



Valley Baptist Church Newsletter January 2008

From the Pastor's

Happy New Year! As I said last Sunday, I believe this is the year for Valley Baptist Church. God has put together a family, a team eager to make an impact on this community and the world. This is the year we make huge strides, by God's grace, in becoming effective disciple-makers. What can you look forward to this year?

- **Discipleship in action** - in these first few months of the year we will be kicking off our process of equipping you to personally disciple otherswho will disciple others and so on.
- **Persistent Prayer** - Hosea 10:12 says, "For it is time to seek the Lord until He comes to rain righteousness on you." Let us call on the Lord continually in 2008!
- **New Member Class** - For those who have joined VBC since April 2007 or those who would like to know more about VBC - Sunday, February 10th.
- **An outward Focus** - We will be trying a trial schedule beginning Sunday, January 27, 2008. There will be at least three and maybe four components of the new schedule:
 - 1.** Fellowship meal every Sunday following the morning service. This will be for those who are able and who so desire for a longer time of fellowship with each other and with our guests.
 - 2.** No Sunday evening service - be with your family or have someone over for dinner, etc.
 - 3.** Wednesday night prayer moves to Thursday morning
 - 4.** Satellite home prayer and devotional meetings. Lord willing, some of you will feel led to open your home for a few others to gather and pray in your home.

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NEEDS: Our trial schedule means we need the following:

- a. Setup/Cleanup champions – We need 4-8 couples/families/individuals who will rotate making sure the fellowship hall is clean each Sunday afternoon following the meal.
- b. Theme champions – each week we will have a theme during our meal. The themes will be: 1st week – Missions emphasis, 2nd week – Scripture memory reciting (children and youth and adults), 3rd week – Visitation/phone calling after lunch, 4th week – Christian biography day (youth and children report on Christian biographies they have read), 5th week – Service project once every three months after lunch.
- c. Home Group champions – some of you will feel led to open your home and lead a prayer group or open your home while someone else will feel led to volunteer to lead a prayer group.

So blessed to be your pastor!

Ronny

❖ VBC Family & Music

Financial Freedom Seminar understanding God's principles of finance Begins Sunday January 27th

Facing financial pressures or simply trying to avoid problems?
Interested in what the Bible has to say about finances?

This 16-hour video seminar, taught by Jim Sammons, has helped thousands of people **avoid financial disaster** as they have understood **what the Bible teaches about money** and have begun to apply those principles in their lives.

Jim explains **universal financial principles** from God's Word and uses down to earth illustrations from his own life. The seminar gives **practical training** on topics such as:

- What it really means to be financially free.
- God's four purposes for money.
- Identifying and rejecting false financial concepts.
- Establishing the tithe as a "weekly reminder."
- Learning to live within your income.
- Developing sales resistance.
- How to get the best buy.
- Reasons to avoid business partnerships.
- And much more!

New Church Directory
Tuesday, January 29th
Pictures taken from 3:00 until 9:30 pm

We have scheduled Olan Mills to come take pictures for a new church directory. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the church, or call the church office to sign up for a time. We would like everyone who attends our church to be a part of the new directory. Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a free 8 X 10 Signature Portrait.

Bobby

❖ Women's Ministries

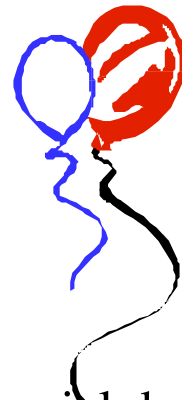
I want to thank all the women who so generously provided gifts for the YCAP families we adopted at Christmas. Because of you, two families in town had a very merry Christmas. May God bless you abundantly. We will not be meeting in January. I am working on an outreach ministry for February. I am always open to ideas. This spring we are planning to adopt a missionary family and put together a "package from home" to assist them in their ministry.

I am hearing a lot of interest in starting a ladies Bible study. I hope to organize a group to begin meeting in March. Let me know if you are interested and/or if you have ideas for study topics.

Carrol Bowerman

January Birthday's and Anniversaries

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| January 1 | Jessica Menne |
| January 7 | Agness McCalmon |
| January 12 | LaWanda DeJong |
| January 16 | Tom Snow |
| January 20 | Don Whiteley |
| January 24 | Micah Richmond |
| January 28 | Patti Richmond |



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


| Upcoming Events | |
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| January 7 th | Quilting -- 6:30 pm |
| January 9 th | Business Meeting -- 6:30 pm |

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| January 16 th | Choir Practice – 7:35 pm |
| January 21 st | Caleb Club Breakfast – 9:00 am, Jakes |
| January 27 th | Quilting – 6:30 pm |
| | Pot Luck – 12:00 noon |
| | Financial Freedom Seminar Begins |
| January 29 th | Pictures taken for new Church Directory – 3:00 – 9:30 pm |

Input Desired:


As you are aware, over the past many months, Brother Bobby's role has evolved way beyond that of only Minister to Students. His ministry areas include: leading our music, ministry to children and youth, ministry to families, ministry to young adults, and running the office. Can you help us with a more fitting title for Brother Bobby? Below are some suggestions. Look them over find one you like or suggest another one. Email your feedback to Brother Ronny at "ronny@ronnykathy.com" or slip a note to Brother Ronny. Thanks. Your voice is important!

- Associate Pastor of Music and Families
- Associate Pastor
- Minister of Music and Families
- Minister of Music and Education
- Associate Pastor of Music and Education
- Others...



Women's Prayer Time

Thursdays / 10:30 am
Meet at the Cooksey's
All women and girls are welcome
to come for a time of prayer



If we have omitted anyone, please let us know, so that we may recognize your birthday and/or anniversary in future newsletters. If you are a newcomer, please let the church office know, so that we can be sure to recognize your birthday and/or anniversary as well.



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

www.macvalleybaptist.org or www.macvalleybaptist.com

Reach One

by Pastor Frank



It's loaded with fat! We call it that because it all settles in the "low" parts of your body!

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No! You may not text message your mother to get a second opinion!