

Upcoming Events

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LAST WEEK FOR SMALL GROUP HOST TRAINING



Have you decided to host a small group this fall? If so, please make sure to join us for one of our training sessions this week. We'll equip you with the tools you need to help others experience spiritual

breakthroughs and build authentic community as you take your group through The Miracle of Life Change DVD series by Chip Ingram. Details and dates included on the card inserted; please fill it out and drop it in the offering bag if you would like to host a group this fall!

**SUNDAY NIGHT HUDDLE
Calling all volunteers & leaders**

If you volunteer or help lead in any of the ministries at Venture, we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 23, 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall to join us for our very first Ministry Huddle! You can't know how important you are to us! Our dream is to empower you to do the work of ministry that God has gifted and called you to do. The Huddle is a time for us to let you know where we're heading as a church, have fun, and equip you with the skills and tools you need to be successful.

**JOIN A SMALL GROUP!
Experience breakthrough in your spiritual life**

Ever feel like you just go through the motions in your spiritual life? You read

your Bible, pray and go to church... but can't seem to get any traction? As we've been learning in our current series, "Ready. Set... Grow!", life change happens in community. So if you're ready to kick-start your spiritual growth and experience the life God longs for you to have, join a small group! Look for sign-ups next week.

MEN'S FREE BBQ!

So often, men are "all in" for their jobs, family, even sports teams. But are you "all in" for Christ? Come join *The Herd* Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00pm for a free barbecue in Fellowship Hall and learn about the different ways you can get connected and take your relationship with God and those you love most to the next level. For more information, contact John White (408.224.8405). Come run with *The Herd!*

**AWANA REGISTRATION
BEGINS THIS WEEKEND**

Awana is a Bible-centered, youth-oriented, weekday Bible club for children from age 4 to 6th grade. Registration will be available after the Sunday services this weekend and next (August 23 and 30) on the patio and also on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:15-8:00pm. The official kick-off date is Wednesday, September 16 and will meet from 6:15-8:00pm. The cost is \$40 which includes registration, dues and awards. Volunteers are also needed. For more details, contact Allyson McCombs (amccombs@venturechristian.org) or Emily Mapes (408.997.4646).

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Married and Company* (Room 224). Leaders: Frank and Rhonda Teruel (832-0771 and 832-0671). Welcome to our group for married couples with kids, no kids, or just thinking about kids. Join us as we focus on our journey as couples.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11:00am: *Growing Families* (Room 212-213). Leader: Greg DeJager. Teacher: Mike Walitsch. This is a community of parents with children ranging from infants to middle school. We focus on strengthening our marriages, sharpening our parenting skills, and personally drawing closer to our Lord. We meet for a time of fellowship, prayer, and teaching; we are currently studying the Book of Proverbs.

50+ Singles Movie Night: 50's Plus Singles will be having a movie night on Saturday, August 29 at 7:00pm in Room 218. Bring your favorite finger food to share and come watch "I'd Climb The Highest Mountain" starring Susan Hayward and William Lundigan. This is an inspirational true story featuring a circuit riding preacher and his gently-bred new bride facing challenges of the mountain people of North Georgia in 1910. Contact Jorgia Stanford at 408.892.5560 for more information.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids Club: You can transform children's lives as they learn to follow Jesus in our Kids Clubs that meet weekly in our public schools. Most of these children do not attend church or Sunday School. You may serve by leading a



small group or by being a helper at Guadalupe School or Lietz School this fall. Top

notch training will be provided. For more details, contact June Beck (408.265.0767 or june_beck@att.net). You can also visit www.kidsclubconsultants.org.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The August Global Ministries prayer calendar is available in the lower foyer. Please pick one up and pray for our missionary families.

India Short-Term Mission Meeting:



Looking for a way to impact the world? February 2010, Venture is sending a team on a short-term mission to India to serve the poorest of

the poor. If you would like more details on how you can be a part, attend the meeting next Sunday, August 30 at 1:00pm in Common Ground. Contact Cheryl Bencala (408.309.3941) for details.

