

Upcoming Events

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RESOURCE CENTER, OCT 3-4

Looking for a one-stop shop for purchasing small group study guides, DVDs, weekend messages, and other resources to help you grow in your walk with God? Beginning October 3-4, the new Venture Resource Center will have a table on the patio after the services. Stop by and check out what's available. We are looking for regular volunteers for this endeavor as well. If you are interested, please contact Laura Flohr (408.997.4630 or lflohr@venturechristian.org).

THE CREATIVE PRAYER TOUR

Do you desire a more consistent and energized prayer life? Would you like to have some creative, biblical tools to improve your walk with God? Would you like to see dynamic prayer move to a new level in your family and church? Join Daniel Henderson and the ministry of Strategic Renewal for an evening of teaching, worship and biblical motivation in prayer this Monday, September 28 at 7pm in the Worship Center. For more information on the Creative Prayer Tour, visit www.strategicrenewal.com.

LOVE & LOGIC SEMINAR

Tuesday, October 6, 7-9pm

Want some practical tips on how to get your children to listen to you...the first time? Have battles with getting your child to do their homework? Or just want to help your child build self confidence and inner strength? Dr. Charles Fay of the Love and Logic Institute will be joining us on Tuesday,

October 6 in the Worship Center, sponsored by Los Gatos Christian School. Visit LosGatosChristianSchool.com to download the registration form or contact the school office (408.997.4681). The cost is \$20/individual or \$30/couple.

MIDDLE SCHOOL :: GIRLY//BURLY ::



Calling all middle school students... the girly//burly event is Friday and Saturday, October 2-3.

The girls will be having an all night girl-party/sleepover at the church, while the boys travel out to Camp Koinonia in Watsonville. The cost is \$25. The girls' event will be from 5pm Friday to 10am Saturday, and the boys' event will be from 4pm Friday to noon on Saturday (the boys will be traveling almost an hour, so their event will last a few hours longer). Meals will be provided at both events. For more information, contact Rob Walter (408.997.4660 or rwalter@venturechristian.org).

SMALL GROUPS

We make small groups a big deal at Venture because that's where the real action takes place. It's in the environment of a living room with a group of peers where great friendships are developed and life change occurs. So far this fall, we've launched over 170 groups church-wide... and it's not too late if you want to join! To find a group near you, visit VentureChristian.org today!

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *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. Visit our new class Web site at www.truthseekersclass.shutterfly.com and enter the password "venture."

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11am: *Spectrum* (Room 216). Teacher: Wayne Niblack. *Spectrum* is a class for all ages, middle school through adult. We begin each week with a time of singing (mostly hymns), a prayer time, and then a Bible lesson. We alternate studying Old Testament and New Testament books and are currently in 1 Timothy. We enjoy having guest missionary and ministry speakers; our main social events are class potlucks.

Sundays at Venture

For more information on classes available Sunday mornings, pick up a *Sundays at Venture* brochure at the Information Center on the patio.

50+ Singles Bible Study—"Walk in the Dust of the Rabbi, Jesus": Learn about the historical, geographical and cultural context of the scriptures. You may never read the Bible the same again. The first DVD is "When the Rabbi Says 'Come.'" Small group discussion follows and brunch served. RSVP Jorgi at 408.892.5560.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Do you have a passion for Global Ministries? Then join us from 8-9am each Sunday in Room 216 to pray for our missionaries and outreaches. Feel free to bring your missionary booklet (available in the lower foyer) and monthly missionary prayer list.

HEALING MINISTRIES

The fall session of GriefShare will begin Monday, October 5. Meetings will be held every Monday (October 5 through December 28) from 7-9pm in Room 219. GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. It's a place where you can be with people who understand the pain of your loss. At GriefShare you'll have the opportunity to learn valuable information that will help during this difficult time in your life. To register or for more information, contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713 or annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net). There is a \$15 fee for the session (workbooks included). Child care is not provided during the support meeting.

Surviving the Holidays—sponsored by GriefShare: Join us Saturday, November 14 from 9:30am-noon in Fellowship Hall. This is a helpful, encouraging seminar to help those facing the holidays after a loved one's death. To register please contact Anne (408.997.0713 or anne47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva (408.972.1729 or evas@pacbell.net). There is no charge for this event. No child care will be provided.

Celebrate Recovery: Join us and discover how God uses this program to heal us from our "hurts, habits, and hang-ups." We meet every Friday

night beginning with a barbecue at 6pm in the parking lot. At 7pm, we begin our large group time of teaching and/or testimony; at 8pm, we have our issue and gender-specific small groups. For more information, contact CR (408.997.4641 or CR@venturechristian.org).

DivorceCare is a small group devoted to those divorced. It's a safe place to find help, discover hope, and experience healing with the help of others who understand. The group meets Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 217-218. Contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

Blended Families Class Begins Sunday, September 27. This new class is designed to help married couples who have "blended" two families or for those who have plans to do so soon. The class will meet Sundays at 9:15am in the Ranch House. For more information, please contact Frank and Bev Buxton (408.225.3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net).

Joyful Rebounders: This group is for women who are "alone again" after a divorce or the death of a spouse. For details, contact Sybil Ruggles (408.356.8860).

LOCAL OUTREACH

Volunteer Opportunities at Community Pregnancy Centers: For anyone interested in volunteer opportunities for the Community Pregnancy Centers, orientations will be offered October 5, 6, and 8 from 6:30-9:30pm at the South San Jose Center (3315 Almaden Expressway, Suite 25). For more information and to register, contact Sally (408.978.9310; sally@mycpc.org).

MEN'S MINISTRY

New to the church? Want to get involved in Men's Ministry? Check out The Herd's website at VentureChristian.org.

The Herd Men's Ministry Tuesday Night Bible Study: Men, are you "all in" for Christ? Come join *The Herd* Tuesdays at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. This fall we are studying the Book of Matthew. This comprehensive Tuesday night Bible study is for men who desire a stronger knowledge of the Bible and its application to their lives. For more information, contact John White (408.224.8405). Come run with **The Herd!**

SPORTS (Adult)

Open Tennis for all Adults: Join us **Wednesdays from 6-8pm** and **Sundays at 4pm** at **Leland High School** (6677 Camden Ave). Please contact Stephanie Dunkle (408.226.8714 or shepaintsalot@yahoo.com). *(Please call before heading out to make sure someone will be at the court.)*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Looking for a women's Bible study? Pick up a *Women's Bible Studies Fall 2009* brochure at the Information Center on the patio after the service or visit the Women's page at VentureChristian.org.

JEWEL is a ministry of prayer, encouragement, and mentoring that connects women for friendship and spiritual growth. **JEWEL**

invites all women – young, not-so-young, married or single - to come to an information meeting about the ministry on either Thursday, October 1 from 6:30-8:30pm or Saturday, October 3 from 2-4pm; both will meet in Fellowship Hall. There will be sign-ups for Pearl or Ruby at these

