

StayCONNECTED

May 2023

Pastor's Corner

Have you been enjoying the Bible Recap Project as much as I have? When we launched it in January, it was so exciting to be starting this journey with the whole church family. It has been wonderful having many conversations around the readings. The Bible never ceases to amaze me; there is something new, challenging, and encouraging every time I read it. So far, we have completed 120 days of reading and ten books of the Bible! I want to encourage you to keep at it. If you have missed a few days, that is OK. Don't let that deter you from picking it back up and continuing. The Bible is God's written word to us so we can learn and grow in our understanding of who He is and who we are in Christ so we can live life out of that revelation. The challenge is when our busy lives keep us from the very thing that gives us True Life, God, and His Word. Please be encouraged to be in God's word every day. Asking someone to read along with you and discuss what you are experiencing together is a great way to help you be consistent at it.

As I was reading this past week, Psalms 34 stood out to me, and I wanted to include it in this month's Pastor's Corner. We notice that David wrote this at a time in his life when he had to pretend to be insane just to survive. Does that sound like your life right now? As followers of Jesus, we might look insane to the world because of what we believe, and we feel we have to pretend or ignore or shelter just to survive. Take heart as you read this psalm and see how God is with us during the times when we feel like we won't survive. After you read through it a couple of times, send a text to someone about the verses that spoke to you.

(For those of you reading in a Hebrew bible, a fun fact is that this psalm is an acrostic poem, the verses of which begin with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet.)

Psalms 34

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, he drove him away, and he left.

- 1 I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3 Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
- 6 This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- 9 Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,
- 13 keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;
- 16 but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- 19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;
- 20 he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.
- 21 Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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MAY 2023 EVENTS

May 4 **National Day of Prayer**
Town Common 4-6 PM

May 6 **Mystery Brunch**
10 AM

May 7 **Welcome Luncheon**
Café 11:45 AM

May 14 **Child Dedication**
During 10:30 service

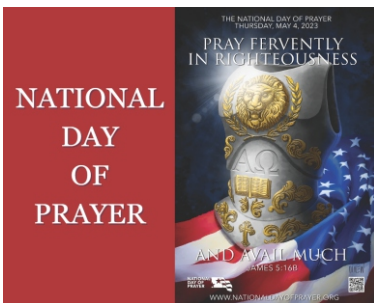
May 19 **Prayer Weekend**
Fri - Sun

May 20 **Jason Gray Concert**
Valley Chapel 7 PM

May 21 **Bike Blessing**
Valley Chapel Noon

May 21 **BVCC Spring Concert**
Valley Chapel 3 PM

May 21 **The Upper Room**
Café 5:30 PM



National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4 from 4-6 PM at the Uxbridge Town Common

Come join Uxbridge Churches at the Town Common as we worship God and pray for our town, city, and nation. The rain location will be at Valley Chapel.

"If my people who are called by my Name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).



Guess who's coming to Brunch! Saturday, May 6 from 10 AM - 12:30 PM at mystery location

The fun part is the surprise of who you will join for brunch. Don't worry. We take care of the menu, dietary and transportation considerations in the planning. Our last event in January was a huge success. This is a great opportunity to get to know the ladies at church that you may not have had the opportunity to meet yet. You can sign up to be a guest or a hostess in the lobby. Email women@valleychapel.us.



Welcome Luncheon Sunday, May 7 immediately following the service

If you are new to Valley Chapel and have not been to a Welcome Luncheon, please sign up at the Welcome Desk or let the church office know you would like to come! This is a great way to get to know our pastors and what their ministries are. Come with your questions!



Child Dedication Sunday, May 14 during 10:30 service

Let us support these young families as they publicly declare their faith and commitment to raising their children in a way that honors God. It is also a time for the church community to come together to support and encourage the family as they embark on this important journey of parenting.



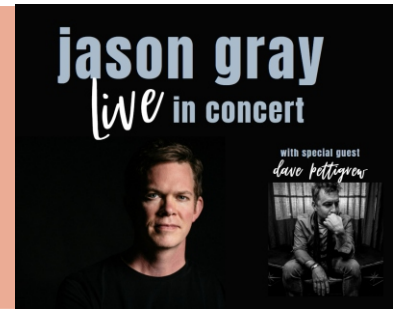
May Prayer Weekend May 19-21

Just like in the days of the early Church, it is not easy to be a Christian and share our faith with the world around us. We need a great infilling of the Holy Spirit to prepare us for the call of God in the Church for this time. As we approach Pentecost, consider committing an hour during our prayer weekend May 21-23, to pray for the Church of Jesus Christ and for the Holy Spirit to give each of us fresh fire to fulfill our role as a "light to the world" in a very dark time.

