



# StayCONNECTED

July 2023

## Pastor's Corner

The hymn writer put it this way. "I walked Today Where Jesus Walked and Felt His Presence there." That would be the testimony of our whole group who recently returned from Israel. Not only did we walk where Jesus walked, and where David walked and Paul walked and the disciples walked and worked and worshiped along with a host of many Bible characters. We, in a very real way, felt His presence. For the follower of Christ the land of Israel is both fascinating and special. What brought joy to my heart was watching our first time to Israel team members have their minds blown at least once every day. Seeing ongoing archeological dig sights, being at a few sights that have been only recently discovered. Seeing groups of pilgrims from all over the world.

The fascinating city of Jerusalem, Arabs, Christians, Jews, Armenians all living together in the same city.

However, our greatest highlights were our times in His Word and



View from Mount of Olives toward Jerusalem

in His presence. Worship on the Sea of Galilee, alone time to pray on the Mount of Olives. Picking up stones in the Valley of Elah where David faced off against Goliath and then slinging our stones at the giants in our own lives that need to be defeated.

I enjoyed working in tandem with our excellent and

very knowledgeable guide, Dr. Dan Glick and we both shared from the Word of God at the places where those Bible stories took place.

I also had the privilege of baptizing 18 people in the Jordan River. We listened for two hours the night before in reverend awe as each one shared their testimony of coming to Christ and the transformation He has made in their life.

Dr. Dan introduced us to the possibility of a



Valley of Elam

trip to Greece and the Footsteps of Paul in the spring of 2025. The group basically filled up all the spots. Sharon has already started a waiting list, so if you are interested, please give her your name, maybe we'll do two trips. Having



Baptism in the Jordan River

completed my fourth trip to Israel, I've asked Pastor Josh if he would lead the next group. There is already a lot of interest so if you are interested, please give your name to Sharon.

Blessings,  
Pastor



Mount of Olives



Sea of Galilee

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# JULY 2023 EVENTS

**July 8** **Fireworks & Fellowship**  
7 PM

**July 24-28** **VBS**  
9 am - 12 pm

**July 28-30** **Prayer Weekend**  
Fri - Sun

**July 20** **Women's Ice Cream**  
West End Creamery 6:30 PM

**July 29** **Woman's Hike**  
Purgatory Chasm 9 am

**July 30** **Prayer & Worship**  
Café 5 PM

**July 21-30** **Douglas Camp Meeting**  
25 South St., Douglas

**July 29** **YA Lake Day**  
Meet at church @ 11:30 am



## Uxbridge Fireworks

View the Uxbridge fireworks from Valley Chapel's parking Lot  
Live music starting at 7 PM  
Lawn games, popcorn, cotton candy  
Bring lawn chairs - fireworks start at 9 PM



## Women's Ice Cream Social - Thursday, July 20 @ West End Creamery 6:30 PM

Take a break, sneak away from the kids and join some ladies from Valley Chapel for a sweet treat and conversation. This is a BYOT (buy your own treat) event. Surprise for the first 15 ladies. When you arrive look for the Green Balloons. We hope to see you there!!



## Douglas Camp Meeting

July 21 - 30  
25 South St. Douglas  
Mon - Fri 7 PM Weekends 6 PM  
Speaker - Marshall Daigre Worship Leader - Dave Pettigrew  
Concert - John Waller - First Friday, July 21 @ 7 PM More information on back page.



## VBS July 24-28

The church will be buzzing all week!!  
See page 3 for information on how to register your child(ren) or help by donating needed items.  
PLEASE NOTE: VBS Prep day is July 15, 9 am - 1 pm. We could use your help!!



## Women's Ministry Purgatory Chasm Hike

Meet us at Purgatory Chasms Saturday, July 29 at 9 AM. There will be 2 hikes available to take based on your physical abilities. The groups will be determined once all women have arrived. Please come on time, the group will plan to start walking by 9:15 am. More information located at the Welcome Desk.



