

This Week

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**AWAKEN—Begins this Sunday
(New service geared toward ages 25+)**

If you remember MC Hammer but also know how to download his music to itunes, then this service is probably for you. Awaken will provide a personal and intimate worship experience geared for a generation that desires an interactive service. It kicks off this **Sunday, March 22** at **9:00am** in **Fellowship Hall**.

**JOINT COMMUNITY BAND
CONCERT**

Join us at Venture on Saturday, March 28 at 8:00pm. The San Jose Metropolitan Band and the Cupertino Symphonic Band, join with Venture Christian Church to present a free evening concert to benefit CityTeam Ministries. Donations will be accepted for CitiTeam.



DISCOVERY 101 CLASS



Want to explore Venture's core principles? Like to find out if membership is for

you? You're invited to join Pastors Dave and Galen for the Discovery 101 Class next Saturday, March 28, from 8:30am-12:30pm in Common Ground. We'll provide a delicious continental breakfast and child care is available with prior arrangement if needed. Please RSVP to Deb Omori (997-4614; domori@venturechristian.org).

GLOBE PROJECT WRAP-UP

It's time to turn in your banks for Hope Enterprises Feeding Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Bring them next week and drop them off at the Global Ministries table after the services or in the church office during the week. If you are writing a check for it, be sure to put "Globe Project" on the Memo line. Together we can make a difference!

Coming Soon

EASTER CELEBRATION

Palm Sunday (April 4-5): Normal service times

Good Friday Service (April 10): 5:00 and 6:30pm

Easter Services: Sat., April 11 at 5:00pm and Sun., April 12 at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

(Childcare will be provided for Babies to 5th grade for every service except Sunday at 8:00am which will have care only for Babies-5yrs).

HUNT

Mark your calendar for our 4th Annual "HUNT" on Saturday, April 11, 1:30pm at Jeffrey Fontana Park on McAbee Road and Golden Oak Way. We are looking forward to serving our local community by providing a safe setting for families to enjoy a traditional Easter egg hunt. Please join us with your family and friends! We need your help to prepare for this event:

Coming Soon (cont.)

Candy Donations—We need lots and lots of candy to stuff the 3000+ plastic eggs. Please bring your individually wrapped candy donations (no lollipops please) to church and place it in the cart in the upper foyer, marked “The HUNT.” Donations will be accepted on Sundays through April 5.

Volunteers—We need help with basic set-up and hospitality the day of the

event. Arrive between 12 noon and 12:30pm at Jeffrey Fontana Park. There will be approximately 250 people attending the event; this is a wonderful opportunity to meet our “neighborhood community” and let them know we are there to bless them. If you can help us on Saturday, April 11, please contact Rob or Sarah Berrett (rkberrettinc@aol.com or 268-1870).

Ministry News

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School: Superheroes of the Faith...coming June 22-26 to Venture. This week-long program will run from 9:00am to noon each day. VBS is for kids who have completed kindergarten - 4th grade. Mark your calendar now—you won’t want to miss it! Stayed tuned for more details.

Hume Lake Wagon Train—July 12-18: This overnight camp is an incredible experience for kids who have completed 3rd or 4th grade. There are still some spaces available, but space is limited. The cost is \$475; \$150 deposit is due at registration. For more information, contact the KidVenture office (997-4645).

Child Baptisms: The next Baptism Class for children in 2nd-5th grade is scheduled for next Sunday, March 29 from 9:15-10:20am. If your child is interested in being baptized or would like to know more about baptism, sign up today. Parents are not required but strongly recommended to attend this class with their child. To sign up, contact Diane Clemons (997-4645 or dclemons@venturechristian.org).

GET LINKED

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am (arrive at 8:45am

for fellowship): Koinonia (age 50+) (Room 237-238). Leaders: Curt and Gracie Willson. A lively community of believers maximizing their second half of life through Bible study, fellowship, and loving service to others through prayer.

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 10:45am: Parent.Net (Room 224). Leader: Dan Lagassé. 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 video study is “Parenting Teenagers for Positive Results.”

