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MEET VENTURE'S STAFF

Who is Mark Collins?

Mark Collins is the new Pastor of r12 Communities at Venture Christian Church. Mark believes that God specifically designed him to help the local church create environments where people can connect, belong, and grow to full maturity in Christ. He also has a passion to develop next generation leaders who desire deeper Biblical community in a relationally isolated world. Mark and his wife, Carrie, have been married for 21 years and have the pleasure of being the parents of their grown daughter, Candace.

"GOD TALK" AT THE MALL



Have you ever been walking through the mall, weaving in and out of all those busy shoppers, then

paused and thought, "I wonder how many of these people know God?" What a great place for outreach! That's why the "God Talk" kiosk will be up all the month of August for "back to school" shoppers...and we're looking for "you" to help us run it. Training is scheduled for next Sunday, July 26 at 12:30pm in Room 212/213. Don't miss this great opportunity to talk about God with people in the mall. Sign up for a three hour shift today!

"BARBECUE IN THE PARK" FOR THE HOMELESS



Last month's barbecue was a tremendous success—we served over 250 people! Thank you

so much for those who braved the heat to serve those in need. Our next barbecue will be next Saturday, July 25 from 11:00am to 3:00pm at Backesto Park on N. 15th Street in downtown San Jose.

If you are able to help in serving food or ministering to the homeless, please contact Glen Rieken (835-8774 or glenrieken@sbcglobal.net).



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.

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 typically ranging from infants to middle

school. We focus on strengthening our marriages, sharpening our parenting skills, and personally drawing closer to our Lord. Our mornings include a time of fellowship, prayer, and teaching in which we alternate between expository Bible teaching and topical subjects. Join us this weekend!

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

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).

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

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

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) or Eva Smith (972-1729, 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 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.



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 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.

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.

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.

SECURITY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Anyone interested in joining the Venture Christian Security team please contact Don Dequine Sr. at (997-4655). Those with current or prior law enforcement experience are especially encouraged.

SPORTS MINISTRY (YOUTH)

Fall youth soccer registration runs through July 31 (late registration is from August 1 – 16). Register at 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, and there is a mandatory Rating Camp for U8 and U10 Boys and Girls August 17-19 at Kring Field. Interested in coaching? E-mail Donny Dequine (dcdequine@venturechristian.org).

STUDENT MINISTRIES (VentureStudents.org)

Middle School

Hume Lake - Meadow Ranch



A snippet from camp. Thanks to our volunteer counselors for taking such good care of our kids!

Summer Midweek: Join us Tuesday nights this summer for "Red Letters" as we journal through the four Gospels. (7:00-8:30pm; Room 305).

High School

Summer Midweek: The summer theme for V3 Tuesday nights is "Transformers." Join us from 7:00 to 8:30pm for crazy games, worship, and teaching ...and since it's summer, you can hang out with your friends at the "Afterhouse" from 8:30 to 10:30pm (each week at a different house selected by the V3 staff).

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For more details, contact Dave
Molchan (997-4661 or dmolchan@venturechristian.org).

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). 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).

Church News

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).
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).

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. This week we will be praying for the US/North Korean diplomatic talks. *"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you!"* Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

VENTURE LOST AND FOUND

Our "Lost and Found" is overflowing. If you are missing something, please stop by the tables in the upper foyer to see if it's there. Anything not claimed this weekend 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).