



StayCONNECTED

September 2023

Pastor's Corner

Church family,

As we approach the start of a new school year, I am excited to share with you all where God is leading our student ministry and call on you all to be a part of it. Last week, I concluded reading *Gospelize Your Youth Ministry: A Spicy "New" Philosophy of Youth Ministry (That's 2,000 Years Old)*, in which author Greg Stier, Founder and CEO of Dare 2 Share, unpacks the ministry model found in the book of Acts. Overall from the book, the chapter on intercessory prayer stuck out to me the most. Stier writes, "A 'prayer first' philosophy permeated the whole of the early church. From the first page to the last, the stories in the book of Acts drip with intercession. So should the story of your youth ministry." Reflecting on this quote led me to the follow up question: Does our church not just drip, but "overflow" (the theme of Nazarene Youth Conference this past July) with intercessory prayers for our students?

I am so appreciative of the prayer team's August Prayer Weekend focus of praying for the next generation. As Lynne Fortin shared about the Prayer Weekend, the statistics revealing the number of students facing anxiety, depression, fear, loneliness, addiction, and/or sexual related sin are staggering. We need to know that these are not just physical battles our youth are facing, but spiritual ones. This is the exact focus of what we will be teaching our students this fall during Sunday morning youth class and Wednesday night youth group. By looking through the theological lens of God's character, our goal is to equip students to face spiritual battles from a biblical perspective. We will be looking at God's truth amidst lies, His peace amidst anxiety, God's sovereignty amidst fear, His hope amidst depression, God's patience amidst anger, and His love amidst shame.

Back to my opening sentence, I am calling on all

of you to be a part of this series. How you may be asking? Through intercessory prayer! Acts 4:31 says, "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." Whether on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, the youth room often shakes due to our active youth group games and activities. However, this fall, what if our youth room is shaken by the intercessory prayers of our church family? Please, I urge you, be praying for our students this fall! It is only through prayer that our students will experience victory over the stronghold of the enemy. These spiritual battles are too big for me, our students, and our church to face on our own. We need God and therefore, we need to pray. Stier puts it this way in the book mentioned above, "Prayer is the portal through which we yield ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit. The act of prayer is an act of dependence. Prayer is us letting God know that we can't, but we believe He can." I believe that God will do a work in the lives of our students this fall and many will experience victory over the spiritual battles they are facing because God is a God of the impossible. It is time to stop complaining about or mourning over the next generation, and start interceding for them. Can I count you in?

This is my prayer: "God, you know the spiritual battles our students are facing. It breaks your heart more than it does ours. Whether our students know it or not, they need you. May their daily losses on the battlefield of life humble them to the truths of your Word and may your truth transcend the enemy's lies. Cast him aside and grab a hold of our student's hearts. May your everlasting love fill them with joy, hope, peace, and purpose. You are a God of victory over the enemy. Be victorious once more in the lives of our students, we pray. The battle belongs to you." That is my prayer for our students this fall. May God hear yours.

Pastor Matt

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September 2023 EVENTS

Sept
10

New Adult Classes
9:30 am

Sept
20

Women's Movie
12:00 pm

Sept
22-24

Prayer Weekend
Upper Room, Sunday 4 PM

Sept
10

Parent & Student Mtg
12:00 pm

Sept
22

Big Daddy Weave
7:00 pm

Sept
30

Piano Recital
5 PM



New Adult Classes begin September 10 @ 9:30 am. See page 3 for details on each class.



Parent & student meeting with Pastor Matt on Sunday, September 10 at noon in the Café following the worship service. Come hear about all things student ministry happening this fall!



Join the women on Wednesday, September 20 at noon in the café. Bring a bag lunch and fellowship as we eat our lunch before watching the Sight and Sound movie 'Noah' together in room 121. Fun afternoon for all.



Big Daddy Weave in concert here at Valley Chapel. Concert at 7 pm, doors open at 6 pm. Tickets on sale in the church lobby (while supplies last) or online.



Prayer weekend September 22-24

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10). We will focus on Harvest both of souls and righteousness and human trafficking. We will join with pastor G's Upper room prayer at 4pm on Sunday, September 24th in the Café.



Saturday, September 30 at 4:30 pm at Valley Chapel.

Piano Recital with Ewa Starostka featuring the works of Frederic Chopin

Upcoming Women's Ministry Events

- September- Last Call!!! Berea Women's Retreat, Sept 8-10. There is still room, sign up today!
<https://www.bereaministries.net/adult-events>
- October – Fireside Fellowship
- November – Battle of the Boards – a fun charcuterie challenge!
- December – Christmas Shopping Trip

More details to come, keep an eye at the Welcome Desk or visit our Facebook page (Valley Chapel Women's Ministry) for updated information.

