

Happy Easter!

VENTURE Weekly

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Upcoming Events/Highlights

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WHY I BELIEVE

Get answers to life's most difficult questions for you and your friends!



What happens when we die? Can miracles be explained? Is there really a God? Answers to these

questions are as varied as they are confusing and spring from a plethora of belief systems. But the fact is, we can know the truth. There are solid, logical answers to satisfy the heart AND mind of those who are seeking. Join us as Pastor Chip Ingram presents this 6-part series and find answers to issues at the core of human existence!

- **Part 1: Why I believe in the Resurrection** (Easter weekend)
- **Part 2: Why I Believe in Life After Death** (Apr. 10-11)
- **Part 3: Why I Believe in the Bible** (Apr. 17-18)
- **Part 4: Why I Believe in Creation, Pt. 1** (Apr. 24-25)
- **Part 5: Why I Believe in Creation, Pt. 2** (May 1-2)
- **Part 6: Why I Believe in the God of the Bible** (May 15-16)

EXPANDED SATURDAY NIGHTS BEGIN NEXT WEEKEND!

We're launching the first Venture video venue on Saturday, April 10 at 6:30pm and 3 new adult classes will be available at 5pm: "Defending Your Faith in College: Apologetics for Parents & Students," "Managing Your

Finances God's Way (Crown Financial)" and "God's Dream for Your Marriage." Join us Saturday nights and enjoy your Sundays off! **Click here for more details and to register online**, or pick up a *Weekends at Venture* brochure at the Information table in the lobby.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Dinner is Thursday, April 8: 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. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased at the church office during the week. For more information, contact Ed Ortler (eortler@gmail.com).

BAPTISM CLASS

Have you recently committed your life to Christ? Take the next step and follow Jesus' example by being baptized here at Venture. Join us next Saturday, April 10 at 6:30pm in Start Here for our next Baptism Class (required for baptism at Venture).



HUNT! SATURDAY, APRIL 3
1PM

A SAFE SETTING FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY A FREE TRADITIONAL EASTER EGG HUNT
(LOADED WITH LOTS OF CANDIES AND PRIZES)

EGG HUNT BEGINS AT 1:30pm (sharp)

JEFFREY FONTANA PARK
(corner of Golden Oak Way & McAbee Road)

Kids, bring a basket or bag for the Easter Egg Hunt!

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WWW.OURBEAUTIFULDAY.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.

Engaged Couples Seminar, April 9-10.
For details and to register contact Karen Deeter (408.997.4622).

“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.

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](#)

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to register on Venture team on-line <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 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) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644; ssonehouse@venturechristian.org).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

(VentureStudents.org)

Middle School: We will **NOT** meet on **Saturday, April 10** as our ministry team will be offsite on a missions 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 (amccombs@venturechristian.org).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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, jkmccloskey@msn.com).

START HERE MEMBERSHIP CLASS - Saturday, April 24 from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2. Join us 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.**

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; 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.

PARK OFF SITE FOR EASTER SERVICES AND SHUTTLE IN

Help us open up spaces this Easter weekend 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@porteramarais.com; 408.480.4029).

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Continue your r12 exploration online!

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Apr. 3: The 5th Annual "Hunt"

Apr. 2-4: Easter Services

Apr. 8: Men's Dinner

Apr. 9-10: Engaged Couples Seminar

Apr. 10: Baptism Class;
6:30 Sat. service/classes

Apr. 16-18: Weekend to Remember
(Santa Rosa)

Apr. 24: Start Here Membership Class

Apr. 30-May 2: Weekend to Remember
(Santa Clara)

May 14-16: Women's Retreat

May 21-22: Foundations in Leadership
(small group training)

Chip's teaching can be heard weekdays at 11am (PST) on KFXA – 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