Jason Gray Concert with Dave Pettigrew
Saturday, May 20 @ 7 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20 DOORS OPEN AT 6:30
SHOW STARTS AT 7:00

Join Dove award-winning artist Jason Gray along with davepettigrew for an evening of worship, stories & songs.



Bike Blessing
Sunday, May 21 @ NOON

Bring your bike and a friend with a bike to our annual bike blessing to start the 2023 riding season right.



Blackstone Valley Community Chorus Concert
Sunday, May 21 @ 3 PM

FREE ADMISSION- ALL WELCOME
Come on out for a relaxing afternoon listening to the music sung by the Blackstone Valley Community Chorus.



The Upper Room - Celebrating Pentecost
Sunday May 21 @ 5:30 pm - Café

Instead of our usual corporate prayer meeting, we will join with Pastor G's vision for Upper Room worship and prayer on Sunday, May 21st, at 5:30 pm in the Cafe. Come hungry for more of God and His presence as we give Him all the praise and glory and ask Him to move as he did at Pentecost.



Tours with Valley Chapel

Monument to the Forefathers

Our forefathers, in a very clear and intentional way, established our nation on the biblical principles found in the Word of God.

Our children need to understand what our nation's founders believed and how essential those beliefs are to maintain a thriving nation.

Valley Chapel has scheduled a tour with an excellent guide of the National Monument to the Forefathers and a visit to the Interpretive Centre.

When: Saturday, June 17

Where: 72 Allerton Street, Plymouth, MA

Time: 9:50 am (transportation NOT provided)

Cost: FREE! (A VC family is paying the way!)

Must sign up by June 10



Scan to sign up



Museum of the Bible Tour - Washington DC

September 14-17
4 days-3 nights

More information at the Welcome Desk

\$50 deposit by May 21 and final payment by July 9.

Double occupancy - \$670 per person;

Single occupancy - \$890

Youth (12-18) (with guardian) - \$575

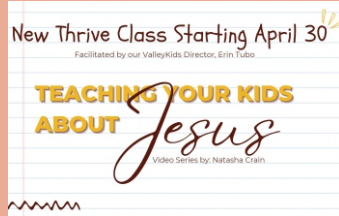
Sign up with Sharon

sharon@valleychapel.us

Scan QR code to see itinerary



ValleyKids
Corner



New Parenting Class Begins April 30

In the "Talking to your Kids About Jesus" video Bible study, Natasha Crain offers parents advice on how to have conversations with their 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. We will be in room 219.

Coming up...



We Need Your Help!



Keepers of the Kingdom
Volunteer Sign-up



July 24-28

Coming in June

Iron Sharpens Iron

Saturday, June 3 8:30 - 12:55

5th Grade Move up Day

Sunday, June 4 9:30 am

Food Pantry Food Drive

June 11

Tour of the Forefathers Monument

June 17 10 AM Plymouth, MA

Summer Kickoff at West End Creamery

Wednesday June 21 6-8 pm

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.



Are you a senior graduating from high school this summer? If so, you are invited to our

Senior Celebration at Dave & Buster's Wednesday, May 24.

Contact Pastor Matt (pastormatt@valleychapel.us) for more information.

Coming up...

May 31 - Youth Group Finale 6:30-8 PM

June 4 - 5th grade Move Up Day 9:30 AM

June 14 - First Summer Hangtime 6-8:30 PM

June 25-28 - Portsmouth Mini-Missions

For more info, pick up a Youth Calendar in the lobby



My name is Jenna, and I have been a part of the young adult bible study for about a year and a half! Under the knowledge of the great mentors in this group, this study has allowed me to engage God's word in new ways and has really helped me learn how to walk as a young Christian in today's world.

VC 
Young
Adults

Through this study, I have also been able to make friends with like-minded people who help me walk closer in my faith.

JOIN US! Sunday's @ 9:30 am room 220.

SUNDAY

CLASSES FOR ALL: 9:30 AM

SERVICE TIME: 10:30 AM

ONLINE SERVICE

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