



June 2022 Edition

PASTOR'S CORNER

Oftentimes, making the right decisions starts with asking yourself the right questions. Let's take a quick look at a familiar passage, the fall of humanity in Genesis 3:1-6:

Genesis 3:1-6 (NIV)

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

So, where did Adam and Eve go wrong? First off, Eve trusted the wrong person. In verse 1, the serpent is described as "crafty," while God is identified as trustworthy throughout Scripture. However, Eve trusts the word of the serpent rather than the Word of God. Eve trusted the wrong person, which resulted in the wrong decision. Who are you trusting? Are they worthy of your trust?

Secondly, Eve questioned the words and character of God. While talking with Eve, the serpent twisted God's words: "Did God really say" (verse 1) and "You will not certainly die" (verse 4). Furthermore, in verse 5, the serpent falsifies God's intentions behind His warning: "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil". God's loving intentions behind His instruction to Adam & Eve were pure. The serpent, being crafty indeed, warps them to slight the character of God. Just like in the garden, God's Word and His character are being vandalized today. Do you know who God is and what He has spoken well enough to see through the fog?

Finally, Adam and Eve followed their short-term desires without considering the long-term consequences. Verse 6 labels the fruit as "pleasing to the eye" and "desirable." Scripture does not shy away from the fact that sin feels good in the short-term. However, sin is fleeting, and it leaves us with a mess of long-term consequences. Sure, the fruit tasted good in the present, but it was not worth the "pain" and "toil" to come in the future (Genesis 3:16-19). How are your daily decisions impacting your future? Is the fading pleasure really worth the forever pain?

Take a minute and honestly evaluate your life. Are you making the right decisions? If the answer is no, start by asking yourself the right questions. May the Spirit fill us with His wisdom and power. Amen.

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If you would like something in the July edition of "Stay Connected" Please send your information to Alice by June 17. alice@valleychapel.us

Men's Breakfast
June 18

Pastor Fox will be speaking.

Doors open at 7:00AM, food at 7:30, and message at 8:00. Done by 8:30.



Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study has started studying Romans. They meet 7pm in room 218. Men, young & old are invited. They can text/call Ed at (401) 374-9569 or email Ed with questions at edward.wojo@gmail.com

Summer Schedule

Beginning June 19, there will no 9:30 AM classes for children or teens. 10:30 AM Worship service will continue.

Faith Connection (9:30 AM Room 225) and Young Adults (9:00 AM Room 220) will continue to meet through the summer. Prayer room is always open for anyone who needs prayer.



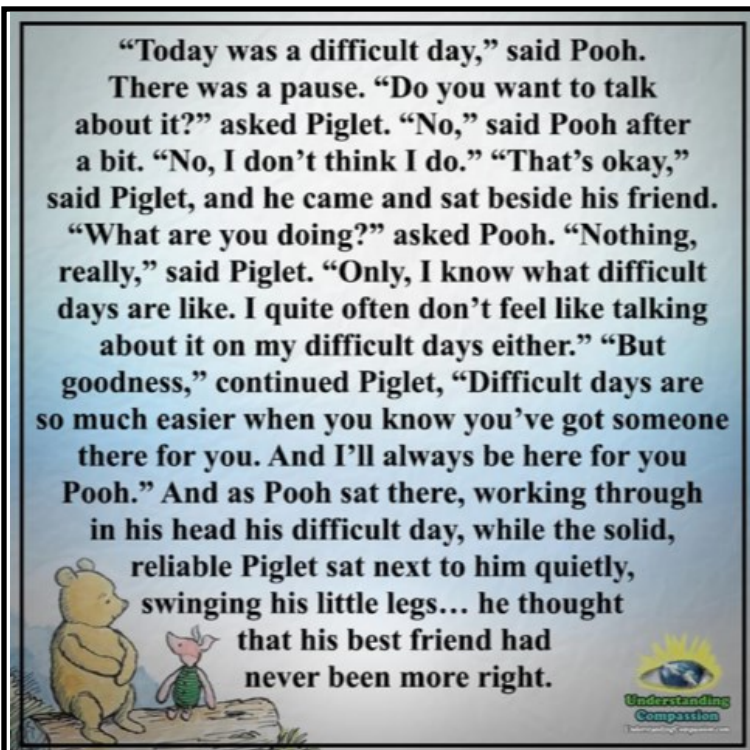
June Prayer Weekend

You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest. Give the LORD no rest until he completes his work" (Isaiah 62:6b-7a).

