

## The Valley View January 10, 2018



### The Real Deal

Jerusalem has held a special place in the history of God's people from the time Abram encountered Melchizedek, the king of the city, when it was simply known as Salem. (Genesis 14:18-20) It came to great significance when David captured the city and made it the capital city of the kingdom after he became king of Israel. God chose this place for His temple where He would make His presence known. The history of Jerusalem goes back almost 5000 years. It has been attacked 52 times. It has fallen and been retaken 44 of those times and has been destroyed twice.

Yet today, Jerusalem is a thriving city with a new modern city surrounding the old walled city. Jerusalem not only figures prominently in history, it also casts a large footprint for the future. A debate rages today about Jerusalem as a capital city. Of one thing there is no question. Jerusalem will be the capital of the world during the 1000 year reign of Christ on the earth at His return. (Zechariah 14:16-17) The Bible ends with account of the new Jerusalem descending out of heaven upon the new earth when God has brought all things to completion. (Revelation 21)

At the airport on Friday morning our guide, Roni, asked if I would come back to Israel. Of course, he was asking about another trip like the one we had just finished. I am toying with the idea of seeing if people are interested in another trip in 2021. However, as I reflected on his question I began to think, of course I will be back as well as every other person who is a follower of Christ will have the opportunity to visit the city of Jerusalem during the time of the reign of Christ.

One of the thrilling things about being in Israel this time was to stand on the Mount of Olives overlooking the city of Jerusalem and envision the return of our Lord Jesus Christ there when that mountain will be split apart according to Zechariah 14:4. Travel to the Dead Sea and seeing the desolate wilderness there and knowing that during the time of the reign of Christ water will flow from His Temple down to the Dead Sea and make the sea and the area around it teem with life brought a sense of gladness in the power and promises of God. (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

As we go about the task of preparing people to meet Jesus, we can do so with the great assurance that we are leading people in a faith with a solid past and even more solid future. Our faith is not the thing of myth and legend. We have a firm foundation in the God who has revealed Himself in the real history of this world.

*Pastor Long*

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 7, 2018

8:00 am 89

10:45 am 110

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### What's coming up this week at Valley?

#### Thursday, January 11th

9:00-11:00am, Psalm 119-

Women's Bible Study

6:00-7:30pm, Hmong Worship

Band Practice

5:30-7:00pm, Let's Play Together

#### Friday, January 12th

6:00-8:00pm, God's Girls

#### Saturday, January 13th

9:00am, Worship Team

10:00-12:00pm, Ministry Council

Meeting

10:00-11:30am, Women's Retreat

Planning Meeting

1:00-3:00pm, Teacher/Leader

Training (open to all)

#### Sunday, January 14th

12:15-1:45pm, Congregational

Potluck & Meeting

1:00-3:00pm, Hmong Church

4:00-6:00pm, Experiencing God

#### Monday, January 15th

#### Tuesday, January 16th

7:00am, Group Prayer with pastors

7:00am, Worship Center open for

prayer

8:00-4:15pm, CC Homeschool

#### Wednesday, January 17th

7:00am, Small Group Meeting for

Prayer (open to all)

5:15-5:45pm, ConneXion Cafe

6:00pm, Student Ministries

Pathfinders

Adventure Club

His Kids Worship

6:15pm, Valley ConneX

6:00pm, Impressions Sunday

School Class

### Sunday Childcare

	8:00 Babies	10:45 Babies	10:45 1-3 Yr.
Sun 1/14	Amy Strenn NEED	Melissa Leeser Rebecca Jones	Kathie Steward John Wolf
Sun 1/21	Laura Smith NEED	Nick & Hannah Sattler	NEED NEED
Sun 1/28	Christy Watkins Rachel Coloma	Aaron & Amber Creamer	Jerry Sitor Kellie Burns

### Birthday Blessings!

- 11 - Elijah Christenson
- 11 - Tracy Chandler
- 12 - Christian Gomez
- 13 - Mitchell Larsen
- 13 - Carter Voight
- 15 - Brennan Leeser
- 15 - Rueben Reihl
- 16 - Leida Sleik
- 16 - Ashton Werth



