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EASTER AND HUNT UPDATE:

Thank you so much to all who volunteered to make our Easter weekend such a success. We had a HUGE turnout and we couldn't have done it all without you! The Hunt was also a great success. There were over 250 children, 5000 stuffed plastic eggs, 2000 little toys, 250 pounds of candy... and a great response from the local community, who also received cards inviting them to our Easter services.

CHIP INGRAM AT VENTURE



Chip Ingram will be speaking at Venture the weekends of April 25-26, May 2-3, and May 9-10. **There will be a question and answer time with Chip Ingram on Sunday, May 3, at 3:00pm in the**

Worship Center.

Chip Ingram is the President and teaching pastor for Living on the Edge, an international teaching and discipleship ministry, and is a candidate for Senior Pastor at Venture Christian Church. His passion is to help everyday Christians actually "live like Christians" by raising the bar of discipleship. A pastor for over 20 years, Chip has a unique ability to communicate truth and winsomely challenge people to live out their faith. Chip is a best-selling author of nine books such as *Good to Great in God's Eyes* and *God: As He Longs For You To See Him*. Chip and his wife, Theresa, have four children and six grandchildren.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER



May 1-3 at the Santa Clara Marriott

Marriage is defined by memories. They can be memories of joy and fulfillment or pain and heartbreak. It all depends on how well you apply the principles that make marriage

thrive. The *Weekend to Remember* conference has been helping couples create the kind of memories that build a healthy marriage. Registration is open to individuals, couples, or groups. Register today online at familylife.com or after weekend services at the Family Life registration table on the patio. For more information, please contact Deb Omori (997-4614; domori@venturechristian.org).

ADULT SPORTS PROGRAMS

Venture is launching three new opportunities to "get in the game." **Co-ed Softball** games for ages 15 and up will be played on Kring Field June 13 - August 29; early registration ends May 29. Venture is putting together **Men's Softball** teams in the City of San Jose Church League; these Monday night games will begin June 27 for ages 18 and up. The **Bowling League** will be played at Cambrian Bowl on Saturday nights for ages 15 and up; the season will be June 6 - August 15. Detailed flyers available at the Information Center or contact Bill Mockabee, VCC Director of Adult Sports (499-2274 or wlmockabee@aol.com).



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KEEP OUR LIBRARIES CLEAN

The Values Advocacy Council urges you to come to the San Jose City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 21, to show your support for library computer filters. We will assemble at 6:00pm in the City Hall Plaza for a rally. The meeting begins at 7:00pm. To prepare for the meeting, please visit the VAC table in the patio to learn how you may call, fax, and mail our city council members prior to April 21. Thank you for helping to protect our children from one source of pornography.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7 from 7:00-8:00pm:

Join us at the San Jose City Hall Plaza (200 East Santa Clara Street) for an evening of prayer, praise, and worship. This event is sponsored locally by Values Advocacy Council and Transformation Alliance of Santa Clara County. For more details, call VAC (267-0800) or visit www.vac.org.



Ministry News

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School: "Superheroes of the Faith"...coming **June 22-25** to Venture. This **4-day program** will run from 9:00am to noon, **Monday through Thursday**. VBS is for kids who have completed kindergarten - 4th grade. Mark your calendar now—you won't want to miss it! Stay tuned for more details.

Hume Lake Wagon Train—July 12-18:



This overnight camp is an incredible experience for kids who have completed 3rd or 4th grade. There are still a few

spaces available. The cost is \$475; \$150 deposit is due at registration. For more information, contact the KidVenture office (997-4645).

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Are you a mom with little ones who is looking to meet other moms with little ones? MOPS II is a great way to get connected. Registration for Fall 2009 begins in May. For more information, contact Kristi (266-0404).

ADULT MINISTRIES

Room Changes: At 10:45am this Sunday only, the Spectrum class will be meeting in Room 212/213 with the Growing Families class. Starting April 26, Parent.Net will meet in the Ranch House.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am (fellowship begins at 8:45am): Koinonia (ages 50+)

Now in **Room 212-213**. Leaders: Curt and Gracie Willson. A lively community of believers maximizing their second half of life through Bible study, fellowship, and loving service to others through prayer.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am:

Act II (Room 237-238). Leaders: John and Gwen White (224-8405) and Kevin and Sandee DeBella (421-8411). This is an adult fellowship class designed for those entering another phase of life (e.g., a second marriage, new to church/community, impending retirement, "empty nest"). Enjoy topical and expository teachings taught by a variety of teachers while you develop relationships and expand your church experience.

