

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:

### “The Temple Has Come”

Download the sermon at [www.venturabaptistchurch.com/podcast/](http://www.venturabaptistchurch.com/podcast/)



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## MORNING SERVICE

- ◇ **Call to Worship** Pastor David Pollard
- ◇ **Song of Worship** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
- ◇ **Prayer of Corporate Confession and Lament**
- ◇ **Song of Assurance** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
- ◇ **Sermon** Pastor Timothy Durey
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **Benediction** Jude 24-25

*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.

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

**MISSIONARY GIVING TREE:** Today through Dec 20, the missions committee will have a tree set up in the Gathering Center by the Missions Board, with gift tags that have the name of a missionary and a specific gift written on it. To give a gift to missionaries for Christmas, select a tag and place the tag along with the gift in an envelope and put it in the offering plate. 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.

**MISSIONARY CARDS:** In addition to the Giving Tree, there will be a table set up with Christmas cards for the missionaries that we welcome and encourage you to sign. Thank you for your participation in blessing our missionaries.

**DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:** If you are currently participating in a Discipleship Group, your leader should have contacted you regarding how you will continue to meet during the month of December. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your group leader.



Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.  
1 Corinthians 15:51-52

## 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:** Late September marked the midpoint of the 3-year period allotted to our visas. How time flies! I was on a video call recently with a brother from one of our supporting churches, and he asked me what we are needing at the moment. *Prayer*, I told him. Honestly, present ministry burdens and future ministry planning have impressed on me all the more our need for the Lord's good hand on us and His grace through *the persevering prayers of our gospel partners*. How we thank God for you!