



## Valley Baptist Church Newsletter March 2008

### From the Pastor's

Dear VBC,

*"If I had to rate churches on having a 'family feel', VBC would receive a '10'."*

*"I was amazed to come back the second week and people knew my name!"*

*"I felt very much at home at VBC from the start."*

"We are encouraged by the way you and your congregation are seeking to honor the Lord and to follow His ways."

Those are just a few of the statements I have heard recently about the warm welcome people receive when they enter the doors at VBC. Good job, church! Keep up the great work.

We desire to be a God-pleasing, Bible-following, Disciple-making congregation. Let's start at home, making sure we raise up disciples from the 40-50 children and youth at VBC. At the same time, let's turn our eyes to the "fields white unto harvest" in the unchurched Northwest. As we continue in these pursuits, remember these dates:

- Home Group Meeting at the Sweets house in Dayton – starting this week – Thursdays at 6:30pm – 503-864-3937 (weekly)
- Home Group Meeting at Kathi Lax's house on Lafayette Hwy – March 19 at 7pm – 503-835-0788 (monthly)
- 2 Worship Services on Easter Sunday! – Choose between 8am and 10:45am and invite your friends and neighbors.
- Want to Keep Your Child's Heart? On Tuesday night, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00-9:30pm, we will be privileged to host a one-night parenting seminar with the Steve and Terri Maxwell family. <http://www.titus2.com/w-speaking-schedule.htm>  
At this seminar you will learn about managing your home and chores, keeping your children's hearts, family devotionals, and more.
- Vacation Bible School – possible dates – June 30-July 2 (Monday-Wednesday).  
More details to come
- Men's Breakfast – each Monday morning – choose between 6am and 8am. Men, if you have not yet done so, I urge you to enroll in [www.dailysuccess.org](http://www.dailysuccess.org)
- Jericho – July 12-19. Pray with me as we explore the possibility of assisting in the spread of the Gospel in Northwest Washington ([www.jericho2008.com](http://www.jericho2008.com))

Please pray for your church. Pray for your pastor (who knows, he might improve ☺)

Blessed to be your pastor,

Ronny

❖ **VBC Family & Music**

**A questions was asked; Every Easter the newspaper runs an article that casts doubt on the resurrection. Just how important is the resurrection to the Christian faith?**

Without the resurrection, our Christian faith would be just wishful thinking, no better than human philosophies and speculative religions. In fact, the noted seventeenth-century philosopher John Locke, some of whose ideas were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Our Savior's resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it."

The oldest Scripture passages contain the message of resurrection hope (see Job 19:25-26). Death has never been the end for the believer, but simply a gateway to eternal life in heaven. Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son Isaac because in faith "he considered that God is able to raise men from the dead" (Hebrews 11:19). The Lord assured Daniel that believers "will awake ... to everlasting life" (Daniel 12:2).

The resurrection was the focal point of Christ's teaching to the disciples about His sufferings and death: "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). It is therefore completely understandable that Mark and the other three gospel writers all included an historical account of Jesus' resurrection in their narratives.

Paul knew that without the resurrection our salvation could not have been possible (1 Corinthians 15). He was also convinced a person couldn't be saved without believing in the resurrection of Jesus: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved" (Romans 10:9).

It's no wonder Paul, the other apostles, and every leader in the early church continually proclaimed Christ's resurrection as the culmination of His ministry. Those men were so captivated by the significance of the resurrection that they could not help but preach it. And that should be our attitude today.

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***Fellowship Meal***  
Each Sunday, after the morning worship  
Everyone join us

***Worship & Prayer***  
Thursday Mornings 10:30 am

At the church

## ***EASTER***

Join us for a special music service  
and a great message from our pastor  
Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Bobby*

### **❖ Women's Ministries**

#### ***Kitchen Supplies***

An inventory list of supplies has been posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Weekly clean-up crews are asked to note when supplies are running low. All of us can help keep the kitchen well stocked by checking the list and picking up a package of plates, plastic utensils, coffee, etc. when we are out shopping and see a "good buy."

