10:** Engaged Couples Seminar
- Apr. 10:** Baptism Class
- Apr. 24:** Start Here Membership Class
- May 14-16:** Women's Retreat

Venture's teaching can be heard weekdays at 11am (PST) on KFAX – AM 1100 and weekly on Direct TV – Channel 378 – Mondays 7pm (EST)

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

**Senior Pastor, Chip Ingram**—Get more information at [www.VentureChristian.org](http://www.VentureChristian.org)