

WELCOME TO VENTURA

12/19/2021

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

Today's Message: "Behold ~ Our God!"

Luke 2:1-38

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MORNING SERVICE

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| Announcements | Pastor Timothy Durey |
| Call to Worship | |
| Worship through Singing | <i>The First Noel (#223)</i> <i>God With Us</i> |
| Prayer of Corporate Confession and Lament | |
| Worship through Singing | <i>Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)</i> <i>Sing We the Song of Emmanuel</i> |
| Worship in Giving & Song | Children's Choir "Jesus Joy of the Highest Heaven" |
| Scripture Reading | Luke 2:1-21 |
| Sermon | Pastor David |
| 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)

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

THIS WEEK

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| MON | DEC 20 | 6:00 PM | Christmas Caroling |
| THU | DEC 23 | 7:00 PM | Christmas Candlelight Service |
| SAT | DEC 25 | | <i>Merry Christmas!</i> |

EVENTS & INFORMATION

MISSIONARY GIVING TREE: Today is 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.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED: The church offices will be officially closed the next two weeks. Pastors and elders can still be reached by their phone numbers listed in the directory if you have an emergent need.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: All are welcome to meet at the church tomorrow, **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: This Thursday, **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)



He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:3-4

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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Please keep praying for us as we finish up the New Testament in Jita! In addition to checking the Jita translation for accuracy and clarity, Ben has also been asked to help other teams prepare books for publication. He takes their raw translation data and formats it in a way that is clear and legible and ready to print. Right now, he is working with a team in southern Tanzania, preparing the book of Ruth for publication.