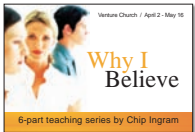


Upcoming Events/Highlights

[www.venturechristian.org](http://www.venturechristian.org)

**WHY I BELIEVE**

**This weekend, Week 2: Why I believe in Life After Death**



Join us this weekend as Pastor Chip Ingram presents logical answers to these questions

that are at the core of our human existence. For more information on the entire 6-part series, visit [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org).

**BAPTISM CLASS THIS SATURDAY**

Have you recently committed your life to Christ? Take the next step and follow Jesus' example by being baptized. Join us at this Saturday, April 10 at 6:30pm in Start Here for our Baptism class (required for baptism at Venture). For more information or to sign up, contact Karen Deeter (408.997.4622; [kdeeter@venturechristian.org](mailto:kdeeter@venturechristian.org)).

**START HERE MEMBERSHIP CLASS—Saturday, April 24**

Join us Saturday, April 24 from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2 and take the next step to finding out about Venture membership. We'll provide breakfast refreshments as we kick off the day together. **Call the church office (408.997.4600) to RSVP if you will be attending AND if you will need childcare.**

**MONTHLY MINISTRY HUDDLE**

If you volunteer at Venture in any capacity, whether it's hosting a small group or helping in the Children's Ministry, we invite you to join us at our monthly "Huddle." It's our way of equipping you with the tools you need to continue your ministry as well as sharing our goals and vision for Venture's future. The next Ministry Huddle will be Sunday, April 18 at 5pm in Venue 2. For more information, contact Terry Lund ([tlund@venturechristian.org](mailto:tlund@venturechristian.org); 408.997.4642).

**VENTURE SATURDAY NIGHTS**



This Saturday night, we launch the second service at 6:30pm in the Worship Center and 3 new classes are available at 5pm:

- **Defending Your Faith in College: Apologetics for Parents & Students** (Room 214)
- **Managing Your Finances God's Way** (Crown Financial; Room 217)
- **God's Dream For Your Marriage** (Room 213)

Get more details in the *Weekends at Venture* brochure or visit [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org). It's not too late to sign up... register online or call the church office (408.997.4600).

## ADULT MINISTRIES

**Weekends at Venture—Keep updated on coming changes in weekend classes and new classes being offered... get details in the *Weekends at Venture* brochure at the Information table in the lobby.**



### **"Weekend to Remember" Marriage Conferences:**

- **April 16-18 in Santa Rosa**
- **April 30-May 2 in Santa Clara**



For more than a million people, the Weekend to Remember conference has been a turning point in their marriage. From engaged couples to empty-nesters, it's never too late to make your marriage flourish. For details, contact Anne and Darrell Brown (408.842.9149).

## GLOBAL OUTREACH

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

### **A Night with Joel Rosenberg: Tuesday,**



**April 13 from 7-9pm at Church on the Hill.** Hear Joel Rosenberg speak about the critical issues we face as a nation

concerning the Middle East and Iran. Joel will speak from his most recent book, *Inside the Revolution* and how Iran Alive Ministries is on the ground, helping bring the gospel to Iran. Tickets are \$25; student pricing is available; book signing to follow (space is limited). For more information and

to purchase tickets, contact Charlotte Coulter at 408.232.5616 or visit [www.cityteam.org/joelrosenberg](http://www.cityteam.org/joelrosenberg).

## LOCAL OUTREACH

**Join the VCC Team** to raise funds for the Community Pregnancy Centers Walk for Life/Charge Up for Life 5K Run "Generation to Generation," May 1, 9:30am at Almaden Lake Park, Arroyo Picnic site, San Jose. Click here to register for the Venture team online: <http://friends.mycpc.org> OR contact Liz Nunez (lizfn.28@sbcglobal.net).

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

**Looking for a place to serve... find your niche?** We have many different opportunities available for you to plug in and use your God-given gifts to help others. Visit [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org) and click on the Volunteer link under "Connect." From helping with children and students to community outreach and evangelism, whatever your gifting, there are options to choose from. You can make a difference!

## SMALL GROUPS

**Mark your calendars for upcoming Small Group training...**

- **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](http://VentureStudents.org))

**Middle School:** We will **NOT** meet on **Saturday, April 10** as our ministry team will be offsite on a missions

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trip. We will be back for the Sunday, April 11 meeting at 11am.