## Young Adult Lake Day

We will be having a Young Adult Lake Day at Lance Salmonsens's house on July 29 from 12-4pm. Boating, tubing, swimming & relaxing. Meet at the church at 11:30am for a ride. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Pastor Matt for more information. [pastormatt@valleychapel.us](mailto:pastormatt@valleychapel.us)



## July Prayer Weekend June 28-30

*"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation'"* ( Mark 16:15).  
The prayer weekend for July will be on July 28-30 and will focus on praying for missionaries. Prayer topics will include protection, open doors, provision and faith. Corporate prayer and worship will be Sunday July 30th at 5pm.

## Walking in Light needs Host Families

Join us as we partner with Walking in Light to provide the inner city teens from Great Brook Valley in Worcester with an amazing opportunity to participate in a 4 day Summer Bible Experience Day Camp in Uxbridge. Valley Chapel is hoping for ten host families to sponsor two teens each. Without our support, these teens will not be able to attend the bible experience.

If you are looking for an opportunity to teach your own children perspective on how rich their lives are with love and support – look no further! The bond you form by opening up your hearts and your homes to these kids is amazing.

**WHO:** Teens from Worcester  
**WHAT:** Summer Bible Experience Day Camp  
**WHEN:** July 31st (pm) - August 3rd (am)  
**WHERE:** Fairwoods Campground in Uxbridge  
**WHY:** To provide these teens with an opportunity to experience God at work in and around them in a country setting.

Here's how the program works:

Teens will be bussed from Worcester on Monday, July 31st to Fairwoods in Uxbridge. Host families pick up their teen guests between 3 and 5PM. We ask that families host at least two teens, so that they can have the company of friends. The teens stay with the host families for a total of three nights (drop off at Fairwoods between 8 and 10 am, pick up between 3 and 5pm). On Thursday (the last day) goodbyes will be said at the morning drop-off.

During the time the teens are with the host families, they are incorporated into your normal family's routine. Some families may choose to do something special with the teens such as swimming, a movie or another activity. This is entirely up to the host family to choose to do a special activity with their teens. There are a number of Valley Chapel families who have participated because of the impact it has had on their families and these kids. You will be filled with love by the end of the four days and gain some perspective of your own on what really matters.

We need your help to fill the family sponsorships! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Please sign up by emailing [dawnfoleywalkinginlight@gmail.com](mailto:dawnfoleywalkinginlight@gmail.com) or calling Dawn at 774-573-4595.

### Strength & Peace

Strength and Peace is for parents and caregivers that are experiencing crisis and unmanageability due to challenges that our children are facing. We meet at Valley Chapel, room 225 on the following Sunday evenings at 6:30. We hope that God will bring us strength and peace through his presence. We hope that our children will find peace, learn to love Christ and walk with Him.

July 2 Hope  
July 16 Boundaries  
July 30 Anxiety or Peace  
Aug 13 Illness or Rebellion  
Aug 27 Serenity Prayer  
Sept 10 Healthy Support  
Sept 24 Overcoming

**NOTE:** Men's Tuesday Bible Study is on hiatus until August 29th. We will be in Isaiah chapter 40, when we restart.

## ENTER STAGE RIGHT

Has anyone ever told you that you are dramatic? Do you like to have fun? Have you watched the dramas presented in church and thought to yourself, "I could do that!" Well, then come and join the drama team on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 in room 121. We meet from 7:00-8:30 to play theater games and do improv. We are all amateurs, who want to share our gifts with the congregation. There is NO pressure! We are all trying to improve our skills and have a lot of fun in the process. Whether you would like to perform or just join us to test your talent, we would love to have you join us. We do need men, so don't be shy. Let your light shine! Hope to see you on the 18th. For more information contact Judy Lashley at 774-573-0787 or [jlashley2@gmail.com](mailto:jlashley2@gmail.com)



## Women's Ministry Coming Soon

### GUESS WHO IS COMING - PICNIC? Aug 6

Join us as we once again stretch out of our comfort zones & meet some new friends, this time at a picnic! Look for sign-ups and more information at our fun table in the lobby on July 23 & 30.

