

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 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

Today's Message:

Pastor Timothy

“Obligated to Bear”

Romans 15:1-7

Download the sermon at www.venturabaptistchurch.com/podcast/



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MORNING SERVICE

- ◇ Announcements
- ◇ Call to Worship
- ◇ Praise to the Lord the Almighty
- ◇ How Great is Our God
- ◇ Prayer of Confession and Lament
- ◇ His Robes for Mine
- ◇ All I Have is Christ
- ◇ Worship in Giving & Song
- ◇ Children's Time
- ◇ Sermon
- ◇ Testimony of Grace
- ◇ Oh How Good It Is
- ◇ Closing Benediction - Romans 15:13

MEMBERS' LUNCH & MEETING

Following the morning service.
There will be no evening service.



Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:10

Please continue to pray for our missionaries, Bob & Sandy Piatt. Updates will be sent in the weekly email.

THIS WEEK

TUES	6:30 PM	Midweek Fellowships @ Masts's
WED	6:30 PM	Midweek Fellowships @ Jepma's, Koedyker's, & Pollard's
WED	7:00 PM	Hemmes's, Moeller's, & Wolters'
WED-FRI	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Drop off times for "Ventura Family Closet" Live event
THU	7:15 PM	Women in Touch
FRI	6:00 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Big Apple Bagel (Waverly)
SAT	10:00 AM To Noon	"Ventura Family Closet" Live

LAST WEEK

Average Morning Attendance	235
Average Evening Attendance	95
Average Giving	\$6,209
Weekly Budget	\$5,219

Updated Church Hours

Generally, the church is open (with one or both of the pastors and/or office staff present) **Mondays from 11:30 am – 5 pm** and **Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**. If the doors are locked during these hours, it is likely that the pastors are meeting with others off-site. If you need access to the church building for some reason and the doors are locked, please text 616-835-6728 (Louis Wolf) or 616-540-4129 (Pastor Timothy). Give your name and reason you need to enter. If appropriate, you should receive a quick response regarding the key code entrance (located on the east side of the church). **Offices are regularly closed on Friday and Saturday.**



For more information and future events, please visit our church website at : www.venturabaptistchurch.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every **Fri at 6 am**, beginning again this **Fri, Sept. 20**, men are invited to meet together at Big Apple Bagel (Waverly) to discuss what God is teaching them and to also encourage each other in every area of their lives. All men are welcome! For more information please contact Ben Jacques.

VENTURA FAMILY CLOSET - LIVE

Ladies, this **Sat, Sept. 21** from **10 am to noon** is our Ventura family "garage sale." You may drop off items that are free and easy to carry **Wed-Fri, 6-8pm**. There will be no money exchanged at this event. On Saturday, we will begin with a brief time of instructions and then you will be free to "shop" around. Any items not claimed that day will be donated to the Holland Rescue Mission.

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

Once a quarter, on the 5th Sunday of the month, we take a special offering specifically for our Benevolence Fund. This fund is set aside to care for and serve our church body and our community in assisting to meet basic needs. This past year we have used Benevolence funds and offerings to support those with medical bills, transportation costs, families pursuing foster care/adoption, and meals through our Meal Train. Our next offering will be on **Sun, Sept 29** and will be going to help a couple specific families in our church meet some immediate needs.

DEBATE MONTH

For the month of Sept, SQUAD & SOWERS students will meet together during the Sunday School hour to study the art of debate. On **Sept 29**, during the evening service these groups will participate in a live debate with each other using Scripture to support their arguments. The topic for this month is "What is the chief end of man?"