### High School: V3 presents the annual Car Rally - Friday, April 23.



This event is one of our most exciting events of the year! The Car Rally is essentially a HUGE

scavenger hunt all throughout San Jose. Don't miss it! There will be food, trophies, crazy times, and the wildest competition of your life—all for only \$10. **Parents, we need drivers!** Please contact Dave Molchan (dmolchan@venturechristian.org; 408.997.4661) if you are able to help out. Thanks!!

### SUMMER CAMP - HUME LAKE CHILDREN & STUDENTS' ...



This summer, Venture youth will be going to Hume Lake the week of July 11-17. Mail

in your registration forms soon... spaces are filling up quickly. For more information on **Middle School and High School registration**, contact Judie Christensen (jchristensen@venturechristian.org). For **4th & 5th grade registration** (those entering these grades in fall 2010), contact Allyson McCombs (amcombs@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.

**New Thursday morning Precept study:** "Ezra and Haggai-Rebuilding the Temple" begins April 22 at 9:00am in the Worship Center lobby. Contact Debi Dalton for more information (408.225.2949, edanddebi@dslextreme.com).

**Venture Women's Retreat will be held May 14-16 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center.**

Join us for "Partly Cloudy with Scattered Worries: Finding Peace and Trust in God in All Kinds of Circumstances" with speaker, **Kathy Collard Miller**. Kathy loves to inspire Christian women to live out their spiritual inheritance in Christ and challenge those who don't know Jesus personally to consider His love for them. She's authored 49 books and has spoken in 30 states and several foreign countries. There are three packages available: Economy \$175; Standard \$225; Deluxe \$260. Sign up after every service (except Easter weekend) and at the Women's Bible Studies. For more information, contact Kay McCloskey (408.356.2050, jkmcloskey@msn.com).

## KIDVENTURE NEWS:

- ✦ We will have a **Baptism Class for children in 2nd-5th grades on Sunday, April 18 at 9am in Room 225**. Please RSVP Diane Clemons (dclemons@venturechristian.org). Note: At least one parent must attend this class with their child.
- ✦ **Parent and Child Dedications will be Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 8 at 5:00pm; Sunday May 9 at 9 & 11am**. Email dclemons@venturechristian.org to sign up.
- ✦ **Vacation Bible School:** June 21-24 for children entering 1st through 5th grade in the fall of 2010...more information coming soon.

### ONLINE BULLETIN BOARD

Have a room to rent? Have a car for sale? Have something good to give away? Check out our online bulletin board at [venturechristian.org](http://venturechristian.org); click the “Resources” tab.

### VENTURE LIBRARY

Stop by Venture’s library (on the 2nd level near Venue 2). We have many fiction and non-fiction titles available.

### AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We’ll be packing Monday, May 3 for our next shipment to Iraq, Afghanistan and Ft. Drum, NY. Get details at our display outside Venue 2 on Sunday mornings.

### VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

We have many small group resources now available for purchase at the Resource Center in Start Here.

### CONNECT WITH VENTURE

Twitter... Facebook... Share your stories... Venture news all at [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org).

### r12ONLINE.COM

Continue your r12 exploration online!

### OFFSITE PARKING

Join us in opening up parking on campus Sunday mornings by parking along the sides of Guadalupe Mines Road (just one street over). We provide shuttle service to and from the church from 7:45-9:15am, 10-11:15am, and 12:15-1:15pm. Thanks!

### PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join us Thursdays from noon to 1pm in Start Here as we pray about topical issues for our country and leaders.

### PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TEAM

Drop in and join us as we cover the pastors, worship team and body in prayer **Saturdays from 4:15-4:50pm and Sundays from 10:15-10:50am in Room 203**. For more information, please contact Judy Porter ([judy@portermarais.com](mailto:judy@portermarais.com); 408.480.4029).

### MISSING SOMETHING?

Stop by the Venture Lost & Found and see if it’s there. 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).

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **Apr. 16-18:** Weekend to Remember (*Santa Rosa*)
- **Apr. 18:** Ministry Huddle
- **Apr. 23:** High School Car Rally
- **Apr. 24:** Start Here Membership Class
- **Apr. 30-May 2:** Weekend to Remember (*Santa Clara*)
- **May 8-9:** Mother’s Day Weekend Celebration; Baptisms
- **May 14-16:** Women’s Retreat

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

**Weekend Service Times:** Saturdays at 5 & 6:30pm and Sundays at 9 & 11am.

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