Ministry News (cont.)

Aspire Singles Ministry (*singles ages 25-35*)—Sundays at 7:00pm:



We've moved our meetings to a new location: 745 Azule Avenue, San Jose. Visit our Web site

for more details: <http://aspireingles.googlepages.com/>.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

April Global Ministries Prayer Calendars are available in the lower foyer at the Information Center. Please pick one up and pray for our missionaries.

Pray for our missionaries: Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00am in Room 216. We will lift up our missionary families and urgent global issues. Join your prayer power with others. For more information, call Winifred Verbica (528-9783).

LOCAL OUTREACH

Community Pregnancy Center offers counseling for healing of post-abortion emotions. HOPE offers healing and reconciliation. If you would like further information, contact CPC (978-9310; hope@mycpc.org).

Walk for Life: The Community Pregnancy Center *Walk for Life/Charged Up for Life 5K run* is Saturday,



May 16, at Almaden Lake Park (Arroyo picnic site). You can make a difference by walking two miles or running a 5K.

For information and to register, contact Liz Nunez (265-0482). You can also join the VCC TEAM and collect pledges online by registering at <http://friends.mycpc.org>. For actual pledge forms, contact Toni (229-9836).



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CR Women's Support Group for Eating Disorders: For women, food addiction is unique. Our behavior ranges from daily binges and excessive exercise to starvation and induced vomiting. Women with food addictions often have a high intake of sweets as well as unusual food rituals while eating. Food addictions are many-faceted ranging from compulsive overeating to bulimia or anorexia. If you struggle with any of these issues, please join us at CR on Friday nights. For more information, please call 997-4641 or e-mail cr@venturechristian.org.

Sylvia Lange speaking at CR April 24: Don't miss the riveting testimony and moving songs by independent artist Sylvia Lange! She'll be sharing at the Celebrate Recovery meeting on Friday night, April 24. For more information, please visit www.sylvialange.com.

For more information on CR, contact (997-4641; CR@venturechristian.org).

MEN'S MINISTRY

New to the church? Want to get involved in Men's Ministry? Check out The Herd's Web site www.venturechristian.org/VCC_Herd

The Herd 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off: Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30pm in Common Ground. Please bring a pot of your best chili to share. Prizes will be awarded for the "Best Chili." This is a free event open to all the men (and their guests) of Venture Christian Church.

Tuesday Nights at 7:00pm in Common Ground: Join The Herd as we continue our Tuesday night study of the Book of Hebrews. It's never too late to get into God's Word.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



High School Car Rally: Drivers wanted! We need adult drivers for our

annual Car Rally to be held on Friday, May 1 from 7:00-11:00pm. If you are interested in driving and helping with our biggest event of the year, please contact Dave Molchan (997-4661 or dmolchan@venturechristian.org).

Senior House Boat Trip (May 15-17):



Don't miss out on this great trip with your friends before you graduate from high school. Sign

up today! The cost is \$150 (deposit \$25 non-refundable/transferable).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

New to Venture and looking for a women's Bible study? Stop by the Information Center and ask for the latest Bible study brochure.



Venture Women's Retreat: May 15-17 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center

featuring, "Under Construction: Built Up in Him" with speaker CJ Rapp. You don't want to miss this special time away with other ladies from Venture. Sign up in the upper foyer after all services. Check, cash, or credit card accepted.



If you have any questions, contact Kay McCloskey (356-2050 or jkmccloskey@msn.com). Brochures are available in the upper foyer.

Church News

BAPTISTRY MINISTRY

Baptism assistants are needed. Contact Tammy Quigley (997-4636; tquigley@venturechristian.org).

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are going to start taking photos for an upcoming church directory and are looking for the following volunteer positions:

- amateur photographers to take church family photos
- data entry persons to input photos into the church database
- data collections persons to get release information to use personal information in the directory

If you are able to help, please contact Deb Omori in the Connections and Hospitality Ministry (997-4614; domori@venturechristian.org).

WEEKLY PRAYER

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. This week's prayer focus: Pray to God to intercede for our nation and to protect the sovereignty of our country under our Constitution. Pray that our government will not look to other nations to influence the formulation of our laws. (Exodus 20:2-3)

****Intercessor Prayer Lists for our church family are available at the Information Center.****