



Valley Baptist Church Newsletter August 2008

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

I praise the Lord for the work He is doing in our midst. As you read the Gospels in the New Testament, you see Jesus performing miracles and the people being amazed. Many of those who were struck with awe believed in Jesus.

What should that look like today? Certainly Jesus still has that same healing power and we ought to be praying for the needs of those around so they might be healed and give the glory to God. Another miracle for our time is to see broken lives made whole again and to see families strong and healthy.

As your pastor I have the privilege of knowing all of you and seeing inside many of your lives. Our desire for this church is beginning to become a reality. Our desire is to shine the light of Jesus or raise up a standard from His Word and see lives changed because of this. We want to “sharpen each other as iron sharpens iron”, urging each other to press on and grow in Christ. And yet, at the same time, we want to love on and welcome every individual, every family who comes our way and urge them to join us in our pursuit of God and His ways.

We are seeing some of this picture develop before our eyes. Husbands are taking up the mantle to lead their families, other individuals are renewing their habit of reading the Word, some are sharing Christ with others, others have believed on Christ, and still others are allowing the Lord to redesign their families and their futures. Pray that the Lord will continue the work He has begun in us and pray for spiritual protection as the devil cannot be happy.

I am **so** delighted to tell you of two upcoming events at our church.

- Dr. Donald Chittick – September 12-13, Friday night and Saturday morning. Dr. Chittick is a highly effective and experienced speaker on the topics of origins and Earth history. He earned his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Oregon State University and served as chairman of the division of Natural Sciences at George Fox University. You will be glad you came. His topics will be:
 - Origins Beliefs vs. Reality
 - Earth History vs. Reality
 - Worldviews and Music
 - How Music Shows Biblical Creation

- Anger Resolution Seminar – October 10-11, Friday Night and all day Saturday. I strongly encourage you to reserve these dates for this powerful seminar. EVERY believer will benefit from this instruction. To find out more, you can visit: <http://iblp.org/iblp/seminars/anger/> *** There will also be a simultaneous children's institute conducted here on site ***

I love serving you as your pastor,

Ronny

❖ VBC Family & Music

Hymn of the month

Have Faith in God

Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely.
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
Never alone are the least of His children;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Have faith in God when your prayers are unanswered,
Your earnest plea He will never forget;
Wait on the lord, trust His word and be patient,
Have faith in God. He'll answer yet.

Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,
And leave them there, oh, leave them there.

Have faith in God though all else fall about you;
Have faith in God, He provides for His own:
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish.
He rules. He reigns upon His throne.

Refrain:

Have faith in God, He's on His throne,
Have faith in God, He watches over His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail,
Have faith in God, Have faith in God.

Why is it important for me to study the Bible?

You've asked a good question that deserves a straightforward answer: The Bible, the only source of absolute divine authority, will inform you of God's mind and will for your life (2 Timothy 3:16-17). That is surely reason enough to study God's Word.

The Qualities of God's Word

You can do a quick, informative study of the Bible right now. Just match the following statements about God's Word with the verses listed below.

- The Bible is infallible in its totality
 - The Bible is inerrant in its parts
 - The Bible is complete
 - The Bible is authoritative and final
 - The Bible is totally sufficient for your needs
 - The Bible accomplishes what it promises
 - The Bible provides assurance of salvation
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- Revelation 22:18-19
 - John 8:47; 20:31
 - Psalm 119:89
 - Psalm 19:7
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Isaiah 55:11
 - Proverbs 30:5-6

If any of the above words are new to you, here are a few definitions you might find helpful:

- Inerrancy: The Bible is free from error in all it affirms.
- Infallibility: The Bible is unfailing in its purpose.
- Sufficiency: The Bible contains all needed information for Christian living.
- Authority: The Bible carries the right to prescribe beliefs and actions.

The Benefit of Knowing God's Word

The Bible remains the only source of divine revelation and power that can sustain you as a Christian in your walk with God. Note these significant promises in the Scripture.

The Bible is the source of:

- Truth: "Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:17).
- God's blessing: "But He said, 'More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it'" (Luke 11:28).
- Victory: "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17).
- Growth: "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2).
- Power: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).
- Guidance: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105).

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Bobby

❖ **Women's Ministry**

Women and Girls are invited
to a
Baby Shower
honoring
Ginger Morrissey*

Tuesday, August 5th
7:00 p.m.
at the home of Maria Whitt,
453 Ida St., McMinnville.

We are collecting money to purchase
a much needed sit/stand stroller to go
with Ginger's infant seat. If you desire
to give money toward this gift, it can be
given to Kelly Menne.

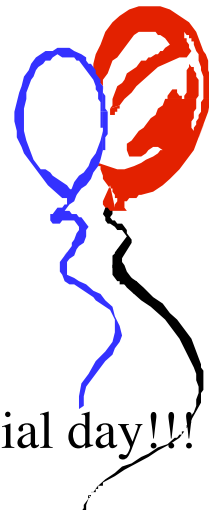
Other gifts can be given as well.
Call Kelly Menne (503-843-2595)
or Maria Whitt (503-474-0170)
for directions or questions.

