

## WELCOME TO VENTURA

1/19/2020

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:

### “Lessons From The Life of Bartimeaus” Mark 10:46-52

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## THIS WEEK

TUE	6:30 PM	Midweek Fellowship @ Mast's
WED	10:00 AM	Women's Systematic Theology
WED	6:30 PM	Midweek Fellowships @ Jepma's, Koedyker's, Pollard's
	7:00 PM	Hemmes's, Moeller's & Wolters'
THU	7:15 PM	Women in Touch Prayer
FRI	6:00 AM	Men's Breakfast

## LAST WEEK

Average Morning Attendance	233
Average Evening Attendance	98
Average Giving	n/a
Weekly Budget	\$6,409



I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

## EVENTS & INFORMATION

**PARENT/BABY DEDICATION:** If you are a member of Ventura and would like to present your child(ren) before the church, committing to seek the Lord and the help of your church family in fulfilling your call as parents, we are scheduling two dedications in the near future: **Feb 16 & Mar 15**. We will have space for four families for each date so please talk with Pastor Timothy soon.

**MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH:** Please continue to be in prayer for Regan & Mellie Martin, missionaries to South Africa. More updates and prayer requests will be sent in the weekly announcement email.



For more information and future events, please go to our website and click on the Calendar tab.



## HUNTLEYBROWN

"IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATH." – PRO 3:6

Today we welcome brother in Christ and concert pianist Huntley Brown! Huntley grew up in a Christian home on the island of Jamaica. His parents, taught him what it means to be a Christian, and at an early age he accepted Christ. Without knowing how to read music, he learned to play the piano by imitating his brothers. His father and a friend of the family gave him some basic instructions, but mostly, he learned by listening to different recordings.

After graduating from Iona High School, Huntley started to play keyboard in various hotel bands and piano bars in Jamaica. It was great money for a teenager, and he tried to justify being a Christian while playing in the clubs, but he couldn't—the atmosphere of the clubs and his Christian ideals didn't match up. He kept remembering his mother's words: "Huntley, only what is done for Christ will last." Soon he prayed and rededicated his life to Christ and started to spend time daily in the Word and in prayer. This decision led him to the United States, where he enrolled at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois. Four years later Huntley graduated with a bachelor's degree in piano performance. He then went on to Northern Illinois University, where he earned a master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy. While at NIU, Huntley met the lovely Annette Chestnut, a fellow Caribbean student from Barbados, and following graduation, he and Annette were married. They now reside in Aurora, Illinois (just outside of Chicago), along with their four daughters, Natalie, Natasha, Nicole and Nadia.

Huntley's ministry is based on prayer, and he realizes that to be effective as a musical ambassador for Christ, his spiritual life is more significant than his keyboard skills. Just as he has to practice piano every day, he has to spend time daily in the Word and in prayer. Music is an offering of praise, a gift that Huntley wants to give back to God. His continual prayer is that the glory of God will shine through the notes, and the Holy Spirit will send the music straight to the heart, drawing people to the abundance of life in Christ.