



# StayCONNECTED

**November 2023**

## Pastor's Corner

Throughout his epistles, Paul uses the illustration of the human body to describe how the church, the body of Christ, should function. An example of this is found in Ephesians 4:15-16, which says, "speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." In this passage, Paul uses plural pronouns to highlight the communal relationship that the church should have with one another. Just as the human body is joined, held, grows, and works together, the church is to do the same.

It can sometimes be tempting to segment ourselves based on our differences in age, interest, and background. However, these differences are not meant to divide us, but unite us. This is what Paul is getting at in 1 Corinthians 12:17-20 when he says, "If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body." Just like the human body is made up of unique parts, so should the church be with its people. This is the way God intentionally created and designed both the human body and the church body.

Let me highlight again what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:18, "in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." In the same way that God created the eye to benefit the human body, God has wired you to help build His Church. According to Paul, this is a fact. If you are a part of Valley Chapel, let me tell you this: you are vital! You have an essential role to play in the growth and well-being of our church.

This is the message that I hope to communicate to our students through our upcoming Rake and Run service project. On November 19, our student ministry will head to different homes of people in our church and assist them with yard work. Following the service project, we will head back to the Valley Chapel Café for a soup dinner with other youth groups from local Nazarene churches.

God has designed me to work with students. The Rake and Run service project fits right into my spiritual gifting. However, cooking soup for a multi-youth group gathering is nowhere in my skillset. You can ask my wife. So as the body of Christ, let's work together! As our student ministry serves the needs of some in our church family by helping them with fall clean up, would you consider meeting our need and provide a soup for our gathering at 5pm on November 19. Please contact me ([pastormatt@valleychapel.us](mailto:pastormatt@valleychapel.us)) if you are willing to help or if you have any questions. Let's model for our students what Paul is talking about in Ephesians 5:16-16 and 1 Corinthians 12:17-20 because we are better when we are united together.

Pastor Matt

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# November 2023 EVENTS

Nov 3	<b>Quiz Meet</b> 6-7:30 pm	Nov 4&5	<b>Membership Class</b> see below	Nov 10	<b>YA Game Day</b> 7 pm	Nov 19	<b>Rake &amp; Run</b> noon
Nov 4	<b>Progressive Dinner</b> 5 pm	Nov 10	<b>Charcuterie Challenge</b> 6-8 pm	Nov 17-19	<b>Prayer Weekend</b> Sun 4 pm room 121	Nov 22	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b> 7 pm



Fall Bible Quiz Meet  
Friday, November 3  
Pizza - Quiz - Bible Memory Challenge - Award Ceremony



Young Adult Progressive Dinner  
Saturday, November 4  
Meet at the church at 5 pm  
Great time of fun!!



Interested in Membership at Valley Chapel?  
Two classes to choose from:  
Nov. 4 Saturday am 9-noon in room 225  
Nov. 5 Sunday pm 6-9 in room 225



Women's Charcuterie Challenge  
Friday, November 10 6-8 pm  
Info and sign up at the Welcome Desk



Young Adult Game Day  
November 10 at 7 pm  
Contact Pastor Matt for location.



November Prayer Weekend  
November 17-19  
Prayer meeting Sunday, in room 121 at 4 pm



Rake & Run - Student ministry service project  
Sunday, November 19 - 12-5pm  
NYI Zone Huddle - Soup Dinner Fellowship  
Sunday 5-6:30pm



Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Wednesday, November 22 - 7 pm  
Join us for a time of worship with gratitude and sharing. A wonderful way to begin the Thanksgiving season with your family.



We write this about 24 hours before Cydney and I leave for Romania. The support we have received has been overwhelming. We had been praying to be able to give \$5000 to the safe house and \$500 to the orphanage. Well, you have contributed double that amount! Thank you so much. We can't wait to tell you about the impact God makes on our trip through your generosity.

*Pastor G and Cydney*

Marriage Conference

With the Friesens

Friday, Dec. 1

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Faith Fellowship



This world-renowned couple has a passion for speaking into families and relationships. They have been involved in Family Ministries for more than 40 years and founded Home Improvement Ministries ([www.HIMweb.org](http://www.HIMweb.org)) in 2003. Don't miss your opportunity to attend this amazing marriage conference on Friday, Dec 1st from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Faith Fellowship Church, 647 Douglas Street, Uxbridge. The cost will be \$20 per couple, register online or at the Welcome Desks by Sunday, Nov. 26. Dessert and coffee will be provided. No childcare.

