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## PASTOR'S CORNER

I'm reflecting on a song we sang at the church I was a part of in my teen years. The chorus of the song is running through my head, "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand." The song is by Ira Stanphill, who wrote it in 1950. Obviously, when he wrote this song, he had no idea where we would find ourselves living today: the covid-19 pandemic lockdowns, masks, vaccinations. We can add to that, people who have lost their jobs, an increase of anxiety, hopelessness, suicide, overdoses, alcoholism. We have also seen an increase in natural disasters, floods, fires, tornadoes, and more. Seem to be increasing in their size and frequency. In fact, I just got off the phone with someone who called to talk and pray because someone they love took their own life, and that's the second call of this nature in the past month that I have received.

So here is my question to all of us. What is going to happen in the year 2022? Do you have some predictions? How sure are you? We had all hoped that 2021 would be a far better year than 2019 or 2020. Was it?

So here is my next question. Is there anything we can be sure of? For the follower of Christ, the answer should be yes, absolutely. Remember the sermon I preached when I explained that we do not use the word hope today in the same way the Bible does. When we use the word hope in the context of something we are not sure of, but we hope it might come to pass. For example, "The streets are icy, I hope we don't have an accident." or "I'm eating a lot of Christmas Cookies, I hope I don't gain any weight." (Good luck with that). When the Bible uses the word hope, it is talking about something we are absolutely sure of, we know, that we know, that we know. For example, "Jesus


did die for my sins and defeated sin and death when He was raised from the dead." or "I know that I have eternal life through my faith in Christ" or "I know that Jesus is coming back as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

The result of believing these truths is that we are filled with hope and life, and joy. This truth transcends our current earthly situation.

Back to Ira Stanphill's song "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" (which, by the way, is in our hymnal on page 612), The 3rd verse reads. "I don't know about tomorrow, It may bring me poverty; But the One who feeds the sparrow Is the One who stands by me. And the path that is my portion May be through the flame or flood; But His presence goes before me, And I'm covered with His blood." Then the chorus "Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand."

That's the best advice I can give you as we enter 2022.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bob



*For thou hast been  
a strength to the poor,  
a strength to the needy  
in his distress, a  
**REFUGE**  
from the  
**STORM.***

ISAIAH 25:4, KJV

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## December Prayer Weekend

### FAMILY

## New Year's Eve

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP, PRAISE AND PRAYER

- 9:30-11PM Fellowship, Refreshment & games
- 11PM -12:30 AM Worship & Prayer

"You must love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, all your soul and all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5). The December prayer weekend will focus on worshipping and glorifying God and surrendering ourselves heart, soul and strength to him for the year ahead. Dates are Dec 31-Jan 2 and the New Year's Eve will obviously be Friday night instead of usual Sunday night.

### Family New Years Eve, Friday, December 31

9:30 - 11:00 PM A time of fellowship, refreshments, and games organized by our Young Adults. Followed by a time of worship & prayer in the Sanctuary 11:00-12:30 AM.

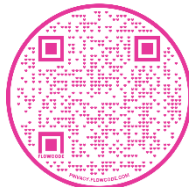
## BELIEVERS BAPTISM

January 2 @ 10:30 am

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## A WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

It is so exciting to see how our church is growing! If you are new to our church, this is your very first visit or you have been coming for years, if you are 18 or 80, we invite you to come and build some eternal friendships. We aim to embrace the value of love and friendship as we encourage one another and grow in our unity as Women in Christ. We invite you to a lighthearted event, *beloved* on February 12 from 10 am -12 pm. Who knows you may walk away with a new friend or two! Register at the front desk or scan the code below, we hope to see you there! More details to come...



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

January 22

7:00 – 8:30 am

Come out for a great time of fellowship and food and hear a message from Steve Swartz our speaker for the day.

Fellowship starts at 7 am. Breakfast served at 7:30. Speaker near 8 am. Prayer at 8:25. Done and free to go at 8:30 or continue with fellowship.



## CHILD DEDICATION/BAPTISM JANUARY 23

We will be having a Child Dedication/Baptism at our 10:30 AM service, January 23, 2022.

Parents will need to attend the Parents Class on January 16 @ 9:30 AM. (If you have already dedicated a child at Valley Chapel you do not need to attend this class) Please fill out the form (link below) if you would like to dedicate your child on January 23.

<https://forms.gle/R9uzwNqQd8c6NaoL7>

## Food Drive Jan. 30

Bring them to carport side of church to drop off 9:15 - 11:45am



Valley Chapel is going to host a food drive for the Uxbridge food pantry January 30th. Items needed:

- paper goods
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Tissue
- laundry detergent
- beef stew
- shelf stable milk
- snacks for kids
- juice boxes.

On January 30, bring items to carport side of church to drop off 9:15 - 11:45am.



## New Thrive Classes Beginning January 2, 2022

### A Guide to Sexuality: Understanding & Living Out God's Design

Facilitators: Erin Tubo & Shelley Cullen Room 121

In a society that continues to blur the lines of what is good, true, and acceptable, it is getting harder and harder for us to raise our children to understand God's unchanging truth. Specifically, our children and teens are being fed damaging misinformation about sex, gender, identity, and biology.

Parents! This class is designed to equip you to...