Our June prayer weekend on June 24-26 will focus on Effective and Persistent Prayer for Breakthrough.

There is more to effective and answered prayer than we often realize so please join us to pray for your desired area of breakthrough with wisdom on praying effectively and fervently from scripture.

The corporate time of prayer and worship for June will be on Sunday June 26 at 4-5pm.



Can you relate to Pooh...or can you relate to Piglet? When we have a sorrowful heart for whatever reason is it just nice to know that someone is willing to come along side us and be a friend.

This month at Valley Chapel we will be introducing Stephen's Ministries to our congregation. Some of you are familiar with this ministry, but most aren't.

On June 12th we will showcase Stephen's Ministry and have a table set up in the lobby for more information and questions.

Please be praying if you may be one who is called to come along side those who may be hurting and in need of a friend in Christ.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who may be in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

1 Corinthians 1:3-4

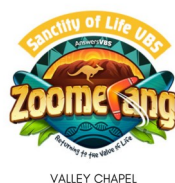
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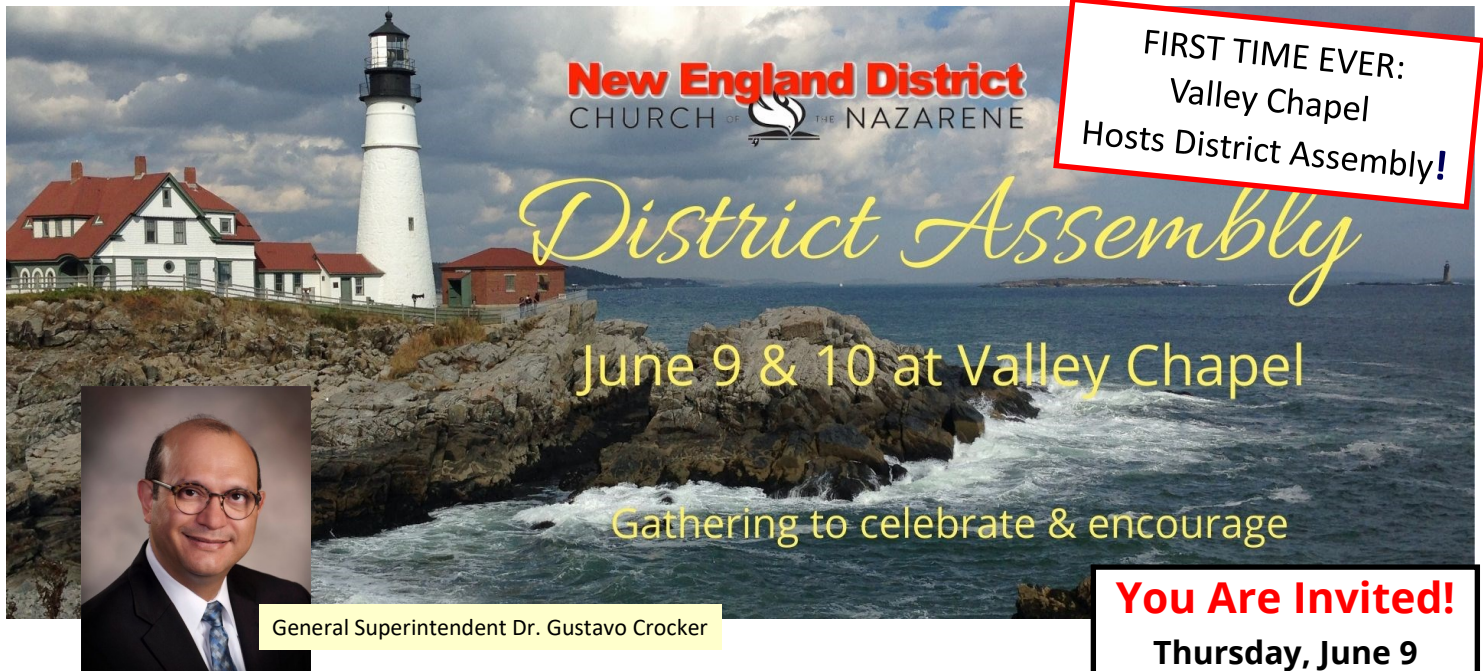
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JULY 25-29, 2022



VBS July 25-29

Register for VBS or sign up to help.
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New England District
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

FIRST TIME EVER:
Valley Chapel
Hosts District Assembly!

