

# StayCONNECTED

April 2023 Edition

## Pastor's Corner

On March 10-12, a group of 48 students and 9 adults ventured up to Camp Bera in Hebron, NH to participate in a retreat entitled, "Deep Freeze." The weekend was full of fun, including snow tubing, a polar plunge, paint ball, table tennis, board games, crossnet, basketball/volleyball tournaments, dodgeball, and other crazy games. However, our time at Bera was not just full of

entertainment, but it was spiritually impactful. Joel Vaughn led us in a powerful time of worship and Duffy Robbins challenged us through the preaching of the Word.

The theme of Bera Deep Freeze 2023 was "Shatter". Here is a summary of the message shared with our students throughout the weekend: "Our faith isn't a one-time moment of acceptance

and salvation – it's a continual walk with God as we seek to be more like Jesus. And we're not alone on this journey! Hebrews 12 says that not only has Jesus walked the same path before us, but centuries of fellow believers who have faced every kind of challenge, sin, and peer pressure have run this race and are cheering us on. There are many things in our world which hinder our race. Our own sin, the sin of others, or even the good things we put in our life ahead of following Jesus. But we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to shatter every chain and sin as we take our next steps in faith."

Our students and adult leaders that attended Bera Deep Freeze 2023 were encouraged and challenged by this message. Likewise, this truth is for you too! What is holding you back? What's keeping you trapped in fear and frustration? What is that thing in your life that you need to shatter to continue following hard after God?

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Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) – “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Pastor Matt Nordquist

### A Message from Pastor Bob


Hi church family,

After being in Florida for 3 weeks I'm really glad to be back with our church family. The Holy Spirit is moving in powerful ways in our country and we sense His sweet presence each time we gather to worship and glorify God.

Our church board passed our budget for the next church year this week. I want to express our deep gratitude for your faithfulness in tithing and your generosity in supporting missions and compassionate ministries. We are truly blessed.

During the pandemic, many had begun giving online, this has helped with consistent giving throughout the year. However it does cost our church about \$10,000 a year in fees for online giving, so if its convenient and you want to give using the tithe envelopes, we have those available at the Welcome desk. Some of our folk give online through their checking account which does not cost us any fees. But in whatever method you give, again thank you for being so faithful in tithing and giving.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bob



Valley Chapel Women's Event  
Sight & Sound Theatre's  
**JESUS**  
Wednesday, April 12  
Noon: bring a lunch  
Meet and eat in Café  
Movie in room 121

### Women - Sight and Sound Movie Wednesday, April 12 @ noon

Jesus - From the streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, Jesus befriends outcasts and heals the hurting. He challenges social norms and confronts hypocrisy. He sets sail with fishermen and reasons with religious scholars. And the lives he touches will never be the same. Experience the action packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the every day people whose lives he changed forever.

Enjoy fellowship in the Café as we eat our lunches together, from there move to room 121 to watch the Sight and Sound movie of 'Jesus'. Wednesday, April 12 at noon. Please note, this will be the last Sight and Sound movie until Fall 2023

## Prayer Weekend

April 21-23 (just prior to Satancom)

*The Lord of Heaven's Armies will hover over Jerusalem and protect it like a bird protecting its nest. He will defend and save the city; he will pass over it and rescue it. -Isaiah 31:5*

Pray that the Lord of Heaven's Armies will hover over Boston and protect both it and those whom God has called to be there to pray, worship & evangelize.

Please join us for corporate prayer Sunday April 23rd at 4pm

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April's prayer weekend on April 21-23 will be held the weekend before the Satanic convention in Boston. We are asking that as many people as possible sign up to pray for the Lord of Heaven's Armies to hover over Boston and protection for the city and for those including several in our own church whom God has called to be in Boston at that time praying, worshipping or evangelizing. We also ask that many of you attend the corporate prayer meeting Sunday April 23rd at 4pm to worship and cry out to God to move powerfully during this event.

An Easter Experience for Everyone

# Journey to the Cross

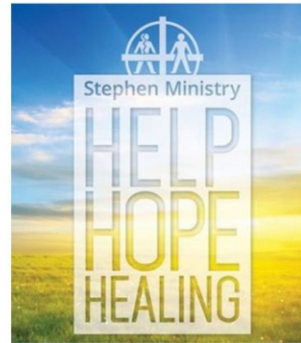
Good Friday || Valley Chapel || Open 10am-6pm

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)



## Are You Going through a Difficult Time?

Stephen Ministers are specially trained members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through a crisis or difficult time.

To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, contact **Linda Prout** at [stephen@valleychapel.us](mailto:stephen@valleychapel.us)

If you would like something in the May edition of "Stay Connected" Please send your information to Alice by April 21 at [alice@valleychapel.us](mailto:alice@valleychapel.us)

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



## Baby Dedication

Has your child been dedicated or baptized?

Contact the church office  
[Alice@valleychapel.us](mailto:Alice@valleychapel.us)

Class May 7 @ 9:30 AM  
Dedication Sunday, May 14

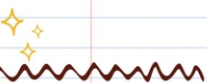


## New Thrive Class Starting April 30

Facilitated by our ValleyKids Director, Erin Tubo

## TEACHING YOUR KIDS ABOUT Jesus

Video Series by: Natasha Crain



In Talking to your Kids About Jesus video Bible study, Natasha Crain offers parents advice on how to have conversations with your children about faith in a friendly, parent-to-parent voice. This study examines six essential topics about Jesus' identity, teachings, death, and resurrection---and the difference each one makes.

## Coming in May

May 7  
Welcome Luncheon

May 14  
Baby Dedication

May 20  
Jason Gray Concert

May 21  
BVCC Concert

Teen Event:

# NERF NIGHT

Friday, April 21  
7-9pm

Contact Pastor Matt for details

## FOOD DRIVE FOR UXBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, April 16  
9:30am - 10:30am under the carport

Most needed items: Paper goods, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, tissue, laundry detergent, beef stew, shelf-stable milk, snacks for kids, and juice boxes.

### Save these Dates

# IRON SHARPENS IRON

Men's Conference

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY  
JUNE 3

Valley Chapel  
14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge, MA


*Details to follow*

## jason gray

live in concert

with special guest  
*dave pettigrew*

May 20, 2023 - 7pm  
Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge, MA  
TIX: \$20GA/\$35 VIP



SCAN ME

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT NORTHEASTCCC.COM

### SUNDAY

CLASSES FOR ALL: 9:30 AM  
SERVICE TIME: 10:30 AM

### ONLINE SERVICE

VALLEYCHAPEL.US  
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 connect box in the sanctuary, lobby, outside at our west entrance.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

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 Instagram.com/VCUxbridge

### NEED TO CATCH UP?

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

## Easter at Valley Chapel

### Sunrise Service & Pancake Breakfast

Easter Sunday at 7am

Outside worship, scripture readings, and a message. Pancake Breakfast in the café provided by the Men's Ministry. No children's classes offered during this service.

### Easter Service

10:30am In-Person and Online

Celebratory worship, choir performance, inspiring testimony, and a message from God's Word! Toddler & preschool classes only.

### Young Adults Welcome! Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30 am



Hi my name is Kaleb I've attended Valley Chapel my whole life. When I finished my time with the Youth group, a couple of my close friends and I started a Bible study on Sunday mornings. Over time it became a young adult group. Now roughly 3 years later, we've had multiple great leaders step in and help us with our journey in our faith and studying the Bible. We would love to continue to grow our group for Sunday morning studies and young adult get togethers.