***Caleb Club Luncheon and Game Day*** - will be Tuesday, March 11th, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for games (Chicken Foot, of course) and fellowship beginning at 10:00 and a potluck lunch at noon.

#### ***Women's Ministries***

Our next meeting will be Thursday morning, March 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We have two missionary families to pray for and also bless by sending care packages. We will share their prayer needs and develop a list of items to send.

Looking ahead: we are planning a ladies' tea to honor mothers on Saturday, May 3rd. See Carrol Bowerman if you would like to be involved in planning this event.

#### ***Ladies Bible Study***

We will be working through a book by Lysa Terkeurst titled "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God." Our format will be varied. For those who can attend a meeting, I would like to schedule that on the first Thursday of each month. Those who are unable to fit another meeting into their lives will be able to participate via weekly emails. Printed copies will be made available for ladies who don't have email. More details soon.

*Carrol Bowerman*

### ***New Items in the Library***

**Children:**

- ✓ two Hermie DVD's, Buzby and the Grumble Bees and Hailey and Bailey's Silly Fight
- ✓ a Hermie video, Webster, the Scaredy Spider

#### Beginning readers:

- ✓ 4 books in the Watch out for Joel! series by Sigmund Brouwer

#### Middle readers:

- ✓ a series of books about a young girl, Andrea Carter, and her horse, Taffy, that takes place in the 1880's in the Fresno, CA, area
- ✓ the first two books of the Landon Snow series, a fantasy series about a delightful boy whose strange adventures lead to faith regained and hope restored
- ✓ a book about building the ultimate pine-car derby car
- ✓ a book about the origins of the song: Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

#### Adults:

- ✓ A Mind for God, by James Emery White
- ✓ The Copper Scroll by Joel Rosenberg, a novel about current events in the Middle East
- ✓ the next two books in the Dearest Dorothy series about the grandmother whose spunk and prayers hold everything together
- ✓ The Bachelor's Puzzle, the first novel in a series by Judith Pella that involves quilting (the second in the series will be arriving soon)
- ✓ a DVD, The Case for Christ, by Lee Stroebel which chronicles his investigation about the authenticity and claims of Jesus Christ – a good thing to watch for the person who is searching for their own answers
- ✓ a DVD, The Perfect Stranger, about what it would be like to sit down to dinner with Jesus and be able to ask all your questions – also good viewing for the searcher

There are many ways to read and study your Bible; below are a few online helps. If we can help you in the area of personal Bible Study please let us know.

Read the Bible or Hear it read at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

Get daily devotionals at [www.gty.org/Resources/DailyDevotion](http://www.gty.org/Resources/DailyDevotion)

Go to this website and get 3 different Bible reading plans  
[www.navpress.com/Magazines/DiscipleshipJournal/BibleReadingPlans/](http://www.navpress.com/Magazines/DiscipleshipJournal/BibleReadingPlans/)

E-mail Devotionals for Fathers

[www.dailysuccess.org](http://www.dailysuccess.org)

March 12  
 March 13  
 March 17  
 March 18

Kelly Camp  
 Bethany Cooksey  
 John Gamble  
 Laurie Berry



Bradley Prewitt  
 March 24 Elizabeth Hagen  
 Ray Heyer  
 Bobby & Priscilla Johnson  
 March 30 Bobby Johnson  
 March 31 Erik Hampshire  
 Onan Hill

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

## Upcoming Events

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Quilting -- 6:30 pm  
 Men's Breakfast  
 6:00 - 6:30 am / 8:00 -9:00 am  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> NWBC Evangelism Conference  
 at Greater Gresham  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting -- 6:30 pm  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> Women's Ministry -- 10:30 am  
 March 11<sup>th</sup> Caleb Club Games & Lunch --10:00 am  
 March 17<sup>th</sup> Quilting -- 6:30 pm  
 March 19<sup>th</sup> Caleb Club Breakfast -- 9:00 am, Jakes  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup> EASTER, Special Music Service



## Reach One

by Pastor Frank

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### Ole Timey 12 Step Program

STEP 1: Submit to God

STEP 2: Resist the devil

STEPS 3-12: The devil flees



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!**

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