

Upcoming Events/Highlights

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THIS WEEKEND AT VENTURE

It's great to be back from Africa. Wow! I saw God at work in the lives of thousands of pastors in South Africa and Zimbabwe. God broke my heart afresh for the orphans. It is a thrill to know we at Venture are making a real difference in both countries. I hope you have had a great summer and are ready for an even greater Fall. I will begin a new 2 part series this week called "The Venture Vision." I can't wait to share with you what God has been speaking to me about His plans for you, me and the Venture family. See you this weekend.

- Chip

SPIRITUAL SIMPLICITY DOING LESS...LOVING MORE

Do you find yourself constantly multi-tasking, frustrated and like there's no end to the grind? What if true fulfillment is found in doing less and loving more? Invite a friend and join Chip as he launches this brand new 8 part series based on 1 Corinthians 13 on September 11&12.

NIGHT OF PRAYER & WORSHIP

Join us for an evening of prayer and worship for the entire Church (4th grade - adult), Tuesday, September 7, at 7pm in the Worship Center as we prepare our hearts for our Fall Focus. Childcare will be provided (infants - 3rd grade).

GET READY FOR FALL FOCUS

Starting September 11 & 12, Venture Church will align church-wide for eight weeks (children through adults), to focus on Spiritual Simplicity- Doing Less ... Loving More. Woven throughout the weekend services, small groups and daily devotional, we'll focus on one key attribute of God each week and learn the power of doing less and loving more... gaining spiritual simplicity.

- **Weekend Services** - New 8 part series on Spiritual Simplicity - Doing Less...Loving More.
- **Weekly Small Groups** - 8 week study on *God: As He Longs for You to See Him* (Book & Study Guide)
- **Daily Devotional** - Incorporated into the study guide and book that pairs with the small group study, *God: As He Longs for You to See Him*.

LAST CHANCE FOR HOST TRAINING

If you're interested in hosting a small group for our upcoming church-wide study, *God: As He Longs for You to See Him*, join Mark Collins for the last host training next Sunday at 12:45am in Start Here. A light meal will be provided.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Starting the week of September 12, all small groups will launch into a new study, *God: As He Longs for You to See Him* with a book and study guide. If you're already part of a group or have never joined one, fill out the card inserted in the bulletin. When you commit to this 8 week study and attend the 8 week teaching series, Spiritual Simplicity, we'll give you the small group resources for free. You can also sign up online, but you will still need to submit your card at one of the resource hubs on campus to receive your resources.

START HERE DISCOVERY CLASS

Take the next step to get connected and learn about the vision, values, philosophy and opportunities at Venture Church. Join us to move from simply attending Church to really becoming a part of the Venture family. Breakfast will be provided at this low key and fun event which will be held Saturday, September 11, from 8:30am to noon in Venue 2. Call the church office at 408.997.4600 to RSVP if you are planning to attend. Childcare will be provided.

7 DAYS OF PRAYER

In preparation for the Fall Focus, we are asking everyone to devote seven days to stop and pray at 7am & 7pm to lift up our church, community and that God would prepare each of our hearts for the work He wants to do in and through us this Fall. More details to come next week!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sign-ups begin this weekend (after all services) for the Fall studies. Pick up a brochure at the Information table or in the church office during the week. For more information, contact Tammy Quigley at 408.997.4636; tquigley@venturechristian.org.

BOY SCOUTS

Join the Boy Scout Troop 577 for an informational dinner and showing of "UP" on Friday, September 10, at 5:30pm in Venue 2. Boys in 6th Grade or 11 to 17 years old are eligible to join. For more information please contact the Troop at troop577@me.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive will be held Monday, September 13, from 1:00pm-7:00pm at Venture Church in the "Start Here" room. Organ and tissue donation information will also be available. Schedule an appointment online at bloodcenter.stanford.edu.

MOPS I & II (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Mothers of Preschoolers program at Venture begins this September. MOPS I meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 9:30-11:30am and MOPS II meets the first and third Fridays of the month from 9:30-11:30am. MOPS I contact Anna Mammen 503.475.4672; anna@neilmammen.com. MOPS II contact Kristi Guardanapo 408.476.0408; kreenee48@yahoo.com

ADULT MINISTRIES Keep updated on coming changes in weekend classes... get details in the ***Weekends at Venture*** brochure at the Information table in the lobby or on the patio.

Singles 50 Plus:

Get details and view upcoming events at <http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html>.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9am: Truth Seekers (Room 217/218). Leaders: Stan and Donna Bales (408.266.9764). You'll experience a warm welcome! Join us as we enjoy a time of light refreshment, prayer, worship, and study. Stan will lead in expository as well as topical teaching; class participation is encouraged. You'll find times of fellowship, service, and activities—and an occasional trip. This class is open to all ages and both couples and singles. For details, visit truthseekersclass.shutterfly.com and enter the password "venture."

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The Global Ministries August 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).

HEALING 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 current session of GriefShare runs August 4 - October 27, and you can join anytime. We meet off-site on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. For more information, please contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713; annej47@sbcglobal.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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Preschool check-in is on the lower level (Entrance 3)

Kindergarten to 5th grade check-in is located on the second level (Entrance 5 - from the lower level, take the left pathway around the bldg.

Middle school group meets in Room 305, Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 11am (Entrance 6). We also meet Tuesday nights (7-8:30pm) this summer for games, music and a time of teaching. For details, contact Rob Walter (408.997.4660; rwalter@venturechristian.org).

High school group meets Sundays at 11am in Venue 2 (Entrance 8). Starting September 12, High School will meet Sundays 5pm-6:30pm. Join us Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm for crazy games, worship, and teaching ...and since it's summer, you can hang out with your friends at the "Afterhouse" from 8:30-10:30pm (each week at a different house selected by the V3 staff). For more details, contact Dave Molchan (408.997.4661; dmolchan@venturechristian.org).

College/Young Adult students meet Sundays at 7:30pm- 9:30pm in Room 300 (Entrance 8).

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We're committed to ensuring that our loved ones serving in the military know that we love and support them. If you would like more information, stop by the American Troops Project table just outside of Venue 2 on Sunday mornings. You can view many of our pictures as well as get details on how you can participate. Join us with Koinonia on Sunday, August 8 for special guest speakers, Tim and Bobbi Bettger, missionaries with Cadence International who minister to soldiers stationed at Fort Drum in New York.

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.

SHUTTLE SERVICE ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Our shuttle drivers are enjoying the summer off, so please remember to park on-site. We'll let you know when the shuttle service will start back up.

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).

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.

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.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **Sept 7:** Night of Prayer & Worship
- **Sept 10:** MOPS 1 begins
- **Sept 11:** Discovery Class
- **Sept 11-12:** "Spiritual Simplicity" series begins
- **Sept 13:** Blood Drive

Chip's teaching can be heard weekdays at 10am on 88.1 FM & 11am on KFAZ 1100 AM 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