

Wednesday, April 17, 2024



Worship

Worship is a vital element of preparing people to meet Jesus. Worship focuses our attention on God. When we focus on God, we begin to increasingly see His majesty. As important, our focus becomes less on ourselves. My desires and aspirations begin to pale into insignificance in the light of God's plan and purpose. Worship is a great antidote for our constant struggle with a self-centered life focused on comfort and convenience.

Worship is an opportunity to encounter God. Think of it. Worship is an opportunity to have a personal encounter with our Creator. Worship is an opportunity to engage with the One Who loves us so much He sent His only begotten Son to provide the perfect and complete sacrifice for our sin so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life! Scripture assures us that when we gather to worship, God is present with us in a unique way. Jesus stated it like this, *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."* (Matthew 18:20, ESV)

Worship gives people an opportunity to hear and respond to the Word of God. One of the least threatening ways you can introduce someone to our Lord Jesus Christ is to invite them to come and worship. Trust that the Word of God will do what God intends for it to accomplish in that person's life. Come to worship ready to receive all God's Word would reveal to you. Come ready to respond in obedience.

We have three opportunities each week for you to come and worship and invite others to come so that we may encounter God and hear and respond to the Word of God. People regularly approach me before one of our services and excitedly let me know that a family member or friend is here for the first time. In that conversation that person invariably expresses their hope that this guest will have a life-changing encounter with the one true and living God. That is an exciting moment because we both know that worship can accomplish just that.

Pastor Long



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

**Worship
Attendance**

Sunday
4/14/24

8:00 am - **131**
10:45 am - **148**

Celebrate

**BIRTHDAY
BLESSINGS**

21 Dan Pottner
21 Jerry Sitor
23 Brad Erdmann
23 Donna Zoglman
24 Korrie Perkins
24 Jennifer Reihl

**ANNIVERSARY
WISHES**

21 Bill & Lynn Van Berkel

ConneXion Café

4/24/24

5:15-5:45 p.m.

*Creamy Chicken Wild Rice Soup
Turkey, Bacon & Ranch Wraps
Pineapple Caramelized Pretzel Fluff*

Sign-up is required by **noon the Monday before.**

You may sign-up [HERE](#) or on the board by the kitchen.



As we continue to prepare people to meet Jesus, we are once again offering the opportunity to bless our Angel Tree families. We will set up an Angel Tree in the Welcome Center by the mailboxes. This tree will allow you to pull a leaf (or two) and donate the item/s for the Summer Beach Bag we will be delivering to the families. There are several ways for you to participate:

You may donate money towards the beach bag or ice cream treat.

You may donate items – sunblock, insect repellent, or an adult size (unisex) beach towel.

We continue to reach out to the families and let them know that they are not forgotten and invite them to events at Valley Baptist Church.

So, look for the Angel Tree on April 7th. The items will be due by April 28th. If you decide to donate money, please turn it into the church office in an envelope labeled "Angel Tree".

Delivery will take place in May. Please let us know if you would like to help us deliver the beach bags. It is such a joy to serve our Angel Tree families!

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TO LIFE



Teens, Young
Adults, Current
and Future
Parents

HOPE IN THE MOMENT

**Saturday, April
20th, 2024**

Doors open @ 9:45 am
Program 10-2

*Educating, Empowering,
and Equipping you with
life skills.
Providing knowledge to
shape a better life for
you and your family.
Providing positive
options for unexpected
pregnancies*

**Mission Church
314 N Appleton St
Appleton, WI 54911**


Event includes:

- Testimonies from local community members for youth and young adults
- Tables from local support organizations that can help women, men, and families faced with difficult choices
- Drawings, food, and more!

Event tables:

- VIDA/Trinity House
- Local Realtor
- Transportation Service Info
- Multiple adoption service info
- Theda Care-miscarriage grief
- Local secondary education info
- Local resources
- Family Means-financial info
- Samaritan's Hand's
- Fox Valley Chapter of WRTL
- Safe Haven Baby Laws updates


For questions, contact foxvalleywrtl@gmail.com



**Discipleship Focus
Sunday morning
April 21**

*North American
Missions
&
Evangelism*

COFFEE CART



8:45-11:15

PRESCHOOL

April Newsletter Click [HERE](#)



Children & Youth *APRIL NEWS* Newsletter

Click [HERE](#)



Sign up to receive all Women's Ministry updates [HERE!](#)

APRIL Newsletter

If you or someone you know has prayer requests, any ministry needs, or if you have any questions, please contact the staff at 920-733-8823 or email valleysec@valleyconnex.org.



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