- Understand God's design for gender, sex, marriage, and family as a beautiful portrait that reveals the nature of God Himself
- Identify the tactics being used to trick children into adopting an unbiblical view of sexuality under the guise of Christian-sounding words like *love*, *identity*, *tolerance*, and *justice*.
- Teach your kids/teens to treat those who hold different beliefs with gentle, Christlike compassion without compromising biblical values

It's up to us to train our children to know God's design in a world that has rejected it. Join us at 9:30 am starting January 2, 2022

### Where Two or More Are Gathered

Facilitators: Suzie McCabe & Lynne Fortin in Room 219

"Who can say what power a church could develop and exercise if it would assume the work of praying day and night for the coming of the kingdom, for God's power, or for the salvation of souls". (Andrew Murray).

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for a time of United prayer. We will be praying in agreement on a different relevant topic each week using scripture and a prayer guide.

Topics will include revival, salvation for loved ones, prayer for the nation, and for our church and pastors to name a few. Come and see what God will do when His people pray with one heart and mind!

### Faith Connections Bible Study

Facilitator: Paul Cnossen in Room 225

Studying the Gospel of Mark - Who is Jesus?

### True Spirituality: Becoming a Romans 12 Christian - Virtual Class

Facilitator: Ron Cook via zoom beginning January 9 8:00 - 9:15 am

For many Christians, the abundant life that we hear about on Sunday doesn't line up with our experience Monday through Saturday. As a result, many sincere believers feel stuck, frustrated, and fatigued. If you've ever felt like you were "going through the motions" without experiencing true joy or power, this may describe you.

There is good news - this was never God's idea! If you've ever sensed that God has more in mind for you, but you're unsure how to experience it, **True Spirituality** is for you. This powerful study removes the clutter and presents a clear, compelling, Biblical picture of a true disciple of Jesus.

If you're ready to move from "in" to "all in," then you're ready to become a Romans 12 Christian. The next steps of your journey toward true spirituality start here. Come to be challenged ... Come to be encouraged ... Come to be stretched ... Come to be CHANGED.

### Autumn Glow ... Aging in the Grace of God

Facilitator: Pauline Hayward - Beginning in February - Thursday 9:30-11:30 AM at the church

This discussion group/Bible study is for women in the autumn season of life. That season when winter is away on the horizon while she still glows with the colors of maturity, stillness and wisdom. She looks forward with expectation to the "best wine at the end of the feast". (John 2...the wedding at Cana). Around God's Word we will share insights, ask questions, laugh and seriously ponder the many facets of aging in the grace of God. We will discover that perhaps it's not so bad to be "full of days", and that He actually does save the best for last!



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## The Ark Encounter & the Creation Museum



**Join Pastor Bob & Sharon on a trip of a lifetime.**

**Invite a friend or two!**

**Save the dates!**

**May 2-7 2022**

**6 Days—5 Nights**

\$835 per person (double occupancy)

\$1175 single occupancy

\$50 deposit to hold your spot.

\$785/\$1125 Balance Due by 2/27/2022

Check payable to "Valley Chapel" memo "Ark Encounter"

Place in Connect Box

Contact Sharon if you are interested. Sharon@valleychapel.us

Package includes:

- 5 nights Lodging,
- 5 Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners entertainment
- Creation Museum
- Ark Encounter
- A stop at Niagara Falls
- Guided Tour of Cincinnati
- Souvenir Gift
- Luggage Handling in Ohio
- Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- Transportation

HOW CAN WE  
*Thank*  
God  
ENOUGH FOR YOU?  
— 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV —

The Pastors and Staff at Valley Chapel would like to thank all of you and the Church Board for your generous gifts this Christmas.

Pastor Bob, Pastor Josh,  
Pastor Fox, Pastor Matt,  
Sharon Howard, Erin  
Tubo, Alice Legg,  
Lynne Randolph, and  
Becky Loverude



### Youth News

Pick up the new Youth Calendar at the Youth Kiosk in the lobby.

Please Note:

January 5, 2022

Is the deadline to RSVP for Berea Deep Freeze

SUNDAY

CLASSES FOR ALL: 9:30 AM

SERVICE TIME: 10:30 AM

### ● ONLINE SERVICE

VALLEYCHAPEL.US

Watch LIVE during our service time above.

### ● GIVING

We appreciate your giving. Did you know that you can also give online? Go to our website and click on the giving tab on our homepage. You can also use our APP and the giving tab on the our APP.

You can also stop by and drop your offering in the offering box in the sanctuary, lobby, outside at our west entrance.

### ● SOCIAL MEDIA



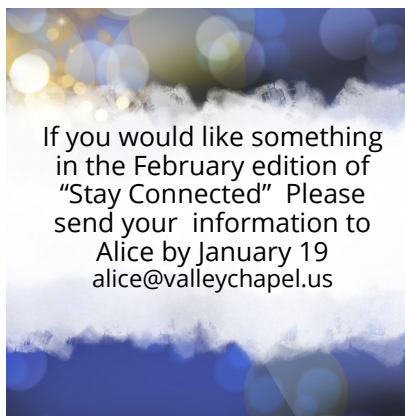
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### NEED TO CATCH UP?

Watch all messages on our website at any time. All messages are archived for viewing.



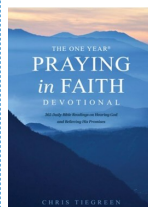
If you would like something in the February edition of "Stay Connected" Please send your information to Alice by January 19  
alice@valleychapel.us

**FEBRUARY** 2022

February 12  
Women's Ministry Event  
10 AM - Noon

February 18  
Quiz Meet

### Valley Chapel Devotional for 2022



*The One Year Praying in Faith Devotional: 365 Daily Bible Readings on Hearing God and Believing His Promises.*

Available in the Lobby for \$12.00

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