

FAREWELL PASTORS!

VENTURE Weekly

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This Weekend

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FAREWELL TO PASTOR DAVE AND PASTOR GALEN



This weekend, we say, "Farewell!" to Pastor Dave and Pastor Galen. We honor their commitment and service to us through not only Venture but also Los Gatos Christian Church and South Valley Christian Church. They have touched our lives in so many ways through their years of service, and we say goodbye with heavy hearts...but also with



prayers that God will bless them as they continue on their journeys of service.

Upcoming Events

NEXT WEEKEND WE WELCOME CHIP INGRAM



We welcome Chip Ingram back to the West Coast next weekend as Senior Pastor at Venture Christian

Church. Formerly the Pastor of Santa Cruz Bible Church, Chip has been living in Georgia for the past couple of years where he launched *Living on the Edge*, an international teaching and discipleship ministry (lote.org). He will also continue his role as the President and Teaching Pastor for *Living on the Edge*.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The **10:45am** service and classes will change to **11:00am beginning** next weekend (**July 4-5**). This will include high school and middle school groups, all children's ministry classes, and all adult classes.

READY. SET... GROW!!!

Chip will launch his summer sermon series next weekend (July 4-5) "Ready. Set... Grow!!! Preparing Your Soul for the Venture of a Lifetime." So join us each weekend this summer as we guide you through the process of spiritual growth, the nature of sanctification, the role of God's Word, and our response as the Holy Spirit causes the growth.

AWAKEN SERVICE MERGE



As we move forward with our new Senior

Pastor, it was decided to merge the Awaken service back into the main services. The staff felt that the new direction of the church was similar enough to the Awaken format that there was no need for a separate service (formerly Sundays at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall).



GET YOUR OWN COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Want your own copy of the Pastor's Commemorative Book? There are three options from smaller softcover to larger hardcover—prices range from \$22 to \$55.20 plus shipping and tax (these prices reflect the 20% discount). To order:

- ◇ Visit our Web site (VentureChristian.org) and click on the Commemorative Book link. It will take you directly to the ordering page (the book was created on Mixbook.com).
- ◇ 20% Discount—We have been given a 20% discount as well (just type “VENTURE20” into the “Discount Code” box).
- ◇ Don't have a computer or can't get online? Simply fill in your information below and turn it in to an usher or at the church office. We will get back to you as soon as possible.
- ◇ Any other questions? Contact Mike Nauman (997-4621) or the church office (997-4600).

I need help ordering my own commemorative book. (Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

ADULT MINISTRIES

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: Act II (Room 238). Leaders: John and Gwen White (224-8405) and Kevin and Sandee DeBella (421-8411). This class is designed for those entering another phase of life (e.g., a second marriage, new to church/community, impending retirement, empty nest). We provide a variety of topical and expository teachings taught by a variety of teachers, and an opportunity to develop relationships and expand your church experience.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 11:00am: New Horizons (Room 218). Teacher: Joe and Faye Viskovich. Come 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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. Register now for Fall 2009. For more information, contact Kristi (266-0404).

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 logatoschristianschool.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.

Interested in a life-changing experience? Then join us for an information meeting on 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) 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

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small groups. CR contact information: 997-4641 or 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 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 www.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 begins next weekend! Early registration for Venture's fall soccer season is

July 5 - July 31, and 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 and U10

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).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

(www.venturestudents.org)

Middle School (997-4663)

- **Hume Lake (July 12-18).** There's just a few spots left! The cost is \$495. **We are in need of some help checking students to see if they are healthy enough to go to camp. You do not need to be a health professional to do this.** If you are able to help, please contact Rob Walter (997-4660 or rwalter@venturechristian.org).
- **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 (997-4663)

- **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). For more details, contact the Student Ministries office (997-4663).

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Venture Women's Ministry Summer

Theme: Be still and know...be filled and go!
This summer, Women's Ministries is trying something new— maybe



even radical! We are planning no weekly campus gatherings as we challenge the women of Venture to focus on their relationship with God and be salt and light in their community. Check out the Women's page on our Web site for details, stop by the Information Center for a detailed postcard, or contact Venture Women's Minister Tricia Christenson (997-4640 or tchristenson@venturechristian.org).

Women of Faith Conference 2009

"A Grand New Day"—July 10-11 at the San Jose HP Pavilion: Join us for this 2-day event! You'll laugh...cry... and realize that you are not alone. It's an experience like no other. You can purchase group rate 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.



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AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We'll be putting together the packages for our soldiers on Monday, June 29, at 5:00pm in Room 224. There is a donation barrel in Common Ground if you would like to contribute items for the care packages. If you would like to add a name to our list or if you would like more details on what items to donate, please contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363) or stop by our table after most weekend services.



PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. Rising

unemployment in the U.S. will be our prayer focus this week. *"Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established."* Proverbs 16:3

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).



****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).