

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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WHY I BELIEVE

This weekend, Week 5: Why I believe in Creation, Part 2



Pastor Chip Ingram concludes the topic of creation this weekend with more valuable information

regarding creation and evolution.

Next weekend, we will have a special Mother's Day celebration with dedications and baptisms, then the following weekend we will conclude the 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. 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.

DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 6

Prayer, Praise & Worship Thursday, May 6 at 7pm at the San Jose City Hall Plaza. Join fellow Christians, Pastors and City Leaders on the National Day of Prayer for a special evening time of prayer, praise and worship. Come to downtown San Jose City Hall Plaza and fill downtown with the sound of praise as we pray in unity for our nation and worship our Lord. For more details, visit www.VAC.org.



HOW HAS YOUR MOM BLESSED YOUR LIFE?



We'd like to post your stories for our special Mother's Day celebration next weekend (May 8-9). Tell us how your mother made a significant impact on your life through

her love for God, her persistent prayers, and more. In 100 words or less, share your stories online at VentureChristian.org or write them out and drop them off in the offering bag or at the church office during the week.

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 are filling up quickly, 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).

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.

Saturday Classes - Update: All Saturday adult classes now meet at 6:30pm (or after the 5pm service). See details in the *Weekends at Venture* brochure at the Information table.

Singles 50 Plus upcoming events:
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:** This year’s VBS theme is “Kidz 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 emapes@venturechristian.org).



GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The Global Ministries May 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).

MINISTRY HUDDLE - May 16

It’s our next connection with volunteers! Mark your calendars - 5pm in Venue 2.

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



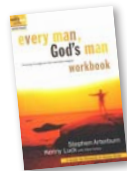
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MEN'S MINISTRY

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 is ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY... 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

Join us in providing care packages for our loved ones serving abroad in the military. Our next shipment will be packed on Monday, May 17, so please provide items before that date... and please no more chocolate as it's heating up in Iraq. For more information on items needed and the troops we support, please stop by our table on Sundays mornings just outside of Venue 2.

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... and more! 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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- **May 16:** Ministry Huddle
- **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