Women's Ministry News

-Reminder - Charcuterie Challenge 11/10 (sign up at the Welcome Desk)

-Christmas Shopping Trip Sunday 12/3 - we will leave from church and head to the Worcester Public Market for lunch, lots of different food vendors, shopping at Crompton Collective and other shops in the Canal District, sign up at church 11/19 and 11/26

email address [women@valleychapel.us](mailto:women@valleychapel.us)

find us on Facebook - Valley Chapel Women's Ministry

Mission Moment

Praise the Lord for donations and support for Pastor G and Cydney's trip to Romania. Funds hoped for the orphanage, \$500 with donations doubled to \$1,000. Rehabilitation goal \$5,000, donations received \$10,000!

Fund the Mission (formally Faith Promise) and Crisis Care Kits will be scheduled in the future to keep missions moving forward.



DOING THE MOST GOOD™

Want to give your hands & time to help your neighbors. Volunteering at the red kettle is a great opportunity for families and individuals of all ages.

The Red Kettle Program for Salvation Army will begin Mon. November 13 at Market 32 and Walmart Nov 18. 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 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.

Go to this link to see the locations and Sign Up:

<https://signup.com/go/xnFLZFy>

Review the Sign Ups listed and choose the one(s) you like,

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

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.

If you are interested in joining the team, contact Dawn Foley 774-573-4595.

Also we are looking for drivers to deliver the Christmas gifts earlier so that we do not run into a problem later on. Sign up at Angel Tree



Helping the Homeless

Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter is having a Festival of Trees fund raiser Dec 2-3 in the Northbridge Town Hall. [www.bvfestivaloftrees.org](http://www.bvfestivaloftrees.org) for more information. This ministry not only helps with a night out of the weather, but also helps the homeless find a way out of being homeless.

ValleyKids  
Corner

Sunday Classes 9:30 and 10:30 am



SAVE the DATE!  
July 8-12, 2024

## Adult Classes Sunday 9:30 am

- Financial Peace University in room 220
- Answering Christianity's Toughest Challenges in room 121
- Faith Connections in room 218
- Holiness Identity-Shaped by the Word in room 219
- Young Adults Meeting in room 225
- Unleash Your Purpose Virtual class meeting 8:30-9:30 am

## Weekly Bible Studies

- Monday - Women - 1-2:30 pm Studying Philippians
- Tuesday - Men - 7 pm Studying Isaiah
- Wednesday - Women - 9:30-11:30am Prayer group
- Saturday - Men - 7 am Studying the book of Jeremiah



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

Classes for all ages at 9:30 AM  
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.

If you would like something in the December edition of "Stay Connected" Please send your information to Alice by November 17 to [alice@valleychapel.us](mailto:alice@valleychapel.us)



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


Wednesday night youth group in the Main Campus Cafe from 6:30-8pm. Spend time with friends, enjoy group games, and be encouraged by God's Word.



Sunday morning youth class at the Lower Campus (130 Douglas St. Uxbridge MA 01569) at 9:30am. Doors open at 9am. Join us for a group Bible lesson followed by small group discussion.  
November 12 - Youth Worship at 10:30am- Lower Campus

Our student ministry will be doing a Rake & Run on Sunday, November 19. Bring a packed lunch to church that day. We will eat lunch in the Cafe following service and then divide up into work crews. Adults and students will then head to the homes of people in our church to assist them with yard work. A soup dinner will follow in the Valley Chapel Cafe from 5-6:30pm.

Sept - Dec Youth Calendar available in the lobby

VC  Young Adults Bible study will continue studying the Gospel of Matthew Sunday's at 9:30 AM in room 225.

Progressive Dinner Saturday, November 4 meet at the church at 5 pm



Game Night- November 10 at 7pm. Contact Pastor Matt for host home address.



Save the date! Young Adult Christmas Party- December 17 from 12-2pm in Valley Chapel Café.

## Coming in December

Women's Shopping Trip  
Dec 3

Blackstone Valley Community Choir Concert  
Sunday, Dec 3 @ 3 pm

Birch Alley Brass Concert  
Friday, Dec 15 @ 7 pm

Baptism Class  
Dec 17 @ 9:30 am room 225

Young Adult Christmas Party  
Dec 17 @ 12-2 pm in the Café

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
Dec 23 4 pm