



# Maranatha Baptist Church

*Growing Together In Christ*

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Dear Pastor,

Last year we began using a fresh, exciting, and new curriculum for our Wednesday night program for children. There was nothing wrong with the material we were previously using, but we believed that the Lord was leading us to something better. He was; and He did. The purpose of this letter is to simply share this information with you because the program has been such a boost to our ministry with children that I wanted you to, at least, know about it.

The material is called **Venture Clubs**. It is produced by the Mail Box Club of Valdosta, Georgia. The website and contact information are noted on the enclosed brochure.

The strength of this curriculum addresses an area of great need among our Bible believing, Bible preaching churches. Far too many Christians cannot explain the "why" of what they believe. Venture Clubs materials lead children beyond memorization to understanding and articulation of basic Bible doctrine. You might say it is "*entry-level apologetics*."

For a child to memorize the words of John 3:16 is a good thing. But *FAR BETTER* it is for a child to understand and be able to explain what John 3:16 *means*. This is the practical objective of the Venture Clubs lessons.

The structure and schedule of the program are setup very much like other common children's programs. The enhancement is in the curriculum lessons and the objective of "**comprehension**" beyond memorization. Our teaching staff instantly saw the value of this approach. They LOVE Venture Clubs!

To clarify, I do not have any vested interest in nor am I an official representative of **Venture Clubs**. The folks at Venture Clubs asked me if I would share my thoughts about **Venture Clubs** with other pastors. I find the material so excellent that I am happy to pass it along to you.

May God richly bless you and your work for the Lord.

Your servant for His sake,

T. Kevan Bartlett, Pastor