

Thursday, July 18, 2024



Unbroken

The most comprehensive account we have of a prayer that Jesus prayed while on the earth is recorded in the [Gospel of John chapter 17](#). Jesus eloquently, and passionately poured out his heart to God the Father on the night before the crucifixion.

Central themes of that prayer include protection over His followers and unity among those who proclaim Him as Savior and Lord. The purpose of these requests resides in Jesus' statement, *"so that the world may believe that You have sent Me."* ([John 17:21](#))

Today we can stand in the confidence of God's protection over His church. Jesus made the statement earlier in His ministry that He would establish the church with Himself as the Rock, the chief corner stone, and the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. God's church is an unstoppable force in this world. Yes, individual congregations may come and go, yet the faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ will always be an indestructible force in this world. A specific congregation will be a part of that mighty wave as long as we faithfully focus on giving effective witness to the fact that God has provided a Savior for the world.

The key to this effective witness is unity among His followers. Jesus sets a high standard in this prayer, *"that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You."* Wow! What a benchmark. The church of our Lord Jesus Christ is made up of people. We are diverse in so many ways. How can we possibly achieve this degree of unity.

The answer is simple. We focus on our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember this prayer was prayed the night before the crucifixion. Even in that moment Jesus had an outward focus on preparing His followers for what would come. Preparing people to meet Jesus is demanding and even dangerous work in a horribly broken world. It is so great to know that we have the prayers of our Lord Jesus Christ covering us and His presence as the Great Shepherd protecting and guiding us.

Pastor Long



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

**Worship
Attendance**

**Sunday
7/14/24**

10:00 am - 210

Celebrate

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

20 Rose Casey
20 Ammie Hansen
20 Marshall Mayo
20 Mary Ann Treadwell
24 Alexis Janssen

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

21 Charles & Beth Dunning



ConneXion Café

7/24/24

5:15-5:45

*Baked Potato Bar
Salad Bar
Dessert*

Sign-up is required by noon the Monday before.

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



<https://oshkoshmasa.org/>

MASA... Big Gathering bulletin announcement

All are invited, **Sunday, July 21**, for the **MASA** "Big Gathering" potluck & program at **Plymouth Church**, 1325 Georgia St, Oshkosh. **Doors open at 5:00pm.** We **begin at 5:30.** Please be sure to **bring a double portion of food** to have enough for our aviation missionary guests, too. For more information, **call Nevin at 920.344.7512**

MASA... Welcome CREW bulletin announcement

MASA needs help with our **Welcome CREW** during AirVenture. Those 16 years & older may volunteer helping direct vehicles at the camper registration entrance. Three shifts each day of 4-5 hours each. You may sign up to serve as many shifts as you want July 19-28. This blessing helps earn MASA campsites for our tent area. Please **contact Tim Martin at 920.585.4245** or go to oshkoshmasa.org.



IGNITE (aka VBS) REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

CLICK [HERE](#)

July 29th - August 2
9am-12pm

Please register by 7/26

THE SNACK DONATIONS LIST IS
AVAILABLE ON THE INFORMATION
TABLE IN THE WELCOME CENTER.

LADIES, JOIN US THIS FALL

4 Women's Fall Bible Study Opportunities!



JESUS
SWEETEST NAME I KNOW

WITH JESUS I CAN GET MY WISHES



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THE
COVENANT
KEEPING GOD

Click [HERE](#) for details & to register!

Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist

Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Newsletter

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Click [HERE](#) for your Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist newspaper site!

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCE LIBRARY

The Disciple Resource Library's collection
can be viewed online at
<https://www.libib.com/u/vbclibrary>

Contact:

vbchurchlibrary@gmail.com

Staffed Times:

Sun. 10:20-11:00, Wed. 5:45-
6:15 (self check is available
during unstaffed hours)

Location:

Lower Level- turn left through
double doors at the bottom of
the main stairs and left again
(follow the arrows)

Library Resource Highlights:

Lottie Moon and the Silent Bell by Rosalie Hall
Hunt (2023)

Learn more about the SBC's Christmas offerings
namesake and her heart for the people of
China. Written primarily for older children, this
story reaches all who are young at heart.

Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin (2019)

This best-selling book offers practical guidance
and helpful tips for women who want to go
deeper in their study of the Bible and learn
how to teach others to do the same.

Bibles- the library has several translations and
study Bibles to aide your study of God's word.

From a Sermon:

***When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty
Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself*** by Steve
Corbett, Brian Fikkert (2014)

Focusing on both North American and Majority
World contexts, *When Helping Hurts* catalyzes
the idea that sustainable change for people
living in poverty comes not from the outside-in,
but from the inside-out.

PRESCHOOL

Summer Newsletter



Children & Youth **SUMMER NEWS** Newsletter

Click [HERE](#)



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

JULY 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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Preparing People to Meet Jesus

