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April 2022 Edition

PASTOR'S CORNER

Greetings, Church Family! Pastor Josh Howard here with a couple of announcements.

After a long winter, we sure are looking forward to spring! Not only do we anticipate celebrating the joy of the Resurrection at Easter, but we are excited to have warmer weather and blooming trees and flowers.

And just as spring brings changes that improve our surroundings, we have been looking at ways to improve Valley Chapel in its mission to Worship God, Walk Like Christ, Work In Ministry, and Win our community.

One of the changes over the past two years is the growth in our Online Community. This is made up of folks who have seldom or never walked through our doors but have become faithful participants through our online presence via our livestream, website, and social media. We recognize the need to include these folks as valued church family members, to communicate with them, and provide opportunities for engagement. In order to address this need, Pastor Joshua Fox who has been our Associate Pastor of Worship & Visitation, will change his role to be Associate Pastor of Worship & Online Engagement.

Pastor Fox's role as online pastor is to guide, nurture, and shepherd Valley Chapel's online community; to humanize a digital experience and add a personal element to what might otherwise be just a screen and a message. Perhaps you have already been blessed by his ministry of Lenten readings and videos.

Another development is changing my role of Associate Pastor of Technology and Outreach to Associate Pastor of Ministry Development. I will still oversee technology, and we certainly will continue outreach, but in this new role I will be responsible for the overall leadership and support

of Valley Chapel's staff and lay leaders. This change will free Pastor Bob to focus more on studying, preaching, vision-casting and shepherding.

The staff is excited about these changes, and I welcome you to contact me with any questions. As always, we appreciate your prayers for us, our families, and the ministry and mission of Valley Chapel.

May you know God's blessing and peace this day.

Pastor Josh Howard

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Ark Encounter Trip

May 2-7

All fellow travelers to the Ark. We will have a group meeting on **Sunday, April 3** after the Worship Service (around 11:45 am) in the Conference Room 121 to go over a few items, answer any questions you may have and meet each other. I will also have you fill out a form with an emergency contact number. Look forward to seeing you.

Sharon Howard



Thanks Valley Chapel for praying for our group of 40 students/leaders that attended Brea Deep Freeze. It was a great weekend and God did some amazing things!

WORCESTER SERVE CARE BAGS

Delivered to the homeless in Worcester every 2nd Sunday of the month. Sign up to bring 5 bags at valleychapel.us/in-our-community

Edible

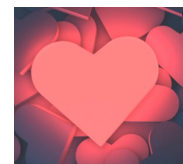
- Bottle of water
- Snack Packs of trail mix/ nuts
- Chips
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Orange/ Apple/ Banana
- Cookie Pack

Non-Edible

- Handy packs of tissues
- Soap bars wrapped in a wash cloth
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Female Sanitary Products (label Care Bag "Women's")
- Brush/Comb
- Deodorant

We have socks in the donation center that you can add to your bags. Feel free to add anything you think would be beneficial.

THANK YOU!!



An Easter Experience for Everyone

Journey to the Cross

Good Friday, April 15
Valley Chapel
Open 10am-6pm

Journey to the Cross: An Easter Experience for Everyone

This journey guides you along 8 multi-sensory stations that follow Jesus' last day on Earth. Come celebrate Palm Sunday in Jerusalem, sit down at the Last Supper, and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Discover the sacrifice of Good Friday and rejoice at the empty tomb!

Each station gets you into God's Word and offers opportunities to respond.

This self-guided journey takes 30-40 minutes and will be open Good Friday from 10am to 6pm.

(A "Fast Track" option for young families is available)

SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 25-29, 2022



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**WANT TO STAY
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To receive the weekly VC Messenger and prayer requests, give your email to Alice at alice@valleychapel.us

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



[Facebook.com/VCUxbridge](https://www.facebook.com/VCUxbridge)



[Instagram.com/VCUxbridge](https://www.instagram.com/VCUxbridge)

NEED TO CATCH UP?

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

Easter Sunrise Service

7 AM

Pancake Breakfast
to follow in café provided by our Men's Ministry.

MEN—Save the Date!

IRON SHARPENS IRON

May 14, 2022

8 am—12:30 pm

Rod Handley—Speaker

Cost - \$39

Sign up in foyer April 3 & 10

Living Word Church
30 Tyler Prentice Rd
Worcester, MA



If you would like something in the May edition of "Stay Connected" Please send your information to Alice by April 20
alice@valleychapel.us



Sunday Morning Thrive Classes Beginning April 24, 2022

Love & Respect Building Blocks

Facilitators: Spud & Dee Durran in Room 218

Have you been looking for a marriage study that is so entertaining and enlightening that your marriage improves almost immediately? Dr. Emerson Eggerich has done it again! Emerson will unpack 5 key principles that will create "Ah Ha" moments and bring fresh insight into your marriage. In this Building Blocks small group study you will learn how to: value your unique differences, resist misleading cultural influences, refocus on what made you friends, understand your spouse's mother tongue, and effectively influence the relationship. Join us and start building up the blocks of your marriage

Road to Freedom

Facilitator: Amy Levins Volunteer Break Room—next to East side coat room

Open to men and women

Whether you are dealing with substance abuse, relational struggles, or eating challenges, or you simply want to let go of what is holding you back in life, you will find answers in *The Road to Freedom*. *The Road to Freedom* will help you move from coping with hurts, hang-ups, and habits to the hope and health that only Jesus can bring.

Where Two or More Are Gathered

Facilitators: Suzie McCabe & Lynne Fortin in Prayer Room

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. 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

Who is Jesus? Gospel of Mark

Young Adult Group—Sunday Mornings

Facilitator: Seth Wojciechowski in Room 220

Anyone 17-25 who want a group to study the Word and a time of fellowship. We meet Sundays before church at 9 AM for a Bible study on the five covenants. We meet in room 220. Contact Seth Wojciechowski 774-280-6783 if you are interested in joining us.

