

Happy Independence Day!



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Upcoming Events/Highlights

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THIS WEEKEND AT VENTURE



Happy Independence Day!
This weekend we take a break from the "Holy Ambition" series to welcome guest speaker, Ron Walters. Ron serves the dual role of Vice

President of National Programming and VP of Church Relations for Salem Communications, the nation's largest distributor of Christian and family themed programming via radio, internet and publishing. Ron and Susan (a business woman and writer) have been married 41 years and live in Camarillo, California.

EXODUS TOUR

Looking for the inspirational trip of a lifetime? **Join Mark & Carrie Collins as they host the Exodus Tour (from the Great Pyramids in Cairo to Israel where you'll see many of the places Jesus walked) February 5 - 19, 2011.** Get more details at one of our Tour Informational Meetings this weekend: Saturday, July 3 at 6:30pm or Sunday, July 4 at 12:45pm. For more information, please contact Sharon Stonehouse (sstonehouse@venturechristian.org; 408.997.4644).

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT



We salute our troops this Independence Day weekend as they continue to

fight for our precious freedom! May God bless and keep them. If you would like more information on how we support the troops or would like to see our pictures and updates, please stop by our table outside of Venue 2 on Sunday mornings.

FOOD FOR HOPE

Praise God! And thank you all for your generosity... we were able to meet our goal for FOOD for HOPE and send \$35,000 to Ethiopia to support the feeding center at Hope Enterprises in Addis Ababa. What a joy to be feeding 1000 hungry people a day. Thank you – Thank you – Thank you!

BAPTISM CLASS

First step to being baptized at Venture.

Have you recently committed your life to Christ? Take the next step and follow Jesus' example by being baptized. **The next class will be next Sunday, July 11 at 11am in the Ranch House Den.** Please RSVP to Karen Deeter (408.997.4622).

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 or on the patio.



Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: Focus—singles 40+ (Room 217). Leader: LeRoy Eikanas. Teacher: Bert Dollahite. The current study is Romans. The group focus is single adults (never married, divorced, widowed) but all adults (including married couples) are welcome to attend the class.

Roca de Poder (Rock of Power) Bible Study: This is a Spanish-speaking Bible study on Thursday nights in Room 214. For more information, please contact Porfirio Flores (408.472.3025).

Singles 50 Plus: Find out what we're up to... visit <http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html>.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The Global Ministries July Prayer Calendar is available at the Information table. If you would like to receive the calendar each month via email, please contact Tammy Quigley (tquigley@venturechristian.org).

GRIEFSHARE AND DIVORCECARE MINISTRIES

Are you "broken or heart-heavy" because of losses in your life from the death of a loved one, separation or divorce? We're here to help you through the pain and healing.



GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. The next session will run August 4 - October 27. We meet offsite on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. For more information, please contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713; annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (408.972.1729; evas@pacbell.net).



Divorce hurts... find help at DivorceCare. A new session begins this fall, September 8 - December 8. We'll meet on Wednesdays from 7-9pm in Room 217/218. For more information, please contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624; bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

Both workshops meet for 13 sessions. The cost is \$15 which includes your workbook.

SPORTS MINISTRY



Youth Soccer Sign-ups begin July 5: Registration forms are available at

VentureChristianSports.org. You can mail them in or deliver them to the office on Tuesday, July 6 (the office is closed on July 5 in honor of Independence Day). For more information, please contact Tammy Quigley (tquigley@venturechristian.org).

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

Ministry News (cont.)

STUDENT MINISTRIES

(VentureStudents.org)



Students Leave for Hume next weekend! Middle School and High School groups will not be meeting next weekend (July 10-11) as they leave for their week-long camps at Hume Lake. They will also not be having their Tuesday night groups on July 13. Please keep them in prayer during this incredible week of fun activities and spiritual growth!

Middle School and High School groups will resume their regular schedule the weekend of July 17-18 and Tuesday night groups will resume their summer schedule on Tuesday, July 20!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Beth Moore simulcast at the next Women's CAFÉ, July 24!



Let's get connected this summer! Join us Saturday, July 24 for the next C.A.F.E. (Coffee and Friends Engaged)—we'll be presenting the **Beth Moore simulcast "So Long Insecurity"** from

8:45am to 2:30pm in Venue 2, and a continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided. **Purchase tickets after the weekend services at the Women's table.** The cost is \$20 (cash or checks - made out to VCC). There is limited space, so **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Sorry, no childcare. Contact Lynda Kelaita with questions (408.365.5900; LKelaita@abhow.com).

Church News

INVESTIGATE GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE...By Mike Nauman

Someone in our community needs to find a kidney donor. I have been the beneficiary of such a gift. I know from personal research and decades of data, that kidney donors have extended life expectancy – not reduced. Every donor I've met tells me it's the best thing they ever did. If you would be interested in confidentially exploring the possibility of making such a gift, and you have type A or O blood, please contact me, Mike Nauman (408.206.9061 or mnauman@venturechristian.org).

PARK ON-SITE THIS SUMMER

Thanks so much to all of you who have helped open up parking spaces

on campus by parking off-site. We're giving our shuttle drivers the summer off, so please enjoy parking on-site during the summer months. We'll let you know when the shuttle service is back in action. Have a great summer!

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.TalleHammam.com.

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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.

HEAR THE SERMON 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 after weekend services.

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.

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.

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).

MISSING SOMETHING?

Stop by the Venture Lost & Found and see if it's there. We have Bibles, glasses, jackets and more. The Lost & Found cabinets are located on the Second Floor near Venue 2.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **July 3 or 4:** Exodus Tour Information Mtg
- **July 5:** Youth Soccer registration begins
- **July 11:** Baptism Class
- **July 11-17:** Hume Lake Camps
- **July 24:** Women's CAFÉ w/Beth Moore Simulcast
- **August 27-28:** Foundations in Leadership Seminar

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