

June 28-29, 2008

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

- **Celebrate Recovery** offers freedom in Christ from hurts, habits, and hang-ups that negatively impact goals and relationships. There is hope as you focus on God's solutions! We're meeting the 4th of July. **Join us at 6:00pm for a delicious barbecue dinner in the front parking lot. CR begins at 7:15pm in Fellowship Hall with a powerful "Testimony."** For more information, call 997-4641 or e-mail cr@venturechristian.org.

CHURCH NEWS

- **Send Us Your Snapshots!** If you have digital photos of people, ministries, or events at VCC, please share them with us (please also include contact information for those in the photos so that we can have them sign disclosures to use their pictures). We need dozens of pictures (especially recent ones) for the church web site and various publications. Digital video of church activities (on DVD) is also needed. *Please contact Steve Jones, Minister of Communications, at 997-4665 or sjones@venturechristian.org.*
- **Project Iraq:** We are collecting for our next summer shipment that will be packed up on July 31. Please remember: no chocolate this time of year. Thanks again for all your love and care! *For more information, contact John and Millie Evans (985-2157).*
- **Let's Reclaim Our Nation Through Prayer:** The National Day of Prayer task force has asked **Americans across the country to meet in corporate prayer.** At VCC, let us come together, uplifting our nation's future and its leaders in prayer. We meet **every Thursday from 12:00 - 12:30pm** in Room 219 (the Women's Conference Room) through the November elections. Join us in praying for the November 4 presidential and general election. Everyone is welcome! (friends! co-workers!) *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* 1 Timothy 2:1-2. *For more information, contact Faith Karnan (356-4306) or Sybil Ruggles (356-8860).*
- **Pastor Dave Sawkins** will be hosting the **Passion Play Tour, July 21 - August 1, 2010.** The tour will be visiting the places where the reformation took place and seeing the **Passion Play** in Oberammergau which takes place every 10 years from May to October. The tour will include visits to Rome, Siena, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, Oberammergau, Heidelberg, and Frankfurt. *Please call Sharon Stonehouse (694-0824) for a brochure or more information.*
- Pick up an **Intercessor Prayer List** in the upper foyer. It's a great reminder to pray for our church family.
- **Music sheets available at the Information Center.** If you would like to have the words to the worship songs we sing during the service, you can pick up a music sheet at the Information Center (upper foyer).
- **VCC E-mail List:** If you are **not** currently receiving the periodic e-mails sent out from the church (daily Prayer Chain, weekly Intercessor Prayer List, Weekly Update) **and would like to receive them**, please e-mail Karen Gentrup (kgentrup@venturechristian.org) with your e-mail address.

DISCIPLESHIP

- **Life Community Focus of the Week: Parent.net (Sunday at 10:45am in Room 217).** Leader: Dan Lagassé. This community is designed for parents of teens in high school or middle school. It features a variety of video seminars and topical studies pertinent to families with teens and includes time for discussion and fellowship.
- **ESL Ministry:** If you are interested in teaching the English language and American culture to internationals, please contact May Trieu for more details (may.trieu@gmail.com or 846-7284). Another class will start in July.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

- **Missionary prayer focus: Kelley Miller** has been learning Khmer in Cambodia for the past 18 months. She is now seeking a ministry and location where her gifts can have the greatest impact. Pray for her to have wisdom as she visits various locations around the country, some of which are very primitive.
- **Christmas in July** is right around the corner! We need your assistance with gift card distribution and collection each weekend in July (Saturdays and Sundays). Contact Tammy Quigley (997-4636; tqigley@venturechristian.org) with your name, daytime phone, and date(s) you can help.
- Shopping for **Christmas cards**? Have **unused cards left from years past**? **Global Ministries can use them!** Cards for adults and children, religious and secular (for sensitive countries) are welcome! You can drop them by the reception desk or bring them to the Global Ministries office during the week.
- The **July Global Ministries prayer calendar** is available in the upper foyer. Pick one up and pray for our missionary families.

HEALING MINISTRIES

- **DivorceCare** and **GriefShare** will begin again in the fall. *If you would like to speak to someone about these groups: for DivorceCare, please contact Frank and Bev Buxton (225-3624 or bjbuxton67@sbcglobal.net); for GriefShare, contact Deb Omori (997-4614 or domori@venturechristian.org).*
- **Joyful Rebounders** (women who are “alone again” after divorce or death of a spouse): various activities monthly; *contact Sybil Ruggles (356-8860).*

LOCAL OUTREACH

- **Homeless Feeding Ministry looking for a driver:** We need a dependable driver with a pick-up truck for food pick-up and delivery every Wednesday **OR** Thursday for the homeless feeding ministry. *Anyone interested in helping with this ministry should contact Glenn Rieken (cell: 835-8774/home: 223-8773).*

MEN'S MINISTRIES

- **LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP FOR THE RISK CONFERENCE** with speaker and author **Kenny Luck** of **EVERYMAN MINISTRIES**. **Join us** July 11-12 at WestGate Church (1735 Saratoga Avenue in West San Jose); Friday evening 5:30-9:30pm and Saturday 8:00am – 1:00pm. The cost is \$65 per person. To register, please contact John White (355-5991 or johntwhitecpa@sbcglobal.net).

SPORTS MINISTRIES (Youth)

- **STOP THE PRESSES! Fall Youth Soccer League registration deadlines have been changed. Registration deadline is now July 30, and we are now offering a Soccer Camp/Rating Clinic on new dates as well (July 28 - 30).** The Camp/Clinic will provide hands-on training from nationally ranked coaches, four-year collegiate scholar-athletes, and current professional players. Don't miss the great opportunity for your children to improve their skills! For more information and to register, pick up a registration form in the upper foyer or print one from our website (www.venturechristian.org). The playing season is September 6 - November 15, and we welcome all players whose birthdays fall between August 1, 1998 and July 31, 2003. We have added a new division called “Lil' Kickers” for children two to four years old. *If you have questions, call Marge Schlechter in the Sports Ministry office (997-4642) or Donny Dequine (997-4632).*
- **Under 10 and Under 12 girls soccer teams will be playing in the South Bay Youth Soccer League** as an opportunity to reach out to the community and show the love of Christ. The cost is \$90 and you must have your money in by July 15. Please come to the Sports Ministry office to pick up a registration form. We are also looking for coaches for this division. *If you have any interest, please contact our Sports Minister, Donny Dequine (997-4632 or dcdequine@venturechristian.org).*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

- **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Summer Activities: MOPS Park Days** are on the first and third Fridays of each month through August 15, but **there will be no park day on Friday, July 4.** Our next “**Mom's Night Out**” will be Wednesday, **July 23 at the Cheesecake Factory at the Oakridge Mall in San Jose at 7:30pm.** (RSVP is needed for Mom's Nights Out). *For more information and to RSVP for Mom's Night Out, contact Jeanette Adams (home: 264-5013 or cell: 833-8008).*

VINTAGE WORSHIP

- **Vintage Worship Service:** We're starting to publicize our 8:00am traditional service around the South Bay. If you know where or how we can “get the word out” through posters, e-mails, civic groups, publications, or the internet, call us! Also, the Early Light Choir and Band are actively seeking new members. If you sing or play an instrument, please contact Steve Jones at 997-4665 or sjones@venturechristian.org.