HEALING MINISTRIES

GriefShare: GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. There is a \$15 registration fee which includes a workbook. To register or for more information, contact Anne Jones (408.997.0713 or annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (408.972.1729, 408.605.6708 or evas@pacbell.net).

Celebrate Recovery: Join us and discover how God uses this program to heal us from our "hurts, habits, and

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hang-ups.” We meet every Friday night beginning with a barbecue at 6:00pm in the parking lot. At 7:00pm, we begin our large group time of teaching and/or testimony; at 8:00pm, we have our issue and gender-specific small groups.

CR 12 Step Studies: Celebrate Recovery is offering 12 Step Studies this fall for men and women. Experience a healthier and more whole life as you encounter Biblical truth and grace-filled support for your hurts, hang-ups and habits. This study requires a nine-month commitment. The Men’s 12 Step Study begins this Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00pm in Room 237 and the Women’s 12 Step Study begins on Wednesday, September 23. Come join us for this life-changing adventure! Stop by the CR table after the services for more information or contact CR (408.997.4641 or CR@venturechristian.org).

DivorceCare is a small group devoted to those who are separated, going through a divorce, or divorced. It’s a safe place to find help, discover hope, and experience healing with the help of others who understand. The fall session begins Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00pm in Room 217/218. 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).



HELPING HAND MINISTRY

The Venture Helping Hand volunteer ministry assists our Venture widows, seniors, and single moms with various maintenance tasks inside and outside their personal residences. To request assistance or to volunteer as a Helping Hand, call the Ministry Coordinator, John Spangberg (408.356.5224) or the Volunteer Coordinator, Don Stuff (408.268.0875).

LOCAL OUTREACH

There is H.O.P.E. (Healing Of Post Abortion Emotions): Community Pregnancy Center invites you to be our guest at a HOPE Retreat for Bible study and a time of healing for women who have had an abortion in the past. Upcoming retreats are scheduled for September 12-13 and November 14-15. Register online at www.mycpc.org or contact Shirley at Hope@mycpc.org.



MEN’S MINISTRY

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



Men On The Move: Looking for a men’s class on Sunday mornings? Then look no further. Join us at 11:00am in Room 219. This popular class has been helping men improve their marriages and their employment for almost two decades. The class is taught by Ron Canty and some of the materials used include information gathered from the weekend sermons and professional marriage counselors. Refreshments are provided.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Are you looking to connect with other women? Are you interested in really studying God's Word? Do you ever wonder why God created you the way He did? Do you seek a deeper walk with God? With the economy, global warming, shifting job markets, and life in Silicon Valley do you need a little attitude adjustment? Venture Women's Ministry fall Bible study lineup has something just for you. Day and evening studies available on

multiple nights during the week. Peruse the patio after the service TODAY and find your place in Bible study! Contact WomensMinistry@venturechristian.org.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)



Are you a mom with little ones who is looking to meet

other moms with little ones? MOPS is a great way to get connected with moms with kids from infancy through kindergarten. Register now for fall 2009. For more information, call Kristi (408.266.0404) or Darcy (408.362.9712).

Church News

AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT Operation S.O.S. (Sponsor Our



Soldiers) You've helped send 1,000 care packages to our soldiers;

now you have an opportunity to personally connect with and minister to a soldier. If you are interested in this special ministry opportunity, stop by the American Troops Project table in the patio area. For more details on the American Troops Project, please contact John and Millie Evans (408.267.2363).

city of Sodom. The cost for the trip is tax deductible and college credit is available. For more information, contact Thomas Winder, PhD (505.220.3263) or visit www.TalleHammam.com.

DAILY E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN



If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, please call or email

Tammy Quigley in the church office (408.997.4636 or tquigley@venturechristian.org). **Intercessor Prayer Lists** for our church family are available at the Information Center or join our email Prayer Chain by contacting Tammy Quigley (tquigley@venturechristian.org).

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG



Have a penchant for antiquity? The Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project is in need of volunteers

to dig with them on this site. Among other possibilities, the site could be the location of the ancient Biblical

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join the Thursday Prayer Team from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. Each week we pray about timely issues regarding our country and its leaders.