

## WELCOME TO VENTURA

Thanks for being here today! We welcome you to Ventura Baptist Church and pray that God would draw you closer to Himself through your time with us.

### Our Mission & Values

Our mission is to *Pursue Jesus Together*. "Christ died, and He died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15). Believing in this truth compels us to live in three simple ways:



Exalting God



Edifying His Church



Evangelizing the World

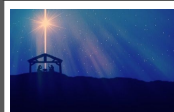
**THE GOSPEL:** The good news of God's love provided through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; granting forgiveness for sin and eternal life to all who trust in Him for salvation.

## LAST SUNDAY

Average Morning Attendance	202
Average Evening Attendance	79
Average Giving	\$5,452
Weekly Budget	\$4,655

## THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE

DEC 5	Wednesday	6:20 PM	SQUAD Prayer (Covey's home)
DEC 5	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Praise & Worship Night (at the church) No child care this month
DEC 6	Thursday	7:15 PM	Women in Touch Prayer Gathering @ Covey's
DEC 7	Friday	6:00 AM	Men's Prayer (Big Apple Bagel on Waverly)
DEC 8	Saturday	9:00 AM	Christmas Program Practice



**Christmas program practice:** the SS kids and the children's choir are going to be practicing first. Parents, please stick around and when they are done practicing you can take them home. The cast and choir members (there is childcare for their children) will need to stay. We are hoping to be done by noon.

## MORNING SERVICE

Church Family Announcements

Pastor David

Call to Worship

Pastor Timothy

Song of Worship

*What a Beautiful Name*

Song of Hope

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Prayer of Confession

Mike Davito

Scripture Reading:

Christina Davito

Song of Hope

*Emmanuel*

Song of Adoration

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*

Worship in Giving & Song

Sara Johnson & Sarah Noorman

Children's Time

Zach Moore

Worship in the Word

Pastor Timothy

"What Will the Messiah Be Like?"

Communion

Whether or not you are a member of Ventura, it is our desire to celebrate communion with any Christian who is looking to Jesus for forgiveness and for grace to follow Him.

Song of Response

*Behold the Lamb*

Closing Doxology

2 Peter 1:2-3

Choir Members: Don't forget rehearsal at 4:45!

## EVENING SERVICE

Kid's Time

"What's in the Bible"

Pastor David

Message

"The Already-Not-Yet of Food"

Pastor Timothy



### MISSIONARY of the MONTH

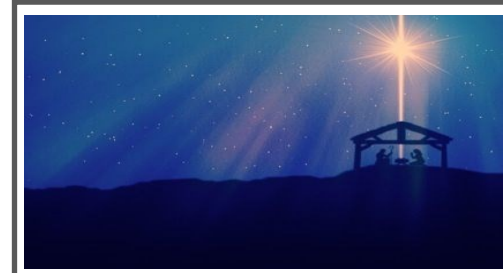
**Bob & Sandy Piatt**

Missionaries to Japan

Please be praying for the Piatt's especially during this time. Bob was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer and this week began a series of 40 treatments which will continue through January. They also have a very busy furlough schedule to keep up with after that.

Perhaps consider sending an encouraging email:

[bobpiatt2@hotmail.com](mailto:bobpiatt2@hotmail.com)

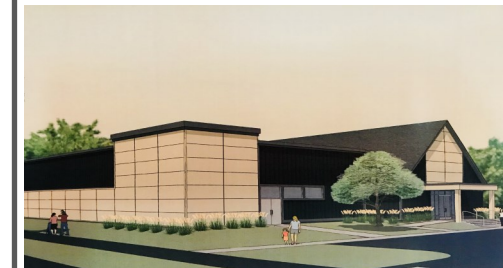


Join us for

### "Preparing the Way for Jesus"

A Celebration of  
Christmas  
and the Gospel

Sunday, Dec. 9  
@ 6:00 PM



**OUR FIRST SUNDAY IN THE NEW  
AUDITORIUM WILL BE DEC. 16!  
PRAISE THE LORD!**

## FIGHTER VERSE



...whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28

App is available for Android and iPhone

## CONNECT WITH US

We encourage you to fill out a **Connection Card** below so we can know how to serve you better and help you get plugged in. You can tear off this card and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to any one

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an out-of-town visitor.

I am new to Ventura Baptist Church.

Names and ages of others in your home:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Requests: **I am...**

interested in Discovering Ventura Class.

interested in joining a fellowship group.

in need of benevolence care.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

### MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every **Friday at 6 am**, men meet together at Big Apple Bagel on Waverly to discuss what God is teaching them and to also encourage each other in every area of their lives. All men are welcome!

### WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

#### WOMEN IN TOUCH PRAYER GATHERING

Enter the Throne of Grace with fellow sisters in Christ to praise and give thanksgiving to our great God as well as to intercede on behalf of our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, spouses, etc. This **Thurs, Dec 6** will be our last gathering of 2018. Join us again every other Thurs, beginning Jan 10, 2019!

#### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, join us for a Finger Food Fellowship Ladies Only Christmas Edition on **Thurs, Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm**. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. And don't be surprised if we have a game or two—with prizes, of course! Please sign up on the message board. We hope to see you there!

### CHURCH FAMILY

#### NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for **Sun., Dec 9** to welcome **Bennett Sweat and Mark & Lyndsey Fromme** as new members of our Ventura Baptist Church Family!

#### CHRISTMAS COOKIES

If you would be willing to bring cookies or bars to share after the Christmas program on Dec. 9, please sign up on the message board in the schoolhouse. Thank you!

#### MISSIONS GIVING TREE

The Missions Committee is hosting a Giving Tree for our missionaries. The tree is set up under the Missions Board in the back of the auditorium. All tags and gifts will need to be returned by **Dec. 16** (you can put them back on the tree or put them in the offering plate).

#### SERVICES CANCELLED

Please mark your calendars—there will be no Sunday school or evening services on **Dec. 23 & 30**. Happy Holidays!

#### BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

Please make a note that our next offering for benevolence will be taken **Sun., Dec 30**. If you have questions on how the benevolence funds are used, please talk with Todd or Heidi Covey. This is a wonderful ministry to our church family and community.

#### DISCOVERING VENTURA

Beginning **Sun., Jan 13** Pastor Timothy will again be offering the "Discovering Ventura" class at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour. If you are new to Ventura and /or are interested in joining our church family, please let Pastor Timothy know that you would like to attend ([durey.vbc@gmail.com](mailto:durey.vbc@gmail.com))

#### MEMBERS' LUNCH & MEETING

Church members, mark your calendars for our next Members' Lunch & Meeting on **Sun., Jan 20** immediately following the morning service.



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