

Coming Soon

CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

EASTER CELEBRATION

Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services at Venture will follow a three-part unified theme—a drama portraying Christ’s final days.

Palm Sunday’s presentation “Hosanna” begins the series with Jesus’ triumphal entry. Good Friday presents “Because of Love,” God’s greatest sacrifice with Jesus’ death on the cross and His burial. The series concludes at our Easter services as we “Celebrate” Jesus’ glorious resurrection.

Plan to attend all three presentations and be blessed by the drama of the whole story of Christ’s last week. It was the greatest week in the history of the world!

Child care will be available for babies to 5th grade for every service except Sunday, April 12, at 8:00am which will have care only for babies to 5 years.

Service Schedules are as follows:

- **April 4-5: Palm Sunday services**
Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00, 9:15, and 10:45am
- **April 10: Good Friday services**
at 5:00 and 6:30pm
- **April 11-12: Easter services**
Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am

HUNT

Mark your calendar for our 4th Annual “HUNT” on Saturday, April 11, at 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:

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 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 (rkbberrettinc@aol.com or 268-1870).



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WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

May 1-3 at the Santa Clara Marriott Marriage is defined by memories. They can be memories of joy and fulfillment or pain and heartbreak. It all depends on how well you apply the principles that make marriage thrive. The Weekend to Remember conference has been helping couples create the

kind of memories that build a healthy marriage.

Registration is open to individuals, couples, or groups. Register today online at familylife.com or after weekend services at the Family Life registration table on the patio. For more information, please contact Deb Omori (997-4614; domori@venturechristian).

Ministry News

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School: Superheroes of the Faith...coming June 22-25 to Venture. This **4-day program** will run from 9:00am to noon, **Monday through Thursday**. VBS is for kids who have completed kindergarten - 4th grade. Mark your calendar now—you won't want to miss it! Stay 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).

GET LINKED

Life Community Focus of the Week—Sundays at 9:15am: Act II (Room 212-213). Leaders: John and Gwen White (224-8405); Kevin and Sandee DeBella (421-8411). This is an adult fellowship class designed for those entering another phase of life (e.g., a second marriage, new to church/community,



impending retirement, empty nest). There are 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 10:45am: Spectrum (Room 216). Leader: Wayne Niblack. Spectrum is a class for all ages, junior high 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.

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 through May 4; 7:00-9:00pm at the Becks' home (5190 Howes Lane, San Jose). Contacts: Clyde Beck (265-0767) or Bill Hamilton (206-1667).

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

April Global Ministries Prayer Calendars are now available in the lower foyer at the Information Center. Please pick one up and pray for our missionaries.

Globe Project: It's not too late 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!

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.

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 through April 10: It's not too late 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).

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Find freedom from your hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Join us every Friday night at 6:00pm for a barbecue in the parking lot, followed by a powerful message at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Following is the April schedule:

- April 3—Testimony by Donna C.
- April 10—Good Friday; meet in the Worship Center

- April 17—"Moral" by John Todd
- April 24—Special music and testimony by Sylvia Lange

For details, contact CR (997-4641; CR@venturechristian.org).

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Bible Study is Tuesday nights at 7:00 in Common Ground. We're currently studying the Book of Hebrews. For information, please contact John White (224-8405 or johntwhitecpa@sbcglobal.net).

Next Men's Breakfast: Saturday, April 4, at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall. The topic is "Be A Messenger" (Part 5 of the Core Man Series by Kenny Luck). There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted. Please RSVP to Karen Gentrup (997-4604 or kgentrup@venturechristian.org).

STUDENT MINISTRIES



High School Car Rally: Drivers wanted! We need adult drivers for our annual Car

Rally to be held on Friday, May 1 from 7:00-11:00pm. If you are interested in driving and helping with our biggest event of the year, please contact Dave Molchan at 997-4661 or dmolchan@venturechristian.org.

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.

Ministry News (cont.)

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).

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. 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 or jkmccloskey@msn.com). Brochures are available in the upper foyer.

Women's Retreat Scholarship

Donations: Are you able to financially help someone attend Women's Retreat? Each year, we have many ladies and college gals who would love to attend but can't without your help. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help, please mark your gift "Women's Retreat Scholarship" and give to Tricia Christenson or Kay McCloskey. Thank you!

July 10-11—Women of Faith

San Jose—HP Pavilion: Tickets will be on sale soon. Visit womenoffaith.com for more details or 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).

PRAYER

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

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).

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