

WELCOME TO VENTURA

12/20/2020

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



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Today's Message:

“A Christmas Story?”

Isaiah 9:1-2

Mark 5:1-20

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

MORNING SERVICE

- ◇ Call to Worship Pastor David Pollard
- ◇ Song of Worship *Angels We Have Heard on High*
- ◇ Prayer of Corporate Confession and Lament
- ◇ Song of Assurance *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
- ◇ Scripture Reading and Prayer
- ◇ Sermon Jonathan Wilwerding
- ◇ Song of Response *All I Have is Christ*
- ◇ Benediction Jude 24-25

Merry Christmas!

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.

Average Giving	\$6,520	Weekly Budget	\$6,409
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EVENTS & INFORMATION

MISSIONARY GIVING TREE: Today is the last day to return gift tags and the corresponding gift for the missionary(ies) you chose. Multiple gifts can be included in a single envelope and on a single check. Please just be sure to include all the tags for the gifts. Any gifts marked for “missions” with no tags will be divided among all our missionaries. As always, checks should be made out to Ventura Baptist Church.

SECRET AGENT SUNDAY: Just a reminder to all our wonderful Secret Agents to bring your notes/gifts for your SQUAD buddies next Sunday, Dec 27. The basket is now conveniently located just inside the main entrance of the church.

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: Current studies in the book of Titus are wrapping up this week. We are excited to begin studying the book of 1 Timothy starting soon in January! More information will be coming, but 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 if you would like to participate.



He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:4

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



Regan & Mellie Martin

Regan and Mellie and their six children – Zoe, Micaiah, Malachi, Ernest, Meara and Elise currently serve in South Africa with TLI (Training Leaders International). Regan and Mellie have a heart to share the good news of our Savior to the people of South Africa and ask for prayers that God would use them

to build relationships and make disciples of Jesus.

From Regan: Pray for the Lord's comfort and care for pastors and their people here in the Cape, as COVID-19 cases are on the rise again.

Pray that God would give our family a meaningful and merry celebration of Christ this Christmas and for God's gracious work in the hearts of our children.