

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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WHY I BELIEVE

This weekend, Week 4: Why I believe in Creation, Part 1

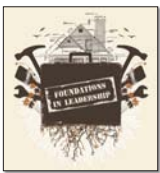


This weekend Pastor Chip Ingram takes on the topic of creation with logical explanations of why

you can believe the biblical depiction of our beginnings. Each weekend's teaching will be available online for 5 days or you can purchase weekend sermon CDs at the Information table in the lobby. The Venture Resource Center (*in Start Here... right across the patio from the Worship Center*) also has the Living on the Edge "Why I Believe" 6-part CD series available for purchase.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS TRAINING

Foundations in Leadership Seminar—Friday, May 21 from 6-9pm and Saturday, May 22 from 7:30am-4pm



Join Venture potential and current small group leaders at **Foundations in Leadership**, a fun and informative conference, presented by Pastor

Mark Collins. Gain insight into how leadership works and receive core skills and tools!

Space is limited, so register today at VentureChristian.org. For more details, contact either Robin Coleman (408.997.4617 or rcoleman@venturechristian.org) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644 or sstonehouse@venturechristian.org).

LOCAL OUTREACH

Fellowship of Christian Athletes presents: Bocce with the Pros. Join us **Monday, April 26 from 6:30 - 9:30pm** at Campo di Bocce, 565 University Ave. in Los Gatos. Chip Ingram will be a guest speaker. Bocce with former and current SF 49ers and other Bay Area pro athletes, delicious Italian dinner and drinks (no host bar), donation drawing and silent auction. For more details or to make a reservation, contact Tami Shepherd (408.656.5451).

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



"The Family Nobody Wanted": Enjoy a great theatre production and support "Help One Child." The show runs April 29 - May 1. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Crissi Allen (408.712.4646; heartacademy@comcast.net).

National Day of Prayer 2010 Task Force presents: Prayer, Praise & Worship Thursday, May 6 from 7-8pm at the San Jose City Hall Plaza. For more details, visit www.VAC.org.

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.



No Blind Faith - Apologetics Class: Join us Saturdays at 6:30pm in Room 214 and learn how to witness without fear, immunize your kids from their professors, and get answers to tough questions about Christianity. Each week is separate, so you can start any time... and bring a skeptic. Taught by Neil Mammen, Randy Duke and Ajit Ninan. For more information, contact Neil Mammen (neil@noblindfaith.com).

“Unwrapping the Gift of Forgiveness” Seminar: Want to continue your journey on supernaturally responding to evil with good? Need some practical ways to deal with the “Rock” you deposited at the front of the church? Then this seminar is for you. Steven Diehl, founder of *Forgiveness Ministries*, will help you discover the two sides of forgiveness – personal and relational. Learn how to bring healing to past wounds and establish appropriate boundaries in reconciliation. **Join us Thursdays, April 29-May 20 from 7-9pm in Room 237.** The cost is \$15. To register, contact the church office (408.997.4600). Get details online at ForgivenessMinistries.com.

“Weekend to Remember” Marriage Conference in Santa Clara next weekend: April 30-May 2
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).

Saturday Classes - Update:

All Saturday adult classes have been moved to 6:30pm (after the 5pm service) since there will no longer be a second Saturday service.

Singles 50 Plus upcoming events:

- **May 1** - Science Academy Expedition
 - **May 31** - Memorial Day BBQ & Party.
- Get more details at <http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html>.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

✕ Parent and Child Dedications



will be **Mother’s Day weekend, Saturday, May 8 at 5:00pm; Sunday May 9 at 9 & 11am.** Email

Diane Clemons (dclemons@venturechristian.org) to sign up.

✕ Vacation Bible School: Hey Kids...



if you’re entering the 1st - 5th grade this next fall, join us for “Under Construction”

June 21-24! This is a great 4-day camp packed full of action and adventure where kids get wet, messy, and wild for Jesus Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to noon. Mark you calendars now... registration will begin soon. For more information, call the KidVenture office (997-4645).

SPORTS MINISTRY

Adult Drop-In Tennis: For more information, contact Stephanie Dunkle (shepaintsalot@yahoo.com).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

(*VentureStudents.org*)

Middle School upcoming dates:

- **May 16:** Baptisms (sign up this weekend)
- **May 22:** 8th Grade Goodbye Party @ the Boardwalk
- **May 28:** 5th Grade Welcome Party at Pump It Up in Santa Clara.

High School: Lake Don Pedro -

June 17-20. It's time to start thinking about summer!



Our annual Don Pedro trip is a great weekend of sun, water and fun with great

speakers! Bring your friends! The cost is \$110.00 with a \$25.00 deposit due at time of sign-up. Sign-up Sunday or Tuesday evenings (Venue 2) as spots fill up quickly. For more information, contact Dave Molchan (dmolchan@venturechristian.org; 408.997.4661).

HUME LAKE SUMMER CAMPS

We're Almost Completely Full



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

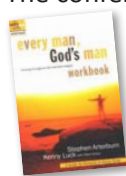
and we only have a few more spaces left. For more information on **Middle School and High School registration**, contact Judie Christensen (jchristensen@venturechristian.org). For **4th & 5th grade registration - sorry we're FULL.**

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Everyman Conference, May 7-8:

Discover the power to change into the man you want to be—and the man God intended for you to be! Join us for this life-changing event with speaker and author Kenny Luck at Crossroads Bible Church in San Jose.

The conference is \$55 and includes a conference workbook, a copy of the book *Every Man, God's Man* and men's group study curriculum for the *Every Man Bible Study Series*. For more details, visit EverymanMinistries.com or call Gary Hess (408.997.4610).



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.

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 and at the Women's Bible Studies. For more information, contact Kay McCloskey (408.356.2050, jkmccloskey@msn.com).

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

You'll have a few more weeks to provide items for our next shipment to the troops... we've moved the packing date to Monday, May 17. It's beginning to warm up in Iraq, so please, no more chocolate for now. Get details at our display outside Venue 2 on Sunday mornings.

VENTURE RESOURCE CENTER

We have many books, DVDs and other resources available for purchase at the Resource Center in Start Here.

OFF-SITE 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!

VENTURE LIBRARY

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

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).

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@porteramarais.com; 408.480.4029).

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Chip'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.

Venture Senior Pastor, Chip Ingram—Get more information at www.VentureChristian.org