

## Upcoming Events/Highlights

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### THIS WEEKEND AT VENTURE



This weekend we delve into Part 2 of the “Cents and Nonsense About Money” series and we also welcome back Lance Witt, a regular teacher here as part of Venture’s Teaching

Team. Lance resides in Texas where he founded Replenish (a ministry to refresh and refocus the inner lives of pastors). Prior to that, he served as Executive Teaching Pastor at Saddleback Church, leading it’s spiritual growth campaigns such as 40 Days of Purpose and 40 Days of Community. Lance has been married to his wife, Connie, for 30 years and they have two married children.

### THE GOD TALK KIOSK AT OAKRIDGE MALL

Our “God Talk” kiosk at Oakridge Mall is open all of August for the busy back-to-school shopping season. It’s a great opportunity to share our faith with thousands of unchurched shoppers. If you would like to join our volunteers for one 3-hour time slot at the kiosk, please contact Rich and Charlene Sevcik (408.354.3966); you can also check out the website at [www.Godtalkinthemall.com](http://www.Godtalkinthemall.com).

### AUDITIONS FOR VENTURE’S VOCAL TEAM & BAND

We are looking for passionate r12 Christians to help lead our church in worship each weekend. Band Auditions will be held Tuesday, August 17 and Vocal Auditions will be held Thursday, August 26. For more information please contact Regina Pruitt, [rpruitt@venturechristian.org](mailto:rpruitt@venturechristian.org).

### SMALL GROUP FOUNDATIONS IN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Join potential and current Venture small group leaders at a fun and informative conference, *Foundations in Leadership*, presented by Pastor Mark Collins. Gain insight into how leadership works and receive core skills and tools!

Topics will include raising up the next generation of leaders, group dynamics and conflict resolution. Meals will be provided. See the sign-up card in this weekend’s bulletin or sign up online! Questions? Contact either Robin Coleman (408.997.4617 or [rcoleman@venturechristian.org](mailto:rcoleman@venturechristian.org)) or Sharon Stonehouse (408.997.4644 or [sstonehouse@venturechristian.org](mailto:sstonehouse@venturechristian.org)). You won’t want to miss this great opportunity to become a more dynamic small group leader.

### 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.

**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](http://truthseekersclass.shutterfly.com) and enter the password "venture."

**Koinonia special guest speakers:** Join the Koinonia life community this Sunday, August 8 at 9am in Venue 2 for guest speakers Tim and Bobbi Bettger, missionaries with Cadence International. The Bettgers host North County Hospitality in Watertown, NY where they minister to the soldiers stationed at Fort Drum.

**Singles 50 Plus:** Get details and view upcoming events at <http://www.jefe74.com/Koinonia/plus50.html>.

### 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](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

### HEERARAA SPONSOR "THANK YOU"

We invite all of you who have sponsored our students in Heeraraa, Ethiopia, to a reception to thank you for making a difference in the lives of children and opening the door for them to learn of God's saving grace. What an amazing gift you have given these children. Please join us Saturday, August 21 at 12:45pm in Room 213. If you have questions on our child sponsorship program, please contact Sherry Mason at [samason500@aol.com](mailto:samason500@aol.com).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net)).

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

### SPORTS MINISTRY



Get details on Venture's Fall Youth Soccer league and download registration

forms at [VentureChristianSports.org](http://VentureChristianSports.org). You can also pick up forms at the Information table on the patio or at the church office during the week. **Registration ends August 13.** Mail or drop off payment and registration forms at the church office during the week. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Quigley (408.997.4636; [tquigley@venturechristian.org](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

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

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

*(VentureStudents.org)*

**Middle School:** Join us on 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](mailto:rwalter@venturechristian.org)).

**High School:** 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](mailto:dmolchan@venturechristian.org)).

### 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.

### 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](mailto:judy@portermarais.com); 408.480.4029).

### 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.

### 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](http://venturechristian.org); click the "Resources" tab.

### HEAR THE SERMON ONLINE...

Listen to each Sunday's sermon on our website at [VentureChristian.org](http://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.

### CONNECT WITH VENTURE

Twitter... Facebook... Share your stories... Venture updates... connect at [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org).

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **Aug 21:** Heeraraa Student Sponsor "Thank You"
- **Aug 27-28:** Small Group Foundations in Leadership
- **Sept 7:** Night of Prayer & Worship
- **Sept 11-12:** "Spiritual Simplicity" Series Begins

Chip's teaching can be heard weekdays at **10am on 88.1 FM & 11am on KFAQ 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](http://www.VentureChristian.org)