District Assembly

June 9 & 10 at Valley Chapel

Gathering to celebrate & encourage



General Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Crocker

You Are Invited!

Thursday, June 9

1:00—5:00pm
Assembly Business Session
7:30—9:00pm: Ordination
Service & Communion

Friday, June 10

8:00am—3:00pm
General Superintendent
Presentation

HISTORY: Valley Chapel is part of the Church of the Nazarene (from the biblical description of Jesus Christ, who was raised in the town of Nazareth). Organized in 1908, the denomination is now home to about 2.5 million members worshipping in more than 30,000 congregations in 164 world areas.

ORGANIZATION: Local congregations are arranged administratively into geographical Districts. Each district is directed by a District Superintendent, who is normally elected by delegates from each local church in an annual gathering called the District Assembly. Valley Chapel is part of the New England District, and our District Superintendent is Rev. Ken Stanford.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: Once each year pastors, leaders, and members gather to celebrate what God has done in the past year, conduct district business, and ordain new pastors. For the first time ever, Valley Chapel is hosting this important gathering, and you are invited to attend!

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT: We are honored to host our General Superintendent, Dr. Gustavo Crocker. A Guatemalan by birth, Dr. Crocker was ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene on the Mid-Atlantic District. As a Latin American Leadership Scholar, he earned a Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Regent University. In 2014, Olivet Nazarene University honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree for his contribution to the development of the global church.

Rev. Ken Stanford will speak on the topics of Restore, Renew, Refresh and Reimagine.

Dr. Gustavo Crocker will speak to the assembly about The Church Post Covid and how God is doing a new thing--a way in the wilderness, streams in the wasteland (Isaiah 43:19)--helping us perceive a new movement of the Spirit.



District Superintendent Rev. Ken Stanford



Celebrate Pentecost
and pray for a move
of the spirit in our
church and land.

June 5
4-5 PM

Corporate Prayer Meeting

"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake from your slumber, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

We will be focusing on Spiritual awakening and a move of the Holy Spirit. We will have a special prayer and worship meeting on Sunday, June 5, from 4-5 pm in the sanctuary to celebrate Pentecost and pray for a move of the Spirit in our church and land.



Visitors Luncheon

Sunday, June 5 we will be serving a Welcome Luncheon in the Cafe after the service. If you are new to Valley Chapel (3 months) and would like to come to meet the Pastors and have an informal time to ask questions and get to know us better, please sign up at the Welcome Desk or RSVP to alice@valleychapel.us or 508-278-2315 by June 1.



July 15-24
Douglas Camp

July 17
Summer Connection
(150 Douglas St, Uxbridge)

July 25-29
VBS



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



Do you have a graduate from High School or College, or know of one? Please let Alice know in the church office.



Women's Ministry Event

Saturday June 11th
10am-2pm @ Valley Chapel

Join us for this 2 session video seminar as Kelly Needham challenges us to raise our expectations of what true friendship looks like. With a clear view of Scripture and a been-there perspective, she will help us to identify unhealthy signs, tackle the stumbling blocks to genuine friendships and reorient us to the purposeful relationships each of us craves. Our friendships really can be more than what the world offers!

Women of all ages can grow in their view and knowledge of what healthy Christian friendships should look like. Appropriate for teens on up! Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends.

Lunch will be provided, limited childcare by sign up only. Signups will be located at the welcome desk or you can join our new Valley Chapel Women's Ministry Facebook group page and go to the events tab to register! We hope to see you there!

Please register no later than June 5th



SUNDAY

SERVICE TIME: 10:30 AM

● ONLINE SERVICE

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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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