### Time to think about Women's Retreat 2023

2 options. More information at the Welcome Desk

September 15 – 17  
Geneva Point Center in  
Moultonborough, NH

September 8-10  
Camp Berea in  
Hebron, NH

## Summer Hangtimes in July

July 12 6-8:30 PM @ the Cullen's  
July 19 6-8:30PM @ Josh & Kerrie's



Please be praying for our 18 students and 3 adults attending Nazarene Youth Conference as they join with over 10,000 people for a special time of worship.

Young Adults will continue to meet through the summer, Sunday's at 9:30 AM in room 219. July 29 - Lake Day 12-4pm. Talk to Pastor Matt for more info.

VC   
Young  
Adults

ValleyKids  
Corner

VBS Prep Day  
July 15  
9am - 1pm  
Help us get  
ready for VBS!

Coffee and doughnuts  
provided

VBS 2023

Help  
Needed!



Amazon Registry

Donations are sent directly to the church  
Thank you for supporting VBS!



BIG THANKYOU to everyone who has donated so far



Children's Registration



Valleykids Swim Days

Wednesdays 11am-4pm  
Josh & Kerrie's Pool  
150 Douglas St, Uxbridge

JULY: 5, 12, 19, 26  
AUG: 16, 23, 30

Weather Permitting  
No Lifeguard on duty

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.

### SUNDAY

Faith Connections class at 9:30 AM in room 218  
SERVICE TIME: 10:30 AM

### ONLINE SERVICE

VALLEYCHAPEL.US Watch LIVE.

### GIVING

We appreciate your giving. Did you know that you can also give online? [www.valleychapel.us/giving](http://www.valleychapel.us/giving), or stop by and drop your offering in the connect box in the sanctuary, lobby, outside at our West entrance.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

 Facebook.com/VCUxbridge

 Instagram.com/VCUxbridge

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

VISIT US ONLINE [valleychapel.us](http://valleychapel.us)

## The 148th Douglas Camp Meeting July 21 - 30, 2023 Cross-Denominational Christ-Centered Holiness Revival!

25 South St., Douglas, MA

All are Welcome! No registration except for accommodations.



Opening weekend ministers: Pastor Phil Rainbow, Pastor Ed Perry, Pastor Bob Howard. Marshall Daigre - speaker for most services and Bible studies. Marshall serves as the founding pastor of Harvest Pointe Methodist Church in Madison, Alabama. A graduate, and now trustee, of Wesley Biblical Seminary. He and his wife Jessica have 4 boys and one girl.

First Friday 7 pm Opening Concert will be John Waller, with daughter Sophee. Wednesday 8:30 pm Rachel DeLong & Dave Pettigrew.

Dave Pettigrew will lead worship many evenings.

### CAMPMEETING SCHEDULE

Services: Weekdays 7pm, Weekends 6pm  
Sundays at 10:30 (Hymn-sing 10am) & 6pm

Bible Study: Monday-Saturday 10am

Prayer Meetings: 7:30am and  
½ hour prior to PM Services

Testimonies & Praise - Sundays 2:00pm

Families:

crafts, games, service project 8:45-9:45am daily

No cost daily activities Each Afternoon – bike hikes, swimming, gaga ball, volleyball, water games, scavenger hunt, low-cost outings

Family afterglows Every Late-Evening:

Campfires, Christian movies, Variety show ...

Campmeeting Crafters daily 1-3pm (all ages)

Quiet Hour for Parents 3-4pm daily by sign-up

Children's Church during Evening Services.

Fellowship Meals after evening services

purchase burgers, hotdogs, fries, ice cream,...

Affordable breakfast/lunch/supper or bring your food/cooler ...enjoy our picnic area.

Prices & Times posted at [DouglasCampmeeting.com](http://DouglasCampmeeting.com)

Brochures located at the Welcome Desk

[www.douglascampmeeting.com](http://www.douglascampmeeting.com) for more info.

## Coming in August

Women's Guess Who's Coming

Aug 6

Baptism Class

Aug 20

Church picnic/baptism

Aug 26