

This Week

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## MEET VENTURE'S STAFF

### Who is Rick Linamen?

Rick Linamen is the Executive Pastor here at Venture Christian Church. We are thrilled to welcome him as he brings many years of expertise and ministry experience which include serving as Executive Pastor at the Rock in San Diego, California and Scottsdale Bible Church in Arizona where he helped facilitate tremendous growth.

Rick has been married to his wife, Kathy, for 30 years and they have three children and four grandchildren.

## YOUTH GO TO HUME LAKE

Our youth from our newest 4<sup>th</sup> graders through high schoolers are attending camp this week at Hume Lake. Please pray for our students as they travel to and from camp, and that they will have a safe, fun, and God-filled trip!

## Ministry News

### ADULT MINISTRIES

**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: *Truth Seekers - all ages* (Room 217-218).** Leaders: Stan and Donna Bales (266-9764). You'll experience a warm welcome! Join us as we enjoy a time of light refreshment, prayer, worship in song, and study. Stan will lead in expository as well as topical teaching; class participation is encouraged. You'll find times of fellowship, service, and activities as well as an occasional trip. This class is open to all ages - both couples and singles. Visit our new Web site at [www.truthseekersclass.shutterfly.com](http://www.truthseekersclass.shutterfly.com) and enter the password "venture."

**Life Community Focus of the Week also—Sundays at 9:15am: *Act II* (Room 238).** Leaders: John and Gwen White (224-8405). We are a friendly group of men and women who grew up in the 60's, 70's and early 80's. Our kids are graduating from school and our

retirement is on the horizon. Single or married, we all face these and many other changes in our lives. Not old enough to get the "Senior Discount" but too old to do the things of our youth...we are definitely in transition. Looking to make lasting friendships in this part of your life? Then the Act II class is for you. Join us each Sunday morning for fun, fellowship, and applying the teachings of the Bible to our daily lives.

**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11:00am: *Parent.net* (Ranch House).** Leaders: Mark and Patty Oswald. Teacher: Sam Earp and Geoff Phillips. 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. Our current study is "Sexuality Among Teens."

### Koinonia 50+ Singles Carmel Caper.



Join us next Saturday, July 18 for a day trip to Carmel. We'll carpool from 1199 Washoe

in San Jose at 1:00pm. Explore the downtown shops and art galleries or take a leisurely hike at Pt. Lobos. We'll be having dinner in Carmel at Bahama Billy's followed by a bonfire and singing on the beach while we watch the sun go down. The cost is your share for the dinner and gas for the carpool. For more information, contact Jorgia or Carol (268-5150).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### Summer Camp at Los Gatos Christian School:

Looking for a great day camp for your children (grades K-6) this summer? Los Gatos Christian School has a program that runs through August 8 with crafts, cooking, singing, skits, sports games, science experiments, learning about God, and fun field trips! Math and language workshops will also be offered. The camp runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm with extended care available from 7:00 to 9:00am and 3:00 to 6:00pm. The cost for regular camp is \$250 per week and extended care is \$7 per hour. Registration forms are available online at [LosGatosChristianSchool.com](http://LosGatosChristianSchool.com) or at the school office. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Smith (778-3963) or Mrs. Agers (921-5654; [sheriaa@yahoo.com](mailto:sheriaa@yahoo.com)).

### GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Pick up your copy of the **July Global Ministries prayer calendar** in the lower foyer, and please pray for our missionary families.

**Interested in a life-changing experience?** Then join us for an information meeting next Sunday, July 19 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

**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 (997-0713 or [annej47@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annej47@sbcglobal.net)) or Eva Smith (972-1729, 605-6708 or [evas@pacbell.net](mailto:evas@pacbell.net)).

**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 contact information: 997-4641 or [CR@venturechristian.org](mailto:CR@venturechristian.org).



**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 (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, such as repairing electrical fixtures and leaking

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faucets, various gardening tasks, unsticking doors, window and fence repair, and more. Advice and counsel on home maintenance issues are also provided. To request assistance or to volunteer as a Helping Hand, call the Ministry Coordinator, John Spangberg (356-5224) or the Volunteer Coordinator, Don Stuff (268-0875).



