



StayCONNECTED

November 2022 Edition

Pastor's Corner

Happy Thanksgiving! For this month's pastors corner I wanted to share some scripture from Colossians along with my thoughts as we read through the verses.

COLOSSIANS 1

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—

As we focus on Thanksgiving, I want you to know that I do thank God for you! It is a blessing to know you, and I am thankful to God for bringing you into our church family here at Valley Chapel. I am thankful that we get to worship together, serve together, share life together, and pray for each other.

10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

It is hard to be a follower of Jesus in this culture, and I am so thankful that you choose to live your life focused on obeying and pleasing Him. It is the best way to live, and I pray you continue to stay focused on God and His word.

I am thankful for your hearts to consistently help those in need, both in our area and around the world. Your Common Fund offerings have provided urgent relief to people in crisis. You have given your time and resources to serve the homeless, feed the hungry, care for the widows, and provide for the orphans. Thank you!

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

It is great to know that endurance and patience come from Jesus' glorious power and

might. In what areas of your life do you need to rely on Him for patience and endurance? One way that helps us through a difficult time is to give joyful thanks to God for the promise of spending eternity with Him where there will be no more hurt, pain, loss, tragedy, darkness, or death.

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

How can you make it a point this Thanksgiving to let people know that you are thankful for God rescuing you from darkness and bringing you into the kingdom of light? Think about how you can tell others how you felt when you experienced forgiveness of your sins and were redeemed from death and given eternal life.

Love ya!
Pastor Josh

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Valley Chapel Church Family,

After a month where you made us feel so appreciated, we wanted to take a minute to share our appreciation for you. Thank you for the many gifts, cards and words of affirmation during "Pastor's Appreciation Month". You are all a constant source of encouragement to us. Thank you for trusting us to lead you in the truths of God's Word. This is truly a sacred honor and privilege. Thank you for financially supporting us and our families. You make it possible for us to have these jobs that we love so much. Thank you for consistently giving up your time to serve. The ministries here at Valley Chapel would not be possible without you. Thank you for praying for us, our families and our church. We have all felt and experienced the power of your prayers.

When thinking about our church family here at Valley Chapel, Paul's words in Philippians 1:3-6 come to mind: "3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

We so appreciate you!

Love,

Valley Chapel pastors & staff



membership classes

Choose one class:

10/29 9am - noon Room 225

11/3 7pm - 9pm Room 225

Sign up at Welcome Desk or email alice@valleychapel.us

Grow Your Prayer Life

Pastor Bob and Sharon want to invite you to attend a **one day prayer conference in Connecticut**. Saturday, November 12. Leave here at 8:30 am, return at 6:30 pm. We will bring our own lunch. No cost, a love offering will be taken. Sign up with Sharon at sharon@valleychapel.us



Christmas Gift Guide



COMING SOON! Watch for an email in mid November with a wonderful gift guide for the children in your life.

Children's Director, Erin Tubo

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree™ equips churches to strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children and support the families of prisoners year-round.

Get ready to pick your Angel Tree tag off the tree, and buy a gift or gift card for that child.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23

7pm in the sanctuary

Celebrate the goodness of God

Save the Date February 9-11



DOING THE MOST GOOD™

Help your neighbors. Ring bells for Salvation Army. Volunteering at the red kettle is a great opportunity for families and individuals of all ages. It only requires 2 hours of your time. It benefits our neighbors who will need fuel, medical or rent assistance this winter. It assists our youth group here at Valley Chapel. You ask how do I help? It's easy! Click on the sign up link on our website or QR code for a list of places, times available and instructions. Start date is Monday, Nov. 14.



We're using SignUp (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Go to this link to see our SignUps on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/xnFLZFy>
- 2) Review the SignUps listed and choose the one(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Any questions? Call Sharon Howard at 508-278-2315.



Thrive Classes - Sundays @ 9:30 am

- ~ Apologetic with Jason Jolin in Room 121
- ~ Colossians with Phil LaFountain in Room 219
- ~ Faith Connections with Randy Fields & Paul Trout in room 225
- ~ Lead Like it Matters with Ron Cook virtual class

Check out the website for Open Life Groups
www.valleychapel.us/life-groups-new



DECEMBER 2022

Dec 11
Blackstone Valley Community Chorus
Christmas pieces from Handel's Messiah
3 pm

Dec 16
Birch Alley Brass
7 pm

Dec 24
Christmas Eve Service
4 pm

Dec 25
10:30 Worship Service
No Classes

Church family,

Can you believe it. We are already half way through the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner I wanted to provide you with a financial update on the church finances before our lives become even busier.

Thank you for continuing to give of your time, talents and financial resources under difficult circumstances. While the pandemic seems to be in the rear view mirror, its impact is still being felt.

Thank you for continuing to pray and help others.

Some half way highlights:

1. As of September 30, 2022 the overall tithes to the church was \$501,858.11 We are on track to meet our budget goal. To God be the Glory!
 2. As of September 30, 2022 \$30,264 was given to support missions. To God be the Glory!
 3. As of September 30, 2022 \$28,097.94 was given to the Common Fund. \$19,216.02 has been sent out to meet the needs of people through out the Blackstone Valley and other parts of the country. To God be the Glory!
 4. We continue to aggressively pay down the mortgage when we can. Please keep the following as a matter of prayer. Sometime in November we will be discussing our current mortgage with the bank. This review is done every 5 years. As you know, interest rates have gone up. The hope is that we will be able to keep our current rate. Our monthly payment would then remain the same. There would be an up front charge in order to do this but it would be less than paying a mortgage with a higher interest rate over time.
- As of September 30, 2022 \$55,786.82 was given for debt reduction. 100% of this money has gone directly to the principal of the mortgage further reducing the interest charges. To God be the Glory!
Currently the church mortgage is \$1,506,873.73.

Blessings.

Ken Kaiser
Treasurer



SUNDAY

CLASSES FOR ALL: 9:30 AM

SERVICE TIME: 10:30 AM

ONLINE SERVICE

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Watch LIVE during our service time.

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.

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

SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook.com/VCUxbridge



Instagram.com/VCUxbridge

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 December edition of "Stay Connected" Please send your information to Alice by Nov. 18 alice@valleychapel.us

To receive the weekly VC Messenger email and prayer requests, give your email to Alice at alice@valleychapel.us and let her know you want to be added to the email list.



November Prayer Weekend

"Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession" (Psalm 2:8).

Do you have a nation that is on your heart either part of your heritage as Scotland is for me, or a country you feel called to pray for? Perhaps it's for Israel or the Ukraine or Africa? Please join us to pray for revival in the nations and for a new move of God in the places God puts on our hearts. The prayer weekend is November 18-20 with a time of corporate prayer and worship on Thursday, November 17th at 6pm.

