

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: “Why Pray?”

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MORNING SERVICE

- ◇ **Call to Worship** David Pollard
- ◇ **Song of Worship** *The Love of God*
- ◇ **Prayer of Corporate Confession and Lament**
- ◇ **Song of Assurance** *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*
- ◇ **Sermon**
- ◇ **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** Lord, I Need You
- ◇ **Benediction** 2 Peter 1:2-3

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in wearing your mask while in the building.

GIVING

If you have an offering, you can place your offering in one of the offering plates that is located in the Gathering Center and the Main Auditorium.

EVENTS & INFORMATION

BIBLE READING PLANS & FIGHTER VERSES FOR 2021: Resources for different Bible reading plans for 2021 are available on the table next to the missionary giving tree. Bookmarks with the list of Fighter Verses for the year are also available. Feel free to take whatever is helpful to you.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS: We are excited to begin studying the book of 1 Timothy starting next week (**Jan 6, 7, 9 & 10**)! We are still making plans to accommodate both in person and virtual groups. If you have not been part of a discipleship group, we would love to have you join! Please contact Mark or Amy Buhl or email the church office for more details and/or if you would like to participate.

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION: On **Sun, Jan 17**, we look forward to welcoming Russ & Gayle TeSlaa as members of our church family. We praise God for His faithful shepherding of His flock here at Ventura Baptist.

PARENT/BABY DEDICATION & BAPTISM: On **Sun, Jan 24**, we look forward to rejoicing in the baptism of Claire Hedberg as well as joining together with her parents as they seek to dedicate themselves, with the help of our church family, to the faithful discipling of their newest child, Carolyn. Praise God for His faithfulness to the Hedbergs!



Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. Deuteronomy 7:9

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Bryan & Heather Mac-Phail Fausey—Cameroon



Bryan has shared several requests for their ministry as well as their family. Here are a few:

Ministry: The Akak Church plant (being planted by Pastor Frank Titi of the Bible Baptist Church of Olembe). Please pray for continued evangelistic efforts and for the means to construct on property they have already purchased in the Akak quartier. Please

also pray for the Olembe church as it meets in the Pastor’s home – the landlord is a Muslim and has often warned him that he does not want them meeting there. **Family:** Please pray for our family and Jason – Jason (10 years) is Pastor Titi’s son and has come to live with us this school year to improve his English. He has been going to an English school for many years, but with a French speaking family, his English is not progressing well. Please pray for his continued “transition” (read that as “Culture Shock”) in adapting to our family.