

WELCOME TO VENTURA

12/12/2021

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: "The Serpent-Crusher Has Come"

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

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements	Pastor David Pollard
Call to Worship	Pastor Timothy Durey
Hymn # 218	<i>O Come O Come Emmanuel</i>
Hymn #247	<i>O Holy Night</i>
Prayer of Corporate Confession and Lament	
Songs of Adoration & Worship	<i>God Made Low</i> <i>Joy to the World/Our God Saves</i>
Scripture Reading	Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 53:1-3, 10-11
Worship in Giving & Song	<i>Sing We the Song of Emmanuel</i> (Music Team)
Sermon	Pastor Timothy
Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26

EVENING ACTIVITIES

5:00 PM - Men's & Women's Discipleship Groups & Children's and Youth Ministry
(Children ages 4-5th grade; SQUAD 6-8th grade; SOWERS 9-12th grade)

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

THIS WEEK

MON	DEC 13	6:00 PM	Elder Meeting
TUES	DEC 14	6:30 PM	Midweek Fellowship @ Mast's
WED	DEC 15	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Women's Discipleship Group Midweek Fellowships @ Jepma's, Koedyker's Wolters'
THU	DEC 16	6:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Discipleship Group Women's Discipleship Group
SAT	DEC 18	7:00 AM	Men's Discipleship Group

EVENTS & INFORMATION

MISSIONARY GIVING TREE: Today and next Sun, Dec 19 will be the last opportunities to give a gift to missionaries for Christmas. To do so, select a tag from the tree located in the Gathering Center, and place the tag along with the gift in an envelope and put it in the offering plate. Please 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 CAROLING: All are welcome to meet at the church on Sat, Dec 20 at 6 pm to go together to sing carols for several of our church families who are shut in. For more information, contact Mary Price.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: On Thurs, Dec 23, we plan to host a special Christmas service at 7pm. We will be singing traditional carols together, hearing from the choir, and then ending the service by lighting candles to remember that Jesus, the Light of the World, came and now shines his light through those of us who trust him.

NEW YEAR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS: We are excited about what the Lord is and has been doing in men's and women's discipleship groups over this past year through the engagement and commitment of our church to study God's Word and deepen relationships with the Lord. **Starting in January** we will begin studying the book of James which has great parallels to the Sermon on the Mount. **Newcomers are welcome!** For more info contact Mark (mdbuhl@gmail.com) or Amy Buhl (akbuhl@gmail.com)



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. Psalm 23:1-2

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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One of the final steps in preparing the Jita New Testament for publication is comparing parallel passages. For example, Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record Jesus asking his disciples, "**But who do you say that I am?**" It's important that we translate that sentence consistently in all three places. It's a very time-consuming process, and it takes a lot of intensive focus. Please keep praying for us as we finish up the New Testament in Jita!