

Happy Mother's Day

VENTURE Weekly

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Upcoming Events/Highlights

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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Happy Mother's Day! This weekend both Chip and Theresa Ingram will speak as we honor mothers

with dedications, inspirational stories and personal testimonies of hope for women in all seasons of motherhood. Then, join us next weekend (May 15-16) as we conclude the "Why I Believe" series with "Week 6: Why I Believe in the God of the Bible." The entire sermon series is available on CDs and can be purchased 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOTHER'S STORIES!

We've posted them on the website for you to view. Visit VentureChristian.org to see the stories.

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.

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. Registration cards will also be available this weekend in your bulletins. For more details, contact either Robin Coleman (408.997.4617 or rcoleman@venturechristian.org) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644 or sstonehouse@venturechristian.org).

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 have communion available at tables in the front of the worship center after the service. We invite you to come down to the front of the Worship Center for a time of private communion with the Lord.

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 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 “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

Ministry News (cont.)

- **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).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT...

May 14-16 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center.

Our theme is "Partly Cloudy with Scattered Worries" - Finding Peace and Trust in God in All Kinds of Circumstances; speaker: Kathy Collard Miller. Please join us for a wonderful weekend away. Fees: Economy \$175; Standard \$225; Deluxe \$260. Sign up after any service this weekend. For more information contact Kay McCloskey (408.356.2050, jkmcloskey@msn.com).

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.

Middle School



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.

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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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **May 14-16:** Women's Retreat
- **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 KFOX – 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