

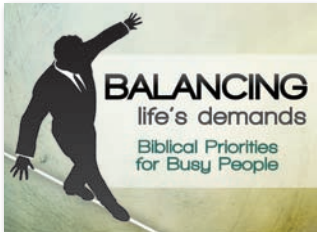
Upcoming Events

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**SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS
BEGIN THIS WEEKEND!**

At Venture, we know that real growth happens in community. That's why we're making it easier than ever for you to find a small group that best fits you! Simply fill out the Small Group sign-up card in the bulletin this weekend and turn it in to an usher when the offering bag passes. Groups will begin mid-September with "The Miracle of Life Change" DVD series.

**"BALANCING LIFE'S DEMANDS"
—NEW SERMON SERIES
BEGINS SEPT. 12-13**

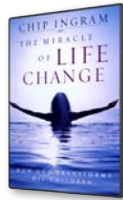


Are you busy, tired, stressed out, and stretched to the limit?

Does life seem a little out of control? Are you running long on "to dos" and short on time?

In "Balancing Life's Demands" you will learn how to put first-things first and find peace in the midst of pressure and adversity. No cliches or quick fixes, just practical Biblical insights to help you order your personal world. Bring your friends and join us for this 5-part series. Use the promotional cards provided in your bulletins this weekend to invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

THE MIRACLE OF LIFE CHANGE



Is life change really possible? If we're honest most of us would answer, "No." You've tried numerous programs that promise big changes, but in reality, deliver very

little results. There's good news for you, there is hope! Life change is possible! You were made to grow, to change, to experience intimacy and adventure. This fall at Venture we will be launching over 200 small groups with "The Miracle of Life Change" DVD series by Chip Ingram. Sign up for a small group today and let's discover this life change together!

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK SIGNING

Chip Ingram will be promoting his latest book *Overcoming Emotions that Destroy* on Saturday, September 12 from 2-3:30pm, at the Pruneyard Barnes & Noble: 1875 S. Bascom Avenue in Campbell. A percentage of your purchases will go to Los Gatos Christian School if you present a voucher during your purchases (Pruneyard location only). Vouchers will be provided in the bulletins the weekends of September 5-6 and September 12-13 or you can download a copy at VentureChristian.org on the Upcoming Events page under the "Calendar" tab.

LABOR DAY—MONDAY, SEPT. 7

Just a reminder that the church office and campus will be closed for Labor Day.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Koinonia*—age 50+ (Room 212-213). Leaders: Curt and Gracie Willson (294-9257). A lively community of believers maximizing their second half of life through Bible study, fellowship, and loving service to others through prayer. In addition there are special events and in-home Bible studies during the week for the singles in the group (contact Jorgia Stanford at 892-5560).

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11:00am: *Focus*—singles 50+ (Room 217). Leader: LeRoy Eikanas. Teacher: Bert Dollahite. The current study is Romans. The group focus is single adults (never married, divorced, widowed) but all adults (including married couples) are welcome to attend the class.

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 892-5560 for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Awana fall registration: 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 (August 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 (997-4646).

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 (265-0767 or june_beck@att.net). You can also visit www.kidsclubconsultants.org.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

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

Interested in a life-changing experience? Then join us for an information meeting THIS Sunday, August 30 at 1:00pm in Common Ground to learn about a short-term trip to India in February 2010 to serve the poorest of the poor. Contact Cheryl Bencala (309-3941) for more information.

HEALING MINISTRIES

The fall session of GriefShare will begin Monday, October 5. Meetings will be held every Monday (October 5 - through December 28) from 7:00-9:00pm 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 (997-0713 or annej47@sbcglobal.net) or Eva Smith (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.

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 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 began August 26 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).

Recovery Fest 2009—Saturday, September 19 from 10am to 6pm at Vasona Park in Los Gato: Bringing the "Recovery Community" together and celebrating transformed lives, young and old. It's vitally important that everyone in recovery and their

family members know there are people willing to help them and that they are not alone in their struggles with addiction. This is a fun-filled day at the park enjoying a barbecue meal, listening to live music, and networking with others in the recovery community.

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).

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.

THE CREATIVE PRAYER TOUR At Venture, Mon. Sept. 28 at 7pm

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 or church? Join Daniel Henderson and

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an evening of teaching, worship and biblical motivation in prayer. For more information on the Creative Prayer Tour, visit www.strategicrenewal.com.

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's Tuesday night Bible study:

We believe that you cannot be the man God is calling you to be without being in His Word. This year's study is the Book of Matthew. We will be holding the study in Fellowship Hall each Tuesday night at 7pm starting September 8. For more information, contact John White (355-5991 or johtwhitecpa@sbcglobal.net).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Women's Fall Bible Studies: Morning and evening options available – sign-up on the patio between services! Find your place of beauty, hope and safety as we study God's Word together!

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).

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AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We provide care packages for troops serving overseas. If you would like to donate items or get more details, stop by our table on the patio after the services or contact John and Millie Evans (408.267.2363).

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 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.TallelHammam.com.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join the Thursday Prayer Team from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground.

This week the focus will be: The U.S. budget deficit reached a record for the first ten months of the year and broke a monthly high for July to \$180.7 billion. *"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* 2 Corinthians 9: 10-11 (NIV)

THANK YOU FROM GARY HESS

Venture Staff member, Gary Hess, his wife, Penny, and their family would like to thank the church family for all of the calls, emails, notes, cards, prayers and food gifts for the memorial service for their dear mom and grandmother, Katherine Hess. "We appreciate all of you so much!"