

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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WHY I BELIEVE



This weekend, Pastor Chip Ingram concludes this series with **Week 6: "Why I Believe in the God of the Bible."** If you would like to review

the series, each weekend's teaching is available online for 5 days. Sermon CDs are available for purchase after the services at the Information table in the lobby or on the patio. We also have the Living on the Edge 6-part "Why I Believe" CD series available for purchase at the Venture Resource Center (*in Start Here... right across the patio from the Worship Center*).

SMALL GROUP LEADERS TRAINING

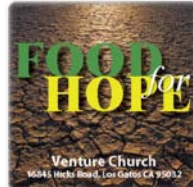


Foundations in Leadership Seminar—Friday, May 21 from 6-9pm and Saturday, May 22 from 7:30am-4pm

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 and we're almost full; register today at VentureChristian.org. For more details, contact Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644 or sstonehouse@venturechristian.org).

FOOD FOR HOPE



It's time for our annual drive to provide for Hope Enterprises feeding center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Our goal is to raise \$35,000 to fund the feeding center for an entire year... that's feeding 1,000 hungry people every day for a year! Pick up your mini-tote this weekend on the patio and start saving your change! We'll be collecting them at the end of the month.

MAY MINISTRY HUDDLE



The next **Ministry Huddle** will be this Sunday, May 16 at 5pm in the **Worship Center**.

Join us and be equipped with the tools you need to continue your ministry as well as hear the goals and vision for Venture's future. For more information, contact Annette Kypreos (akypreos@venturechristian.org; 408.997.4647).

VENTURE'S NEW WEBSITE

Please take the time to help Venture Church develop its new website by visiting the following link and completing the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPQZM2Y>

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 (after 5pm service) 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 (through 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.

Singles 50 Plus upcoming events:

- **May 15 & 29** - New Bible Study, “Five Things God Uses To Grow Your Faith” by Andy Stanley. Join us from 9:45am - 12:30pm

at 1199 Washoe Drive in San Jose. Beginning in June, we will meet every 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Workbooks are \$10 each. We'll take turns bringing a dish for brunch. Please RSVP (408.892.5560).

- **May 31** - Memorial Day BBQ & Party.

Get more details at <http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html>.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School: This year's VBS theme is “Kid Under Construction” - your child will not want to miss it! VBS is for kids who will be entering 1st-5th



grade next fall... mark your calendars for June 21-24. Early bird registration is \$30 per child and ends on May 31. Any registrations received after May 31 will be \$40 per child. Registration information is on the church website. For more information, contact the KidVenture Office (408.997.4646 or amccombs@venturechristian.org).

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
- **May 22:** 8th Grade Goodbye Party @ the Boardwalk

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- **May 28:** 5th Grade Welcome Party at Pump It Up in Santa Clara.
- **June 17-20:** "Elevation 2010" — Join us for this



us for this great "mini-camp" at Camp Chinquapin in the Pinecrest area of the

Northern Sierras. The cost is only \$190 for this 4-day trip. Sign up in Room 305 weekends or Tuesdays. For more information, contact Rob Walter (rwalter@venturechristian.org; 408.997.4660).

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

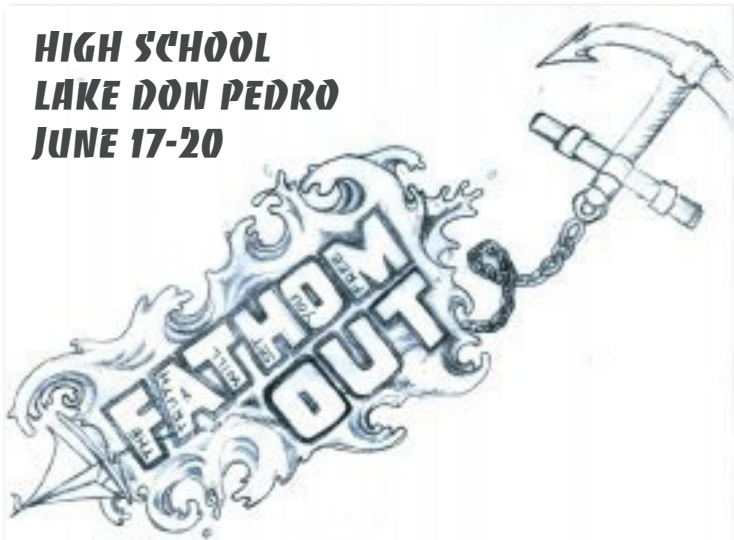
fill up quickly. For more information, contact Dave Molchan (dmolchan@venturechristian.org; 408.997.4661).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Summer Bible Study: "The Twisted Truth" Wednesday mornings, June 9-July 21 (off June 23), from 9:15-11:30am in Venue 2. Sign-up after all weekend services beginning May 22. Contact Debi Dalton (408.225.2949) for more information.

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG AT SITE OF BIBLICAL CITY OF SODOM

Have a penchant for antiquity? The Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project is in need of volunteers to dig with them on the site many scholars now believe to be the location of the ancient Biblical city of Sodom. The cost for the trip is tax deductible and college credit is available. For more information, contact Thomas Winder, PhD (505.220.3263) or visit www.TallelHammam.com.



AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We'll be packing for our next shipment this Monday, May 17, so items will need to be collected by this weekend. Remember, it's too hot now for chocolate to survive the mailing, so no chocolate please. For more information on items needed and the troops we support, please stop by our table on Sunday mornings just outside of Venue 2.

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.

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; 408.480.4029).

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MISSED THE SERMON... WANT TO HEAR IT ONLINE?

Listen to each Sunday's sermon on our website at VentureChristian.org. Sermons are available for five days after the service. You can also purchase current and older CDs of Venture sermons at our Information table.

COMMUNION @ VENTURE

We celebrate communion together as a church once a month during our weekend services (this is usually scheduled the first weekend of the month). For those who make communion a weekly part of their worship experience, we invite you to come down near the stage after the service where communion tables are available.

MAPES FAMILY GOODBYE PARTY

Luke, Emily, Silas and Eliana Mapes are moving to Colorado and we're sure Galen and Jeanette Call (former Venture Pastor and his wife) will love having them closer. Join us in saying goodbye to these Venture Staff members, Saturday, May 29 in the Ranch House Patio right after the 5pm service. Bring your favorite finger food or dessert to share.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **May 15-16:** Food for Hope Campaign Begins
- **May 16:** Ministry Huddle in W.C.
- **May 21-22:** Foundations in Leadership Seminar
- **June 17-20:** M.S. Elevation 2010; H.S. Lake Don Pedro
- **June 21-24:** KidVenture VBS
- **July 11-17:** Hume Lake Camps

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