

WELCOME TO VENTURA

12/26/2021

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 Reason Jesus Came” 1 John 3:4-9

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

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements
Call to Worship

Pastor David Pollard
Pastor Timothy Durey

Worship through Singing

Sing We The Song of Emmanuel
Angels We Have Heard on High (#227)

Prayer of Corporate Confession & Lament

Worship through Singing

Angels From the Realms of Glory (#222)
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#238)

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:4-9

Worship in Giving & Song

Sermon
Benediction

Pastor Timothy
Numbers 6:24-26

If you have a memorial poinsettia at the front of the auditorium, please take it home today to continue to enjoy.

There will be no evening activities tonight.

Average Giving	\$7,364	Weekly Budget	\$6,597
Average Weekly Attendance for Sunday Mornings	213		

THIS WEEK

The church offices will be closed this week. Pastors and elders can still be reached by their phone numbers in the directory if you have an emergent need.

EVENTS & INFORMATION

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 next Wed, Jan 5 (and following)** groups will begin studying the book of James which has great parallels to the Sermon on the Mount. **Newcomers are welcome! Please contact** Mark (mdbuhl@gmail.com) or Amy Buhl (akbuhl@gmail.com) as soon as possible to get plugged in.

REMEMBRANCE SHOWER: Ladies, join us on **Sat, Jan 15 at 10am** for a special time of remembering Ben & Liv Seymour's daughter Penelope Rose who was still-born on Sept 3, 2021 and due in January. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Center or you may contact Cyndi Hemmes for more information.

VENTURA FAMILY CLOSET LIVE: WINTER EDITION: We are having our second Ventura Family Closet Clothing Swap! We will be in the Gathering Center of the church from **10-12PM on Sat, Jan 22nd**. Please bring any used clothing or outerwear (sweaters, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, coats, snow pants). This is a great chance to swap hand me downs, clean out your closets and find something new to you! Come grab a doughnut and hot chocolate or coffee while you browse. Everything will be free! If you would like to bring items ahead of time you can drop them off during church business hours in the marked boxes in the lobby or on Friday, January 21st from 6-8PM. **We will only take clothing items at this time**, and any items that are not used will be donated to the Holland Rescue Mission Gateway Center. If you would like to volunteer to help organize clothes or serve coffee at the event please contact Abby Mast at abby.mast19@gmail.com.



You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:5-6

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.