Follow The Truth (a follow-up to The Truth Project) “Why is Genesis Foundational to the Gospel?” This small group series will prepare you to defend the Bible from the very first verse; this class is designed to give you insights and Biblical truths by which you can defend your faith and teach your children. It will be held on Mondays beginning March 23 and for the following six Mondays; 7:00-9:00Ppm at the Becks’ home (5190 Howes Lane, San Jose). Contacts: Clyde Beck (265-0767) or Bill Hamilton (206-1667).

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Heeraraa School Sponsors: please stop by the Heeraraa table today in the patio area to write a note and sign an Easter card for your sponsored child.

India Child Sponsorships: Join us this month by sponsoring a child at the school in Gangoh, India. Stop by the Global Ministries table for details.



Parlez-vous français? We are looking for someone in our Venture family who is fluent in French, to help us communicate with our missionaries from France. If you are able to help, please contact Mike Nauman (997-4635).

“God Talk” Kiosk at Oakridge Mall March 10-April 10: Looking for a great place to share your faith? Sign up to be a part of the God Talk kiosk at the Oakridge Mall now through April 10. Ask God to open the hearts of shoppers as they walk past the “God Talk” kiosk. For more details, contact Rich and Charlene Sevcik (354-3966).

Short-term trip to Ethiopia June 27-July 11. Spend a week doing VBS with the children in our adopt-a-child program in the village of Heeraraa and bless a community in Addis Ababa. Information meeting this Sunday at 10:00am and 12:15pm (attend either one) in Room 216. For more information contact Jack Elwell (227-5389; jack.elwell@gmail.com).

MEN’S MINISTRY



The Men’s Bible Study: is Tuesday nights at 7:00 in Common Ground. For information, please contact John White (224-8405 or johntwhitecpa@sbcglobal.net).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Hume Lake: High school is full and taking names for the waiting list; middle school still has some spots left (check with Rob Walters at 997-4660).

Senior House Boat Trip (May 15-17): Sign-up today. The cost is \$150 (deposit \$25 non-refundable/transferable).



WOMEN’S MINISTRY

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

New Tuesday night women’s Bible study: “*Stepping Up,*” a Beth Moore study of the 15 Psalms of Ascent (Psalm 120-134). Join us on this pilgrimage going up these 15 steps into the heart of God. Seven-week study begins April 7 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Contact Carole Reed if you have questions (356-0182).



New Thursday morning women’s Bible study: *Me, Myself & Lies* by Jennifer Rothschild. This study is designed to encourage women to clean out the junk in their thoughts and replace these hidden negative thoughts and failures with positive truths from God’s word. Seven-week study begins March 26 at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Kay McCloskey (356-2050: jkmcloskey@msn.com).



Ministry News (cont.)

Venture Women's Retreat: May 15-17, 2009 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center, featuring, "Under Construction, Built Up in Him," with speaker, CJ Rapp.

Hurry, this is your last chance to be eligible for the special drawing to receive \$25 off a full-time retreat registration.

You don't want to miss this special time away with other ladies from Venture. Sign up in the upper foyer after all services. Check, cash, or credit card accepted. If you have any questions, contact Kay McCloskey



(356-2050, jkmcclouskey@msn.com). Brochures are available in the upper foyer.

July 10-11—Women of Faith San Jose—HP Pavilion. Contact Sandee DeBella (421-8411 or sdebella@cityteam.org).



Church News

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are going to start taking photos for an upcoming church directory and are looking for the following volunteer positions:

- amateur photographers to take church family photos
- data entry persons to input photos into the church database
- data collections persons to get release information to use personal information in the directory

If you are able to help, please contact Deb Omori in the Connections and Hospitality Ministry (997-4614; domori@venturechristian.org).

JOIN THE PARKING TEAM!

We are looking for shuttle drivers and parking lot attendants. For details, please contact Rob Walter (997-4660).

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please fill out a survey to let us know about your visit (on the Web at http://www.venturechristian.org/visitform_.html).

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. Registration for Fall 2009 begins in May. For more information, contact Kristi (266-0404).

PROJECT IRAQ

Our next big shipment will be in early April to arrive in time for Easter. It's warming up over in Iraq so, please, no more chocolate. Stop by the Project Iraq table after the weekend services to see our newest photos and get more details on needed items (donation barrels are in Common Ground). For more information, contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363).

PRAYER

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Prayer & Decision Room.

****Intercessor Prayer Lists** for our church family are available at the Information Center.**