

## Upcoming Events

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### LANCE WITT THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, we introduce Lance Witt, a member of Chip's teaching team. Lance, a former Teaching and Executive Pastor for Saddleback Church, is now founder of *Replenish*, an organization that ministers to ministers. He currently lives in Texas with his wife of 30 years, Connie.



### VENTURE BYLAW AMENDMENT

In preparation for a smooth transition and partnership with our new Senior Pastor, we have made two minor amendments to our bylaws. Copies of the new bylaws are available upon request; please contact Karen Gentrup (997-4604).

### CELEBRATION SERVICES

Join us as we honor our departing Senior Pastors during these special **Celebration Services** on Saturday, June 27 at 5:00pm and Sunday, June 28 at 9:00 and 11:00am (note different times on Sunday in order to allow for time between services to celebrate with our Pastors). Refreshments will also be provided.

**What's your story?** We are currently collecting stories and pictures that will be placed inside a commemorative book for our Pastors. Give us your story of what God has done in your life through the church and Pastors Dave and Galen. Drop them off in the box in the foyer or e-mail them to Frank Bower ([vccwebmaster@covad.net](mailto:vccwebmaster@covad.net)). **Deadline for submissions is June 14.**

## Ministry News

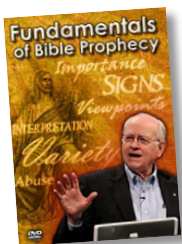
### ADULT MINISTRIES

**Attention 50+ Singles: We are having a movie night Saturday, June 20, at 7:00pm in Room 218.** The movie will be "The Scarlet and the Black," a WWII true story starring Gregory Peck. This event is sponsored by Koinonia (a life community group for ages 50+ that meets Sunday mornings at 8:45am in Room 237/238).

For more information on this event, contact Jorgia Stanford (892-5560).



**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: Early Risers (Room 214).** Leaders: Carl



Schultz and Jim Staehs. "Fundamentals of Bible Prophecy"—join us for this six week DVD program, featuring Dr. David R. Reagan of Lamb and Lion Ministries, beginning June 14. There will

be discussion time following each presentation.

## Ministry News (cont.)

**Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am: *Spectrum* (Room 216).** Teacher: Wayne Niblack. *Spectrum* is a class for all ages, middle school through adult. We begin each week with a time of singing (mostly hymns), a prayer time, and then a Bible lesson. We alternate studying Old Testament and New Testament books and are currently in 2 Thessalonians. We enjoy having guest missionary and ministry speakers; our main social events are class potlucks.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Vacation Bible School:** "Superheroes of the Faith"... coming **June 22-25** to Venture, for all children who have completed



Kindergarten-4th grade. The cost is \$25. Our Vacation Bible School will be packed full of action and adventure where kids get wet, messy, and wild for Jesus Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm with a special Family Fun Night (dinner included) on Wednesday evening. Each day of "CAMP" is solidly connected to a Bible truth that kids will take home with them. We will focus on four superheroes of the Bible and how God still calls Superheroes today! Sign up today after the service, or call the KidVenture office (997-4645).

**5-Day Clubs in your backyard this summer—Hostesses Needed:** Each summer, children may hear the Good News of Jesus for the first time if a friendly Christian neighbor invites them to a backyard-based Bible club that meets for 1 ½ hours daily for 5 days. How about where you live? Contact June Beck (june\_beck@att.net) to volunteer and impact your neighborhood. Teachers are trained and the curriculum is ready.

**Hume Lake Wagon Train—July 12-18:** This week-long



camp is an incredible experience for kids who have completed 3rd or 4th grade. A few spaces are still available. The cost is \$475;

\$150 deposit is due at registration. For more information, contact the KidVenture office (997-4645).

### 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 June 22 - 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

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

### HEALING MINISTRIES

**GriefShare is back!** GriefShare is a special seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. The next session of GriefShare will begin, Wednesday, June 17, at 6486 McAbee Road in San Jose. Child care is not provided during the support meeting. 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).

**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 includes women who are “alone again” after a divorce or the death of a spouse. For details, contact Sybil Ruggles (356-8860).

### 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](http://www.venturechristian.org).*

**The Herd Fellowship Dinner will be Monday, June 8, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall:** The guest speaker will be former NHL goalie John Blue who is currently the pastor at Pacific

Point Church in Los Angeles. John will be joined by our own Steve Barnett who won an Olympic bronze medal in water polo. Tickets are now on sale on the patio for \$10 per person. For more information, contact Ed Ortler ([eortler@fulcrummicro.com](mailto:eortler@fulcrummicro.com); 978-3712).

**The Herd’s Small Group Summer Study will be starting June 9.** We will be 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—NEW ADULT PROGRAMS

**Get In the Game: Co-ed Softball** games for ages 15 and up will be played on Kring Field June 13 - August 29.



Venture **Men’s Softball** teams are forming for the City of San Jose Church League; these Monday night games will begin June 27 for ages 18 and up. The **Bowling League** will be played at Cambrian Bowl on Saturday nights for ages 15 and up; the season is June 6 - August 15. Detailed flyers available at the Information Center or contact Bill Mockabee, VCC Director of Adult Sports (499-2274 or [wlmockabee@aol.com](mailto:wlmockabee@aol.com)).

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

#### High School (997-4663)

- **Don Pedro:** Our annual Don Pedro trip will be June 25-28. The cost is only \$110 and a deposit of \$25 is required at time of sign-up. This is a great trip to hang out with your friends, tube, wakeboard, and camp.

#### Middle School (997-4663)

- **Hume Lake (July 12-18)**  
A few spots are still available for middle school.

## Ministry News (cont.)

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Coming this summer to Venture Women's Ministry:** Be still and know... be filled and go. See how you can be a part in this summer's theme. Check out the Women's page on our Web site for details, stop by the Information Center, or contact Venture Women's Minister Tricia Christenson (997-4640 or [tchristenson@venturechristian.org](mailto: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 where you will 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](mailto:sdebella@cityteam.org)) or visit [womenoffaith.com](http://womenoffaith.com).



### Church News

#### BAPTISM ASSISTANTS NEEDED

If you are able to help, please contact Tammy Quigley (997-4636; [tquigley@venturechristian.org](mailto:tquigley@venturechristian.org)).

#### AMERICAN TROOPS PROJECT

We're not just in Iraq anymore, so we've renamed our project to include all those serving overseas.



We've received names of soldiers now serving in Okinawa as well as Afghanistan. If you would like to add a name to our list, please contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363) or stop by our table after weekend services. Our next shipment to our soldiers overseas will be for the 4th of July. There is a donation barrel in Common Ground if you would like to contribute items for the care packages. Thank you to all who have donated to support this project, including the recent donation of \$180 to cover the cost of mailing these boxes. We're so thankful to be a part of this giving group of believers!

#### 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).

#### PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Common Ground. This week's topic will include prayer for President Obama's meetings with the heads of state in the Middle East—let's remember God's sovereignty over our country during this time (Isaiah 57:15).

**\*\*Intercessor Prayer Lists for our church family are available at the Information Center. Contact Audrey Stirm ([astirm@venturechristian.org](mailto:astirm@venturechristian.org)) if you would like to receive our prayer list via e-mail each week.\*\***