### MEN'S MINISTRY

*New to the church? Want to get involved in Men's Ministry? Check out The Herd's Web site at [VentureChristian.org](http://VentureChristian.org).*

**Join us for The Herd's Small Group Summer Study.** We're studying Kenny Luck's book *Risk* – a challenging book on becoming the man that God is calling you to be. Please contact John White (224-8405) for further information.

### SPORTS MINISTRY (YOUTH)



**Fall youth soccer registration all this month!** Early registration for Venture's fall soccer season runs through July 31 (late

registration is from August 1 – 16). Register at [VentureChristianSports.org](http://VentureChristianSports.org) or stop by the church office.

- ▶ Mini Kickers ages 2-4 years old – Limited Space!!
- ▶ Coed League for U6 (ages 5-6)
- ▶ Separate Boys and Girls Leagues for U8 (ages 7-8) and U10 (ages 9-10)

The season runs from September 12 – November 7. The Rating Camp for U8

and U10 Boys and Girls will be held August 17-19 at Kring Field. Interested in coaching? E-mail Donny Dequine ([dcdequine@venturechristian.org](mailto:dcdequine@venturechristian.org)).

### STUDENT MINISTRIES ([VentureStudents.org](http://VentureStudents.org))

**Middle school and high school students and staff are at Hume Lake this week, so there will be no Sunday morning (7/12) programs and no mid-week programs (7/14).**

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### 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. Join us for summer park days and/or register now for fall 2009. For more information, call Kristi (266-0404) or Darcy (362-9712).

#### Venture Women's Ministry Summer Theme: Be still and know...be filled



and go! As you continue to focus on your relationship with God this summer, we hope you have also had an opportunity to be salt and light in the community. Share your ideas and stories...

e-mail us ([WomensMinistry@VentureChristian.org](mailto:WomensMinistry@VentureChristian.org)). For more details, pick up a postcard at the Information Center and check out the Women's page on our Web site.

Venture Women's Minister Tricia Christenson (997-4640 or [tchristenson@venturechristian.org](mailto:tchristenson@venturechristian.org)).

### AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

Throughout the year we send shipments of care packages to our troops serving away from home. We'd like to keep our shipping lists current, so please be sure to keep us updated when your loved ones come home ... and let



us know if you would like to add new names to our list. For more details on what items to donate, please contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363) or stop by our table after most weekend services.

### DAILY E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, please call or e-mail Tammy Quigley in the church office (997-4636 or [tquigley@venturechristian.org](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

**Intercessor Prayer Lists** for our church family are available at the Information Center or join our e-mail Prayer Chain by contacting Audrey Stirm ([astirm@venturechristian.org](mailto:astirm@venturechristian.org)).

### PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. We will be praying this week over the U.S. Supreme Court refusal to hear an appeal from Washington State high school students blocked from forming the Truth Bible Club. *"What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to Him?"* Deuteronomy 4:7 (NIV)

### THANK YOU, VENTURE CHRISTIAN!

"Jeannette and I feel blessed and are deeply grateful for the many notes received over recent weeks. Each was read. Some brought smiles with

warm memories and others, tears of thanksgiving to God for the privilege of serving the Lord among such special people. We wish we could personally respond to each of you but that's not realistic, so please know that our hearts reflect great praise to God for you and the outpouring of love in your kind words.

Thank you, too, for your prayers in our transition and for the generous love offering. The Venture family will always have a special place in our hearts, and we join you asking God to fulfill the next chapter of His vision for Venture."

~ Pastor Galen



If you would like to stay in touch with Pastor Galen and Jeannette, you may use the following e-mail address: [pastorgalencall@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgalencall@gmail.com). When the Calls find a home in Colorado, their mailing address will also be published.

### VENTURE LOST AND FOUND

Our "Lost and Found" is overflowing. So, for the next two Sundays, all items from "Lost and Found" will be placed on tables in the upper foyer. Anything not claimed by July 20 will be donated to charity.

### VOLUNTEER AT "VENTURE CAFÉ"

The Venture Café ministry needs partners for the Sunday morning refreshments in Common Ground. This wonderful ministry serves up food and friendship. Servers and coffee baristas are needed and training is available. Please contact Karen Deeter (997-4622).

