

*Wednesday, September 4, 2024*



## **A Reassuring Presence**

In my early days of travel to Brazil for mission trips I went with Paramount Church in Amarillo, Texas. Wanda Wood, a member of Paramount, was the travel agent for the trips. My first trip to Brazil in 1988 was my first experience in international travel. Wanda was wonderful in guiding all of us in our travel. I remember in those early days when I was in those unfamiliar airports and other surroundings to always look around to see if Wanda was there. It was always a comforting sight, and I felt I was at the right place when I could see her.

I can imagine that the disciples of Jesus felt something like that as they began to realize that they were following the Son of God. Other people also are seen deliberately seeking Jesus, knowing that He could handle any situation they brought before Him.

The Bible presents Jesus as our Great Shepherd. A shepherd provides that kind of reassurance for his sheep. His very presence puts all other concerns into proper focus.

As followers of our Lord Jesus Christ today, we know His presence with us by His Holy Spirit Who dwells within us. His Word that He has given us provides the lens through which we can look to see His comforting presence and sure guidance.

The only way we can live successfully in this broken world is to keep our eyes on the Great Shepherd. Every day is a day we have never lived in before. It is unfamiliar territory, but we have the great and wonderful Shepherd to lead if only we will fix our eyes on Him. The world needs this message and that is why those of us who have embraced Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord need to be diligent in preparing people to meet Jesus.

*Pastor Long*



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

**Worship  
Attendance**

**Sunday  
9/1/24**

**8:00 am - 137  
10:45 am - 125**

*Celebrate*

**BIRTHDAY  
BLESSINGS**

**ANNIVERSARY  
WISHES**

5 Bill Hissem  
5 Janice O'Connell  
8 Carolyn Christenson  
8 Kasey Milbach  
9 Ron Reihl  
11 Joanna Bemowski  
11 Nate Milhans  
11 Debbie Zimbal  
11 Michelle Bellmore

5 Jasen & Wyndi Slattery  
6 Mike & Chris Moran  
8 Rick & Michelle Bellmore  
9 Don & Joanna Bemowski

## New Administrative Assistant

God's provision for the Valley Church family is amazing. As we say goodbye to Kim as our Administrative Assistant, we are well aware of how wonderfully God provided her time with us over these past years. Now another wonderful provision has been made with Mary Ann Orth being available to step into the position of Administrative Assistant here at Valley Baptist Church. Charlie and Mary Ann are beloved members of Valley. Mary Ann comes to the position with many years of experience in top level executive support. Join with me in welcoming Mary Ann to the staff committed to helping Valley fulfill God's vision of preparing people to meet Jesus.

*Pastor Larry*



**ON THE MENU - September 11th.**

Biscuit Chicken Pot Pie  
Green Salad  
Dessert

**Sign up is required by noon on  
Mondays.**

# You Shall Not Commit Adultery (Exodus 20:14)

Teacher: Charlie Orth

This is our **lumberjack** breakfast with a hearty serving of pancakes, maple syrup, eggs, and bacon. Of course we'll also be serving yogurt with berries, oatmeal with fixings, fruit and hot drinks.



for all men age 14+

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Saturday - September 7th  
8:00am - 9:30am

## **MEN'S RETREAT**

Registration Open!  
\$135 / per person  
Ages 14+

13-15TH  
SEPTEMBER 2024

NORTHLAND CONFERENCE  
CENTER - DUNBAR WI

FOUR SPEAKERS -  
TESTIMONIES OF HOW  
THE COMMANDMENTS  
GAVE THEM FREEDOM

**MY CHAINS ARE GONE**

*FINDING FREEDOM THROUGH THE COMMANDMENTS*

  
**C.L.A.S.S 101**  
Discovering Church Membership

**1-Day Class - Saturday, September 21st**

9:30-3:00 p.m. in Room B148  
(ZOOM Available, please request when signing up.)



Class will be led by Pastor Larry

The class is required for membership, but anyone can take it if you simply want to know more about the beliefs and practices of our church, you are encouraged to attend.

**To SIGN-UP:** You may enroll in the class by calling the church office at

920-733-8823 or sending an email to the church office

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

*(Please indicate if childcare is needed.)*

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

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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*



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