If you would like to contact us or have any questions about our Women's Ministry please email women@valleychapel.us or join our Facebook page – Valley Chapel Women's Ministry

Learn Grow Connect

New Sunday morning classes for adults begin September 10 at 9:30

NEW CLASSES



Financial Peace University (Need to sign up if interested so we can order material)
The fastest way to beat debt and build wealth. This 9 week class by Dave Ramsey is limited to 11 spots (a married couple is 1 spot) Cost will be \$80 which will give you 12 month online access along with all the materials. Sign up now at the welcome desk.
For more information call or text Ashley Carie at 508-667-8016.
Led by Adam and Ashley Carrie in room 220



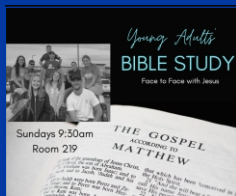
Answering Christianity's Toughest Challenges
This will be a how-to class regarding difficult questions - BOTH what do we say AND how do we say it. We will begin with evidence for miracles, and then use the book "Street Smarts" by Greg Koukl (coming out September 13). Led by Jason Jolin in room 121



Faith Connections
Lessons from the Kings of Judah and the message of Ezekiel.
Led by Paul Trout and Randy Fields in room 218



Holiness Identity-Shaped by the Word
This class will focus on 12 central biblical passages that shape us in holy ways. We will focus on how Scripture speaks to us and casts a vision for us to live in the power of the Spirit.
Led by Phil LaFountain in room 225.



Young Adults
Continuing in the Gospel of Matthew. All Young Adults WELCOME!
Led by Ed Wojciechowski and Jonathan Robertson
Meeting in room 219



Unleash Your Purpose with "Forward" by David Jeremiah!
Virtual class meeting 8:30-9:30 am Sunday - Ron Cook
Each chapter will immerse you in a captivating blend of storytelling, profound biblical truths, and thought-provoking reflection, compelling you to grow in your relationship with God and live a life that leaves a lasting legacy. You will discover how to align your passions with God's purpose, overcome adversity with unwavering faith, and unleash the untapped potential within you.

ValleyKids
Corner

New classes starting Sept 10
(9:30 and 10:30)



Meets 9:30 am Sundays
Grades 2-5
\$30/child
See Erin Tubo if interested

Wednesday night youth group
beginning 9/13 6:30 - 8pm

Sunday morning youth class
9:30 am at lower campus.



Join Pastor Matt and other students from Valley Chapel for the Send Conference on Saturday, September 16. Visit thesend.org find out more. Tickets are \$30 each. Due to high demand, there are limited tickets available. First come, first serve. Contact Pastor Matt to reserve your ticket.



Community Garden Volunteers Needed


Community Harvest Project is a non-profit farm that engages and educates volunteers to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for hunger relief. We need people to sign up and help at the garden on Sept. 16, 2023 9:00 am - noon <https://community-harvest.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/FAQ-FARM-2023-.pdf> Sign up at the Welcome Desk. See Dave Doppler for more information.



See You at the Pole (National Day of Student Prayer) on September 27. Please be praying for our students that will lead/participate in this event. Visit syatp.com to find out more. Are you a student interested in leading a prayer time? Contact Pastor Matt for guidance.



Watch for the NEW Sept - Dec Youth Calendar

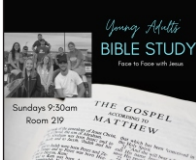


If you have fallen behind with the Bible Recap and would like to jump in for the New Testament, we will be starting the New Testament on October 1. You can join the Bible App New Testament Recap plan and listen to the podcasts beginning on day 274. Reading plans are located at the Welcome Desk.

thebible Recap.com/start

VC Young Adults

Valley Chapel Young Adults are for all who are ages 18-29. They've got some events happening this fall, details coming soon. Contact Pastor Matt for more information.



Young Adults Bible study will continue studying the Gospel of Matthew Sunday's at 9:30 AM in room 219. All welcome!

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.

SUNDAY

Adults class at 9:30 AM (Beginning Sept 10)
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, 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](https://www.facebook.com/VCUxbridge)

 [Instagram.com/VCUxbridge](https://www.instagram.com/VCUxbridge)

If you would like something in the October edition of "Stay Connected" Please send your information to Alice by September 22 to alice@valleychapel.us

Coming in October

Tour of Monument to Forefathers
Oct 14

Lion's Club Car Show
Oct 14

Women's Sight & Sound Movie - Samson
Oct 18

Youth Group - Late Nighter
Oct 20

Matthew West Concert
Nov 11

Women of any age are invited to join a Bible study at the church on Monday afternoons beginning September 11, 2023. The study is on the book Philippians. We will meet from 1 PM - 2:30 PM in room 220. If you are interested and want to know more about it please contact Cheryl MacIndoe at 508-320-0667 or cherylmac76@gmail.com

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