

WELCOME TO VENTURA

7/18/2021

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:

"Blessed are the Persecuted"

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

MORNING SERVICE

- ◇ **Choir**
- ◇ **Announcements** Pastor David Pollard
- ◇ **Call to Worship** Pastor Timothy Durey
- ◇ **Song of Worship** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
- ◇ **Prayer of Corporate Confession and Lament**
- ◇ **Song of Confession** *All I Have is Christ*
- ◇ **Song of Trust** *O Church Arise*
- ◇ **Scripture Reading & Prayer** Matthew 5:3-10
- ◇ **Sermon (Matthew 5:9)** Pastor Timothy Durey
- ◇ **Prayer of Response & Benediction** Jude 22-25

EVENING ACTIVITIES

5:00 PM Men's & Women's Discipleship Groups and Children's Sunday School

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	\$7,507	Weekly Budget	\$6,597
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THIS WEEK

TUE	JUL 20	6:30 PM	Midweek Fellowship @ Mast's
WED	JUL 21	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Midweek Fellowships @ Jepma's, Koedyker's, Pollard's, Wolter's
THU	JUL 22	6:00 AM 6:00 PM	Men's Summer Discipleship Group Training Grounds Set Up (SQUAD & SOWERS)
FRI	JUL 23	5:00 PM 8:00 PM	TRAINING GROUNDS SQUAD & SOWERS Event
SAT	JUL 24	7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Summer Discipleship Group TRAINING GROUNDS (PICNIC @ NOON)

EVENTS & INFORMATION

TG'21 PRAYER INITIATIVE: We are still asking people to consider signing up for 10 minute time intervals throughout the day on **Wed, July 21** between 7am and 7pm to dedicate that time in specific prayer for the Training Grounds conference. Sign up sheets will be on the counter in the Gathering Center.

MEMBERS' MEETING: Members, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 22 at 5:00pm** for our next Members' Meeting.

CHURCH PICNIC: Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, **Aug. 29 at 5:00** for a **church picnic!** We will plan to meet at Drenthe Community Grove Park in Zeeland. We will provide hot dogs and buns along with plates, napkins, utensils, cups for water, and ketchup and mustard. **Please bring chairs and a side or dessert to share** and yard games if you'd like.



In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6:16-18

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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Ministry work has now been slowed by the new restrictions in response to the third surge of Covid cases. But it has been a fruitful season for the six Fellowships (one in Philippians, three in Ephesians, and two in Colossians), with the joy of seeing pastors and their people maturing in the Word at key points. **Pray that God would grant the Fellowships continued and increasing impact, for the edifying and equipping of these pastors and churches as well as others, for the sake of Christ.*