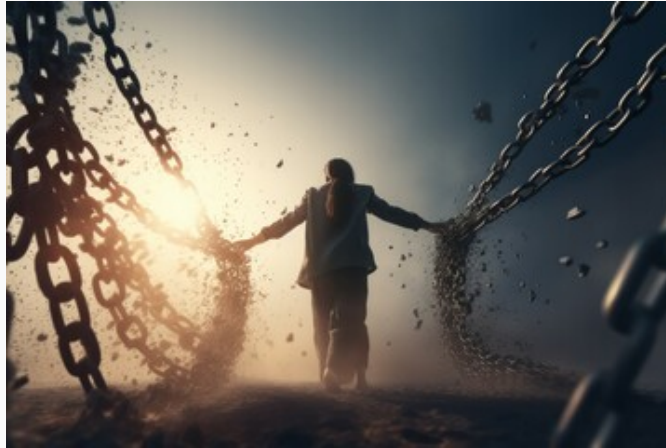


Wednesday, May 15, 2024



## Freedom to Live

Easter was way back in March of this year. In our 24-hour news cycle that seems like an eternity. Yet the event of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ was not a story that would soon die. The focus of that story was and is alive.

Jesus punctuated the fact of His resurrection by multiple post resurrection appearances over the next 40 days. Those who follow our Lord Jesus Christ do not simply buy into a certain philosophy of life. We live under the lordship of a risen Savior and Lord. We obey the instructions He gave us. His priorities determine our priorities.

The beauty of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is that we have the opportunity to live in the power of that resurrection. Our passionate cry should echo that of the Apostle Paul when he exclaimed, “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection”. The New Testament book of [Romans, Chapter 6](#), details the freedom we have by our identification in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The power of sin has been broken and now we have the freedom to fully engage in the new life we have been given in Christ. This truth is driven home by these words, *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* (Galatians 2:20, ESV)

We are no longer slaves to sin. What a liberating message! Preparing people to meet Jesus means that we can help those around us understand that freedom has been secured and is available to all who will come to our Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. What follows is the potential of a life free to live under the lordship of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father.

*Pastor Leung*



Services are recorded and can be found at [valleyconnex.org/sermons](http://valleyconnex.org/sermons).

**Worship  
Attendance**

Sunday  
5/12/24

8:00 am - 185  
10:45 am - 132



**Help in the Children's Sunday School this Summer!**

As we prepare for a new ministry year, many of our regular teachers (Grades 1-5) are out of town on vacation or recharge by attending adult classes. We are looking for willing adults to serve during the summer months for as little as one or two Sundays. To find out more and to begin the process click [HERE](#). You can also contact Pastor Jonathan: [jonathan.juedes@valleyconnex.org](mailto:jonathan.juedes@valleyconnex.org)

***Thanks in advance for serving the next generation!***

# Celebrate

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

6 Madic Zuelzke  
17 Aaron Abitz  
18 Johnathan Pawlowski  
18 Richard Ziemba  
20 Sarah Beardsley  
20 Lynn Van Berkel  
21 Colleen Juedes  
21 Gary Weber

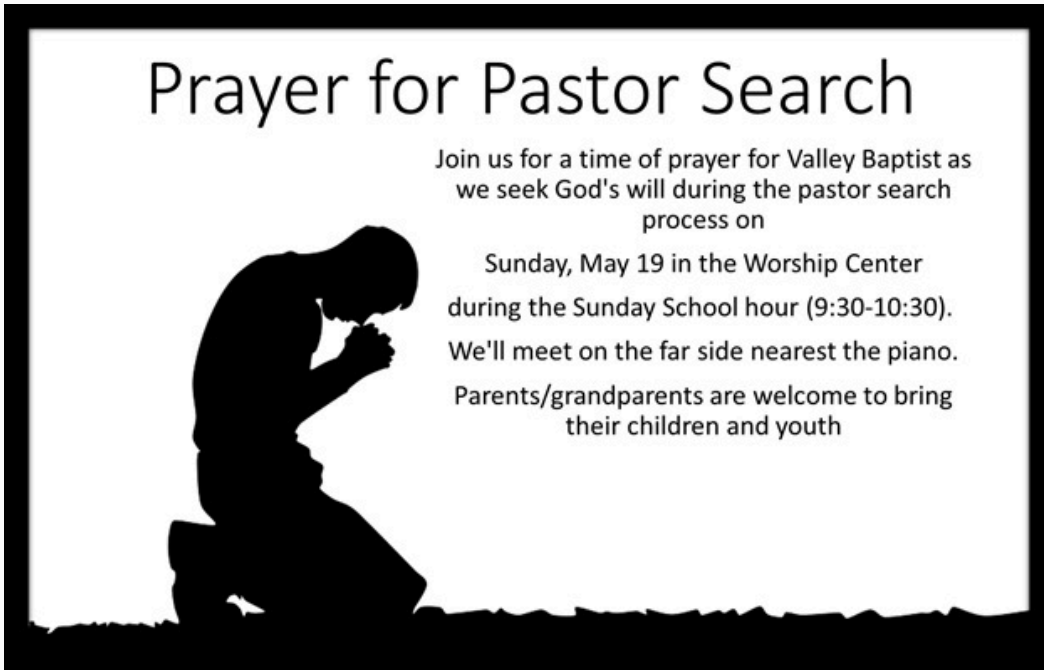
## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