\$3.00 per person or \$12.00 for a family of 5 or more

\*\*Signup REQUIRED [online](#) or on the bulletin board by Sunday afternoon\*\*



### On The Menu:

January 17th

- Spaghetti
- Salad
- Dessert

Travel to

# RUSSIA

With the International Mission Study

Date: Wednesday, January 17

Time: All age groups will meet at their regular meeting times

Location: All age groups will meet in their regular Wednesday locations



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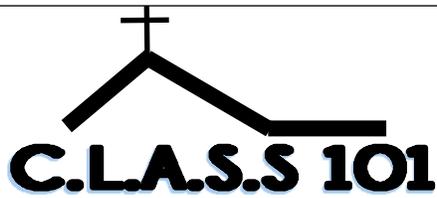
TEACHER TRAINING SEMINAR

ALL teachers of Sunday School, bible study & men's & women's groups OR those who are thinking of leading in the future!



THIS SATURDAY!  
January 13th  
1:00-3:00 pm  
Welcome Center

Foundational Principles for Making  
an Informational Sunday School Lesson...  
TRANSFORMATIONAL



# C.L.A.S.S 101

Discovering Church  
JANUARY 21st & 28th

12:30-3:00 pm  
The Cove, Room C01  
Class will be led by Pastor Larry

The classes are required for membership, but anyone can take them if you simply want to know more about the beliefs and practices of our church, you are encouraged to attend.

Please email Kim @ [valleysec@valleyconnex.org](mailto:valleysec@valleyconnex.org) to let us know if you will be attending.



**VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Preparing People to Meet Jesus*



*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*  
**Matthew 11:29**

## WOMEN'S WINTER POTLUCK LUNCHEON

*WHEN:* Saturday, January 20th

*WHERE:* Valley Baptist Church

*TIME:* 12:00-2:00 pm

*Special Speaker: Mary Barclay*

Please bring a dish or two to pass. Drinks will be provided.

Questions? Contact Sheila Wolf at 920-843-4401, [mrswolfski2@att.net](mailto:mrswolfski2@att.net) or Deb Knitter at 920-470-3012, [dandk1960@ymail.com](mailto:dandk1960@ymail.com)



## INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY: RUSSIA Wednesday, January 17th at 6:15 pm

The mention of Russia may conjure up images of Romanov royalty, cultural icons such as Mikhail Baryshnikov and Dostoevsky, or maybe a parade of dictators like Stalin, Lenin, or Khrushchev. What probably doesn't come to mind is Muslims.

However, Muslims are actually one of the indigenous peoples of Russia, their roots lying deep in the isolated villages of the Caucasus region, the mountain range separating Europe and Asia.

But besides those indigenous people, there has been a rebirth of Muslim influence in Russian cities in the past 25 years, as the crumbling of the Berlin Wall changed the relationship between Russia and the Central Asian republics. Now migrant workers from the South come in unprecedented numbers to work in the large cities. In fact, Moscow's Muslim population has grown from 1 million to 2.5 million in the last few years, making it the largest Muslim city in Europe.

The transitory life of the migrant has proven to be fertile soil for the hope of the gospel, making this time in history a remarkable opportunity to share Christ. Christian workers are developing methods to come alongside the Muslims of Russia to give them a hope and a future.

Learn how God is at work bringing Muslims to Himself in the International Mission Study 2017. Peek into the life behind the veil of Islam in Europe and be challenged to develop your own strategies to share Christ with the Muslims around you.

*"Yes, you can be debt free"*



**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** nine-week course is being offered on *Wednesday evenings*, starting February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm-7:30pm.

If you have never heard the Dave Ramsey radio show or heard of Financial Peace University then let me introduce it to you: you can be debt free by following basic Biblical rules. Yes, debt free living is not just possible, it is real, right here at Valley Baptist. You may not know this, but there are many right here that are debt free as a result of this course.

So, get started on your debt free life with the FPU course. The cost is \$129 which gives you all the course materials to help you along your way to financial freedom. Check out the information on our website ([www.valleyconnex.org](http://www.valleyconnex.org)) or visit the information table in the hallway. The cost is small price to pay for the freedom you will experience - guaranteed.

**Dates:** February 7<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>

**When:** 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Cost:** \$129.00

**Childcare:** Will be available at the church