

Wednesday, July 3, 2024



## One Nation Under God

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America contains these words: "One nation under God, indivisible". This statement acknowledges the clear biblical revelation that the nations of this world receive their authority from the One who has all authority. It also recognizes that a focus on exercising that authority rightly promotes a strong and united nation.

The apostle John describes the focal point of heaven as a throne and One seated on that throne. Those around that throne make this proclamation, *"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."* (Revelation 4:11, ESV) This is the One Who has all authority. Scripture also teaches that, therefore, the nations of this earth rule under His authority. *"For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."* (Romans 13:1b, ESV)

The nations of this world have been entrusted with the authority of God Who has all authority. Every nation of the world is accountable to Him and has the opportunity to govern according to His standards of righteousness. Every nation will be held accountable for their stewardship of the authority that has been given to them.

The Bible also teaches that followers of Christ hold dual citizenship. We are the citizens of an earthly nation. We are also citizens of the kingdom of God. As those who hold this dual citizenship, we have the opportunity to exert proper and appropriate influence on the earthly nation where we live. This is true for any follower of Christ anywhere in the world.

First, we pray for those who are in positions of authority. (see [1 Timothy 2:1-6](#)) Second, we model godly living in all our endeavors. This is what Jesus was speaking of when He said that His followers are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The result will be as Jesus stated, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16, ESV) Third, we prepare people to meet Jesus. We introduce people to Jesus so that they may receive Him as Savior and Lord. We then help those who do receive Him to learn to put His teachings into practice in their daily lives. This increases the people who have the influence of righteousness on the nations of our world.

Live in such a way that the kingdom of God will be advanced so that the nation in which you live will be, one nation, under God, indivisible.

*Pastor Lang*



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

**Worship Attendance**

Sunday  
6/30/24

8:00 am - 146  
10:45 am - 124

*Celebrate*

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

4 Caleb Roffey-Anderson  
4 Sherri Darby  
5 Liz Hartmann  
5 Joseph P. Kelly  
6 Janet Fiedler  
6 Cathy Sampson  
6 Emily Smock  
7 Bill Pesl  
8 Mary Ann Orth  
9 Pete Meyer  
10 BJ Beier

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES

4 Mike McNeill & Tabitha King  
4 Gary & Bette Wilz  
5 David & Jamie Fenske  
7 Larry & Pam Creamer

## ConneXion Café

**7/10/24**  
**5:15-5:45**

*Breakfast for Dinner*

Sign-up is required by noon the Monday before.

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





Housing needed for  
mission aviators over EAA

July 21-28

Please click [HERE](#) for more information or  
contact Kathie Steward by *July 6th* at  
[kathie.steward@gmail.com](mailto:kathie.steward@gmail.com)

MASA is also in need of a camper. Any size  
or style. We use this on site to house the  
leaders that are on site 24 hours a day  
through out the entire week. Thank you  
for all of our supporters and volunteers.

## THIS SUNDAY!!!



## NEXT SUNDAY!!! IMPORTANT DETAILS

# Sunday, July 14

## One Service & Congregational Meeting

We will have **ONE MORNING  
SERVICE at 10:00 a.m.** with a  
*potluck* following the service. The  
quarterly congregation meeting will  
follow the *potluck* & start at 12:15 p.m.

**Sunday School will be at 8:30 a.m.**



## Congregational Meeting and Potluck

*Bring a dish or 2 to share*

(IF YOUR DISH NEEDS SLICED, COOKED, WARMED, ETC., PLEASE LEAVE A NOTE FOR THE KITCHEN HELPERS.)

**JULY 14** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE **10:00 AM SERVICE**



## Gospel Music Jam

**Monday, July 8 at 6:30 PM**

All Instruments and Skill Levels Are Welcome

In the Cove

For More Information Contact  
Steve NeSmith 920-915-9730  
[snesmith@new.rr.com](mailto:snesmith@new.rr.com)

## Ladies Garden Walk

**FRIDAY ~ JULY 12TH**

Leaving at 10:30am  
Back by 3:00pm  
Lunch at Hometown Grill

SIGN-UP at the table  
in the Welcome Center or  
contact Sandi at 920-450-0078

You can SIGN-UP  
[HERE](#) too!

The  
**ESSENTIAL  
 CHURCH**  
**Movie Night**

**Saturday, July 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**In the Worship Center**

*Hosted by THRIVE Bible Study Group*



**IGNITE (aka VBS)  
 REGISTRATION IS  
 OPEN!**

**CLICK [HERE](#)**

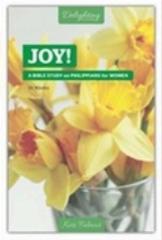
July 29th - August 2  
 9am-12pm

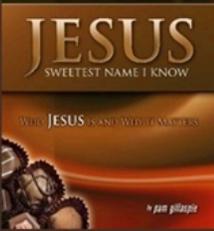
Please register by 7/26

**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!**




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

**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](mailto:valleysec@valleyconnex.org).



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