17 Floyd & Donna Zoglman  
22 Ben & Linda Cotton

## Prayer for Pastor Search

Join us for a time of prayer for Valley Baptist as we seek God's will during the pastor search process on

Sunday, May 19 in the Worship Center during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). We'll meet on the far side nearest the piano. Parents/grandparents are welcome to bring their children and youth



Pastor search committee congregational update:

Thank you for all of your prayers for the Pastor Search Committee. We have a lot of work ahead of us. We have received many applications. Please pray that we would see the candidate as God wants us to throughout our interactions with them. There is still a long process ahead and we will need many prayers to keep us in God's timing throughout the process. Thank you for continuing to walk with us as God leads our committee.

Sincerely,  
VBC Pastor Search Committee

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## ConneXion Café

**5/22/24**

**5:15-5:45 p.m.**

*Taco Casserole  
Creamy Corn  
Dessert*

[Sign-up](#) is required by **noon the Monday before.**

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



# Graduating Senior Bibles

Encourage graduating seniors by highlighting a favorite Bible verse. Available in the Welcome Center through May 24th

The church will present Bibles to our 2024 graduating seniors: Rebekah Day, Ryan Leaser, Eli Meyer, Andrew Milhans, Isaac Mitchell, and Lucien Slattery in Worship on May 26th. These Bibles are available in the Welcome Center to underline Bible verses you've found significant and want to highlight as an encouragement to our graduates. You can also



email verses, and we'll highlight them for you. Please email [jonathan.juedes@valleyconnex.org](mailto:jonathan.juedes@valleyconnex.org) with the verse or verses you would like highlighted **by May 24th**.

**Attention! Do you like to keep things clean, neat, and tidy?**

Valley Baptist Church is seeking a person to work as a Custodian on a paid basis - part time for 15 to 20 hours a week.

Duties would include cleaning and organization, to present well-kept and maintained buildings. Primary needs focus on preparation of the building for services on Sundays and Wednesdays.



If you like to clean and keep things in good order while working in a Christian environment this is an excellent opportunity. Hours are relatively flexible.

Please contact the church office for a work application and detailed job description

For a detailed discussion on the position and the needs it represents, please call Bill Hissem at 920-585-8154.

A decorative border of various flowers and greenery, including pink peonies, purple daisies, red roses, and yellow daisies, framing the text.

*Valley Baptist Church's Women of the Word Ministry Team  
invites you to our next Connected event  
on Saturday, May 18th, from 9:00am-11:00am*

*We will be sharing with one another what God has been doing in our lives  
this year. Please bring a Bible and a friend.*

*Light refreshments and coffee/tea will be provided.  
For planning purposes, RSVPs appreciated at  
<https://valleyconnex.org/womens-ministry/>*



Updated church directory - coming soon!

Please complete this [[FORM](#)] to be *added* to or to *update* your information in the church directory. *Also, if you'd like a mailbox ~ All regular attenders and members are welcome!!!*  
(Printed forms can be found on the **INFORMATION WALL** in the Welcome Center near the bathrooms.)

**Due by WED. May 29**





## Do you enjoy cooking?

Would you consider  
volunteering to prepare and  
clean up for the Wednesday  
meals in July?

For questions, contact  
Pam Creamer

### DATES ARE:

July 10      July 17  
July 24      July 31

## IGNITE (a.k.a.VBS) Decorating

Anyone current 6<sup>th</sup> grade through adults are invited to help us get ready with decorations for Ignite. Our first date is **THIS Saturday**, May 18, 1 pm. If you would like to help with this, meet in room 128. Any questions, contact [Hope Smock](#). THANK YOU!



**Preschool**

May Newsletter Click [HERE](#)





## Children & Youth *MAY NEWS* Newsletter

Click [HERE](#)



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

[MAY 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](mailto:valleysec@valleyconnex.org).



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*Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

