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Q & A with CHIP INGRAM

There will be a question and answer time with Chip Ingram on Sunday, May 3, at 3:00pm in the Worship Center.



Chip Ingram will be speaking at Venture every weekend through May 10. 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. Among his accolades, Chip has been a pastor for over 20 years, a speaker, and 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.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATIONS



One of the most delightful experiences we share as a church family is that of the parent/child dedication services. We invite you to be part of this special event this Mother's Day weekend as we celebrate with you the gift of new life. For more information, contact the Children's Minister, Diane Clemons (997-4645; dclemons@venturechristian.org).

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

May 1-3 at the Santa Clara Marriott



Life has a way of overwhelming marriages. You start out fully focused on each other. But as the years go by, the time you had to simply relax and talk gives way to the pressures of work or busy schedules. Before you know it, checking your e-mail on Saturday is more important than carving out a date night. FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember conference is a chance to get away from the distractions of daily life and help you work through your differences, improve communication, and even rekindle your romance. 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).

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.

WOMEN'S CHORAL GROUP

from

California Baptist University (Riverside)

coming to Venture Christian Church

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

We need to house 67 women and 2 men for Saturday night, give them breakfast on Sunday morning, and then bring them to church.

*If you are able to house 1, 2, or more people,
please contact Michele Hockenberry, WMCA administrator
(997-4603 or mhockenberry@venturechristian.org).*



Sylvia Lange at Celebrate Recovery

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.

As someone who lived for years looking like she had it all together, Sylvia will share how keeping secrets ate away at her very soul. With class and discretion, yet refreshing honesty, Sylvia shares how God's grace quite literally saved her from herself.

For more information,
please visit www.sylvialange.com

ADULT MINISTRIES

Room Changes: Starting this Sunday, April 26, Parent.Net will meet in the Ranch House.

Truth Project revised start times for May 3: Make-up class at 6:30pm and regular class at 4:30pm.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Truth Seekers* (Room 217/218). Leaders: Stan and Donna Bales (266-9764). You'll experience a warm welcome in our time of fellowship. Join us as we pray, worship in song, and study together. Currently, we are studying from the letter of Paul to the Galatians. Class participation is encouraged. In addition, you'll find numerous opportunities for times of fellowship, service, and activities—as well as trips. Couples and singles are welcome!

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am: *New Horizons* (Room 218). Leaders: Joe and Faye Viskovich. Join this exciting mid-sized community as we pursue God's divine purpose for our lives and the steps necessary to achieve our mission as believers. We begin with a time of fellowship, light refreshments, and prayer; we are currently studying the Book of James. This group is open to adults of all ages and all levels of spiritual growth.

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).

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!

Vacation Bible School Team Meeting: Sunday, May 17 at 12:30pm in Room 300—for all those interested in serving. Lunch will be provided. Join us this summer for an action-packed week of loving kids and pointing them to Christ. You can make a difference! Sign up today to serve. RSVP for the meeting to Diane Clemons (997-4645 or dclemons@venturechristian.org).

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).

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

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).

HEALING MINISTRIES

Celebrate Recovery: Find freedom from your hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Join us every Friday night at 6:00pm for a barbecue in the parking lot, followed by a powerful message at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Next Friday, May 1, is "Open Mike" night. For details, contact CR (997-4641; CR@venturechristian.org).

Eagles' Wings is a Christian chronic pain support group meeting every other Monday at 7:00pm. For details, contact Vivian Klose (225-3998).

Joyful Rebounders: This group includes women who are "alone again" after a divorce or the death of a spouse. For details, contact Sybil Ruggles (356-8860).

DivorceCare is finished for this session; the next session will begin in the fall. For more details, please contact Bev and Frank Buxton (225-3624).

LOCAL OUTREACH

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).

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

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, May 2. Please join us at 8:00am as we continue the Core Man Series with "Being A Servant." Please RSVP to Karen Gentrup (kgentrup@venturechristian.org).

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.

The Herd Fellowship Dinner, Monday, June 8: Our guest speaker will be former NHL goalie John Blue. John is a native to San Jose and played hockey with the University of Minnesota, the U. S. Olympic Team, and the Boston Bruins. He currently is the Pastor at Pacific Point Church in Los Angeles. John will be joined by our own Steve Barnett who won an Olympic bronze medal in water polo. This event will sell out so please purchase your tickets early. For more information, contact Ed Ortler (eortler@fulcrummicro.com; 978-3712).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

High School

High School Car Rally: Friday, May 1, 7:00-11:00pm. Adult drivers still needed. Please contact Dave Molchan (997-4661 or dmolchan@venturechristian.org).

Senior House Boat Trip: May 15-17; cost is \$150 (deposit \$25 non-refundable/transferable).

Don Pedro: Our annual Don Pedro trip will be June 25-28. The cost is only

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\$110 and a deposit of \$25 is required at time of sign-up. This is a great trip to hang out with your friends, tube, wakeboard, and camp.

Costa Rica Mission Trip: Costa Rica was an awesome experience for our staff and students. Thank you for all your prayers and support as we were very blessed.

Middle School

8th grade goodbye party: Saturday, May 23—we're going to the Boardwalk for the day. Sign up on Sunday or at Tuesday meetings.

5th grade welcome party: Friday, May 29.

5th grade parent meeting and first Sunday in "678" on May 31.

Hume Lake (July 12-18). A few spots are still available for middle school.

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 or go to the Women's page on our Web site venturechristian.org.

Women's Retreat: May 15-17 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center with guest speaker CJ Rapp. Only three weeks left to sign-up; 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. Contact Kay McCloskey (356-2040, jkmccloskey@msn.com) with questions. Brochures are available in the upper foyer.

Women of Faith Conference:

July 10-11 at the San Jose HP Pavilion. You can purchase tickets after all services at the women's table in the patio area. For more details contact Sandee DeBella (421-8411, sdebella@cityteam.org) or visit womenoffaith.com.

Church News

BLOOD DRIVE

Give the Gift of Life! The next VCC Blood Drive will be Monday, May 4, from 1:00-7:00pm in Common Ground. Sign up online at <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu>. Click on "FIND A BLOOD DRIVE," then on "Los Gatos," and then the date of May 4. For more details, contact Rosemary Mikulencak (997-4664).

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.

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