

THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE

DEC 7	TUES	10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Warrior Prayer Meeting Midweek Fellowship @ Mast's
DEC 8	WED	10:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Women's Discipleship Group Midweek Fellowships @ Jepma's, Koedyker's Wolters'
DEC 9	THU	6:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Discipleship Group Women's Discipleship Group
DEC 10	FRI	6:30 PM	Finger Food Fellowship: Ladies Only
DEC 11	SAT	7:00 AM	Men's Discipleship Group

Join us for a

Christmas Candlelight Service

Thursday, Dec. 23

7:00 PM

Please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share after the service.



If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:8-9

Average Giving	\$7,386	Weekly Budget	\$6,597
Average Weekly Attendance for Sunday Mornings	213		

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- ◇ **Announcements & Call to Worship** Pastor David Pollard
- ◇ **Hymn #216** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
- ◇ **Hymn # 242** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
- ◇ **Prayer of Corporate Confession and Lament**
- ◇ **Song of Hope** *Prepare Him Room*
- ◇ **Hymn #231** *O Come All Ye Faithful*
- ◇ **Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:1-17
- ◇ **Worship in Giving & Song** Choir
- ◇ **Sermon** Mark Buhl
- ◇ **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** Numbers 6:24-26

THE GOSPEL: The good news of God's love provided through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; granting forgiveness for sin and eternal life to all who trust in Him for salvation.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Members' Meeting 5:00

As a growing and maturing church family, there are times when we need to talk more openly and specifically about our family life. That is the purpose of our members' meetings. We believe members' meetings help us as a church family to grow in like-mindedness as we pursue Jesus together.

These meetings are for members of Ventura Baptist Church only.

We **WILL** be providing child care for nursery and elementary aged children.

MISSIONARY of the MONTH: Ben & Jeannette Gerth



Ben and Jeannette and their family are so thankful that God has called them into the ministry of Bible translation. They work with the Jita people of Tanzania, East Africa. Ben is the Translation Advisor for the Jita team, which means he works with the Jita translators to make sure that the Bible translation is accurate, clear, and natural. Their passion is to see individuals, families, churches, and communities transformed by the Word of God.



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WELCOME TO VENTURA

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

FIND COMMUNITY

Pursue growth, accountability and unity with other individuals or families through prayer and fellowship in a **Midweek Fellowship Group**. For more information contact Pastor Timothy at durey.vbc@gmail.com.

I AM INTERESTED IN A MWF GROUP

BECOME A MEMBER

Discovering Ventura classes meet several times a year to share Ventura's history and vision, core beliefs, and the meaning of membership. For more information contact Pastor Timothy at durey.vbc@gmail.com.

I AM INTERESTED IN DISCOVERING VENTURA

SERVE

We steward the grace we have received from God by using our gifts to serve. For more info email mail@venturabaptistchurch.com

I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING

List any areas of interest or skills:



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DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

NURSERY: We are blessed to assist in the undistracted ministry of the Word and the Gospel by providing a safe and loving environment for little ones to be cared for while their parents worship with the congregation at large. Nursery is available for children ages 2 and under during Sunday school, morning worship and Sunday evening activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Each Sunday morning at 9:30 am, we have the opportunity to pray and dive into the Word of God in a small-group context, offering something for all ages. Classes are divided into **Primary 1** - ages 3-4, **Primary 2** - ages 5 -6, **Lower Elementary** - grades 1-3, **Upper Elementary** - grades 4-5, and **SQUAD** - grades 6-8.

SUNDAY EVENINGS: We offer a children's program for ages 4 through 5th grade, as well as SQUAD and SOWERS from 5:00—6:30pm.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

ADULT SS CLASSES: We are currently offering 3 classes: *Radical Obedience* (David Pollard), *True Humility* (Brad Zeinstra), and *Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible* (Timothy Durey). These classes will meet through Jan 23.

FALL DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS: Discipleship Groups for men and women are currently meeting to study the book of **2 Timothy**. Women are meeting on Wed mornings, Thurs evenings and Sunday evenings. Men are meeting on Thurs mornings, Sat mornings, or Sunday evenings. If you are interested in joining a group or would like more information, you may contact Mark Buhl (mdbuhl@gmail.com).

★ **New groups will begin in January. Watch for more information!**

CHURCH FAMILY

MISSIONARY GIVING TREE: This Sunday-Dec 19, 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. 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. Checks should be made out to Ventura Baptist Church.

CHRISTMAS FINGER FOOD FELLOWSHIP—LADIES ONLY: Ladies, on **Fri, Dec 10 at 6:30pm** we are hosting a good "old fashioned" Ventura-style Finger Food Fellowship. **SOWERS gals are invited too! EVERYONE** please plan to bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. There will also be prizes for "Best Holiday Dressed." RSVP to Audrey Green or reply to the weekly email.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED: The church office will officially be closed during the weeks of **Dec. 20-31**; however, you may contact any of the elders during this time.

SERVICE SCHEDULE: Please note that there will be no Sunday school or evening activities on **Dec 26 and Jan 2**. The morning worship service will begin at 10 am on those days.



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PURSUING JESUS TOGETHER

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