
"What Are We Going to Do" - Valley View Newsletter 3/25/20

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What Are We Going to Do

Jesus commissioned His immediate and subsequent disciples to make disciples. He punctuated this commission by the statement of fact that His disciples would be His witnesses, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and faithfully extend this witness to all places on the earth. This is exactly what we are talking about when we state that our purpose is preparing people to meet Jesus. We are to present the Lord Jesus Christ to the world in word and deed.

What does it mean to fulfill our clear commission from our Lord in these days of a global pandemic with the resulting physical, economic, mental and emotional devastation?

First, grapple with how these events are impacting your walk with God. Events like this often reveal how much or little we trust God. If you are overwhelmed with fear and dread be honest before God and realize that this is revealing mistrust in the One Who promises to walk with you even through the valley of the shadow of death. Lock your gaze on Him rather than being consumed with the circumstances around us. When we do this, we can see the events of this world in the light of eternity.

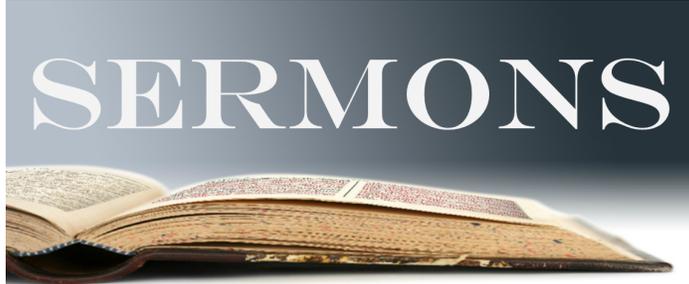
When we come from a firm faith in the solid rock of our Lord Jesus Christ then we are positioned to prepare people to meet Jesus in all situations. Things we put a lot of trust in like health, wealth, comfort and security can and will fail. Preparing people to meet Jesus means that we introduce them to the One Who will never fail. He gives a purpose and perspective that rises above all the things that will pass away.

Preparing people to meet Jesus gives an outward focus to life. When you are secure in our Lord Jesus Christ you not fretting about what may happen to you, you are concerned about bringing honor to Him and about the wellbeing of those around you. This will lead you to recognize opportunities for ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the moment for the people of God to be the presence of Christ among the sick, confused, fearful and grieving.

Start by praying. Remember as you pray to allow God to guide you. He is going to do this as you open His Word and listen to what He has to say. He is going to give you insights into the circumstance around you so you can adjust your prayer to His will. Pray for opportunities to introduce people to Jesus during these days. Be sensitive to those who are already believers and need to grow in their faith in order to be better equipped to face adversity. Pray for opportunities for your words and actions to reveal a strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ so the lost will be drawn to Him and the saved will be encouraged.

What are we going to do? We are going to prepare people to meet Jesus!

Pastor Long



Sermons are recorded and can be found at valleyconnex.org/sermons.

There you will also find the following:

- Worship Lyrics
- Sermon Notes
- AAEO Video



Giving can be done by mail or at valleyconnex.org/e-give. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is under way. Please make checks payable to Valley Baptist Church with AAEO in the memo. If you need help setting this up, give Angela NeSmith (Financial Secretary) a call, 920-380-0334 or email at kansmith@new.rr.com.



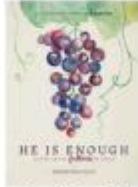
Women's Bible Studies: NEW ONLINE OPTIONS

Dear ladies,

We may not be able to gather in person to study God's Word right

now, but we are excited to announce that we will have the option to meet from our homes. Our studies planned for April-May will now be available from your computer or smartphone using the Zoom app. This will allow us to “meet” and share discussion weekly on the same schedule that was planned for in-person classes. If you have not picked up a book, there will be some available in the church office or you may purchase one online. Please see the information below and contact the class leader if you are interested.

Thursday Morning Bible Study
He is Enough:
Living in the Fullness of Jesus

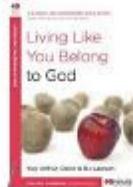


Thursdays April 2- May 14, 2020
9:00-11:00 am
A six-week study of Colossians

Come join us on a verse-by-verse journey through Colossians that will show you how to live out the reality of Christ’s sufficiency. This exciting study will help you develop accurate, faithful, dig-deep Bible study skills that will change you and the way you study Scripture. This study will include daily homework (5 days per week, 30-45 minutes per day) with a shorter assignment option for hectic days and creative options to guide you in worship and Scripture memorization. Weekly class discussion will help you review what you have learned and provide opportunities to discuss how to apply it. Together we will grow in understanding that in our Lord Jesus Christ, we have everything we need.

To participate contact Christina Warne christinaw1@sbcglobal.net

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Living Like You Belong to God



April 8th-May 13th
6:00-7:30 pm

A six-week no-homework study
Open to all middle school, high school, and adult women

Don't let the "no-homework" part fool you! This is a rich study that we will dig into TOGETHER as we search what Scripture tells us about living a life that pleases God. God calls us to a life of joy,

obedience, and trust. He calls us to be different from those around us. He calls us to be *holy*. Together we will discover that holiness is not an arbitrary standard within today's church or an unreachable goal of sinless perfection.

Holiness is about pleasing God - living in such a way that it's clear you belong to Him. Holiness is what makes you unique as a believer in Jesus Christ. Let's explore the beauty of holy living and see why true holiness and true happiness always go together.

To participate contact Erin Long mrsjaredlong@gmail.com

Click the button below for last week's YOUTH MINISTRY update.

[Youth Ministry Update](#)

A graphic for a Youth Home Mission Trip. It features a colorful beach ball icon on the left, composed of yellow, orange, and pink segments. To the right of the beach ball, the word "Youth" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below "Youth", the words "Home Mission Trip" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the text "Investing in what God is doing here at home in our church and community" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, the dates "July 19th - 24th", the grades "Grades 6th - 12th", and the cost "\$40/person" are listed in a black, cursive font.

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July 19th - 24th Grades 6th - 12th \$40/person

Click the button below for last week's CHILDREN'S MINISTRY update.

[Children's Ministry Update](#)



Family Week

Families Learning and Serving Together

July 20th - 24th

*Vacation
Bible School*

VBS for
preschool and
children



Service and fun for
middle schoolers
and high schoolers



Construction
projects for parents
and grandparents

Save the Date!

Celebrate

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

27 Levi Boon
27 Travis Bork
31 Mary Drew

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

25 David Williams & Mary Ann
Treadwell
30 Mike & Danielle Pawlowski

If you or someone you know has needs, or if you have any questions, please contact the staff at 920-309-2573 or email valleysec@valleyconnex.org. We are working remotely!