Knitting Day

Saturday, August 16th, has been designated knitting day at Valley Baptist.
We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10 A.M. Women and girls of all
ages and knitting experience are invited to join us. Women who are
experienced knitters are willing to teach those who are beginners.
Contact Kathy Cooksey or Carrol Bowerman for more information.

August Birthday's and Anniversaries

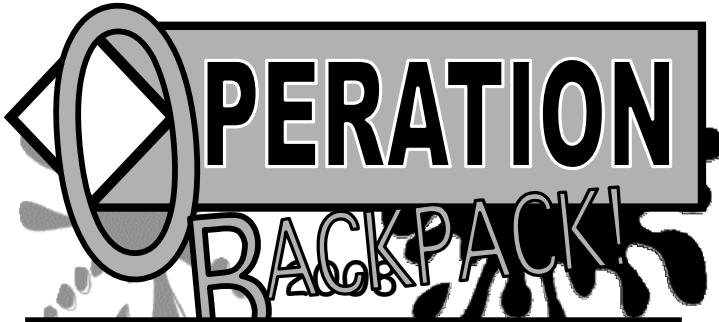
August 7	Priscilla Johnson
August 8	Don & Sharon Whiteley
August 12	Jeanne Roe
August 13	Wanda Taylor
August 16	Katherine Hampshire
August 17	Thomas Sweet
August 23	Thomas Sanchez



Have a GREAT “*Jesus Loves You!*” special day!!!

If we do not have you on our *birthday / anniversary*
list, please let us know, so that we may recognize your
birthday and/or *anniversary* in future newsletters.

linked to serve



Want more information?
www.linkedtoserve.blogspot.com

Needed: 200 energetic volunteers
When/Where: Sat. ~ August 23rd ~
Grandhaven Elementary School

Please turn this into your church to be passed along to the team leaders. Thanks for joining us!

- Decorating Team
- Promotion Team
- Set up and Tear Down Team
- Information/1st aid booth Team
- Guide Team
- Games and Prize Team
- Lunch Team
- Supplies Organization Team
- Supplies Distribution Team
- Security Team
- Clean up Team
- Runners Team
- Photo and Video Team
- Registration Team
- Prayer Team
- Food Procurement Team
- Donations and corporate sponsorship Team

Name _____
Phone # _____
Email _____

Items Needed

- Backpacks
- # 2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers ~ medium size
- Composition Books
- Scissors (blunt and pointed)
- Highlighter
- Black sharpie
- Basic calculator
- Ziploc bags ~ Gallon size
- Kleenex ~ large box
- Rulers
- Pencil ~ pouch/bag ~ small size
- Elmer's glue
- Glue sticks
- Copy paper ~ 1 ream
- 3 Ring Binders ~ 1"/1 1/2" ~ 2")
- Spiral notebooks
wide rule only, please
- Notebook paper
wide rule only please

- Crayola Brand PLEASE!
- Crayons ~ 24 pk
- Colored pencils ~ 12 pk
- Watercolor paint
- Colored markers ~ 8 pk.

Upcoming Events

- August 3rd Women's Discipleship – 1:30 pm
- August 4th Quilting – 6:30 pm
- August 5th Baby Shower for Ginger Morrissey
- August 6th Business Meeting - 6:30 pm

August 10th-13th Church Camping, Fisherman's Bend
 August 17th Youth Discipleship
 August 18th Quilting – 6:30 pm
 August 23rd Work Day at the Church
 Operation Backpack
 August 24th Baptism – Morning Service
 BBQ Fellowship Meal
 August 31st Lord's Supper

Monday's - Men's Breakfast – 6:00 & 8:00 am
 Thursday's - Worship & Prayer - 10:30 am

Making More Room

It is exciting to see so many new faces in our fellowship. In order to not set a limit on how many new faces can gather in our facilities, a committee has been studying ways to enlarge our sanctuary by removing some of the walls in the back of the sanctuary. What can you do to help? (1) Pray for those on this "facilities task force" to have wisdom and find the most effective yet affordable ways to enlarge the seating capacity (2) Give - continue giving generously to our church's regular needs. Soon we will begin receiving special gifts toward this expansion to pay for seating, paint, etc. (3) Be flexible and patient - this process will necessitate some changes in where certain classes and other ministries meet, etc. (4) Be a friend to the new individuals God is sending our way. Thank you for being on the team.



**Has your home address, phone number, or
 your e-mail address changed?
 PLEASE keep us posted!**

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Fellowship Meal

Sunday's 12:00 noon

Worship & Prayer

Thursday Mornings 10:30 am
At the church

www.macvalleybaptist.org or www.macvalleybaptist.com