

Thank You, Valley Grove!

The gifts and support were greatly appreciated by the children and myself. We are truly blessed to belong to the Valley Grove family and look forward to a wonderful new year.

“For the Lord has plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Love, Mary

We have moved into the new offices and a few things has changed. (1) The 70-up ladies will meet in Bro. Greg’s old office. (2) The Ladies 70-up classroom has been turned into a work room. A copier has been put in there. Please bear with us as we make this transition. You will be hearing more about the move in the near future.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTOR

Someone once said: Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.

In Hebrews 12:1 HIV....let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Training is essential in our Christian walk. It is not easy! However, this training comes from prayer, studying God’s Word, attending training sessions and lessons, putting in action those things we have learned and fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We have seen our Training Union grow during 2010. It is my prayer that I will sense and obey God’s direction, use the time wisely and realize the value of each new day as I serve our Church in this ministry.

If you have not been a part of Discipleship Training, I encourage you to join us. Don’t make a New Year’s Resolution to be a part of Discipleship Training...resolutions are easily broken...rather make a prayerful effort to worship with your church family each Sunday evening in Discipleship Training.

God bless you...thank you again for a great year! Eph. 3:7 TLB *“And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in Him.”*

Truly this is my earnest prayer as I look toward a new year.

In Christ’s Love, Lynn Robbins

MEMO FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

2010 was a great year! However, we must not look back at the past, rather look forward to the future. I believe God has great and mighty blessings for Valley Grove Baptist in 2011. My prayer is for God to touch us, to reach inside us and turn us on. It is our responsibility to listen and obey His calling.

If you have a desire to be a part of the Sanctuary Choir I encourage you to join us. I especially want to encourage the Youth to be involved in the Youth Choir.

So, as we begin the new year my prayer is that we will keep a song in our heart, mature in our faith, childlike but never childish, humble but never cringing, understanding but never conceited.

Thank you for all your love and blessings to my family in 2010. I thank God daily for allowing me to be a part of such a loving church family as Valley Grove Baptist.

God’s Blessing, Lynn Robbins

**2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES
ARE READY**

Please pick yours up in the vestibule.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
BUSINESS MEETING
6:15 PM**

FROM THE PASTOR

It is a wonderful life and we should thank God everyday that we have life. I had the opportunity to share this story at our Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study and I wanted to share it with everyone.

George Bailey was in trouble. Leaning over the rail of a snow-laden bridge, the distraught man was ready to jump-when the prayers of his family and friends hit heaven. “Jesus...help my friend Mr. Bailey,”...”I owe everything to George Bailey. Help him, dear Father,”...”I love him, dear Lord. Watch over him tonight.”

The events leading to George’s tragic state make up the first half of the heart-warming Christmas film *It’s a Wonderful Life*. Born in small-town Bedford Falls, young George Bailey, played by actor Jimmy Stewart, grows up longing for the fame and fortune of faraway lands. “I’m gong to see the world. Italy, Greece, the Parthenon, the Coliseum. Then I’m going to build things. I’m gonna build air fields...skyscrapers...bridges a mile long...”

But when George’s father, Peter Bailey, dies, George is left to take over the family business, the Bailey Building and Loan. At first George laments his fate, but eventually he understands his father’s words, “In a small way we are doing something important” in helping people own their homes.

A slowly maturing George Bailey gives up his plans for college, world travel and big business for quiet, faithful service to his fellowman. But halfway through the movie, the struggling little Building and Loan hits hard times. The money runs out. The bank is ready to foreclose, and George begins to doubt. He loses sight of his value to others and sees himself as a colossal failure, worth more dead than alive.

A discouraged and defeated George Bailey trudges toward the fateful bridge, but not before stopping at Martini’s nightclub. Slumped over the bar, George is at his wit’s end...and that’s where the story shifts. In desperation, he offers up a prayer, “Dear Father in heaven, I’m not a praying man, but if You’re up there and You can hear me, show me the way. I’m at the end of my rope. Show me the way, God...”

The Good News!

The subtle message of *It’s a Wonderful Life* whispers to us the good news that God is there for all of us, no matter how hopeless we think the praying scene, “As I said those words, I felt the loneliness, the hopelessness of people who had nowhere to turn, and my eyes filled with tears. I broke down sobbing. This was not planned at all, but the power of that prayer, the realization that our Father in heaven is there to help the hopeless, had reduced me to tears.”

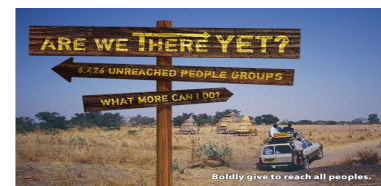
Frank Capra, director and producer of the movie, said, “I wanted to make a film to tell the weary, the disheartened, the disillusioned...that *no man is a failure!* I wanted to show people that *each man’s life touches so many other lives. And that if he isn’t around it would leave an awful hole.*”

This powerful holiday classic touches us so deeply, and moves our hearts so intensely, *because it speaks God’s truth.* God *does* want to help each one of us. He longs to lift the down-trodden, heal the sick and comfort the lonely. But to learn how He does so, we need to go one step further. And there is only one source for that information, the Holy Bible.

What a wonderful discovery is the moment we realize God is present in this world and that He loves us and wants to help us. And help is exactly what God has done by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him”* (John 3:17).

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Our new web site is up and running. There are many changes to come so visit us frequently. If you have any ideas for the web site please contact the office.



**2010 LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
GOAL - \$4,500
RECEIVED - \$3,525**

	JANUARY 2011						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
							1
							8 Lauren Willis
	9 C&C Bean Dinner Youth Nite-Lite	10 Mia Craft MMM-Bible Study	11 7:00 Boys Basketball	12 J.J. Byrd	13 8:00 Boys Basketball	14 Betty Aycock Josh H. Aycock Jennifer Beasley Tommy Peters	15 Monica Berryman Pam Hand
						C&C Trip	
	16	17 David Strange WMLU	18 Holly Robbins	19 Luke Archer Norma Everett Sherry Monson	20 Olie & Mary Onstott Rusty Harper 9:00 Boys Basketball	21 Ron Shelhamer	
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	23 Mary Onstott	24 8:00 Boys Basketball MMM-Bible Study	25	26 Bill Hare	27 8:00 Boys Basketball	28 *L.C. & Mollie Jeffries Dusty Kuykendall	29 Shelaine Senn
30 Roger Richey		31					

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THE VISION
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



*Committed First to Christ...
Committed to One Another in Christ...
Committed to the World Christ Died For...*

VALLEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services

9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Morning Worship
5:00 pm - Discipleship Training
6:00 pm - Evening Worship

Wednesday Services

5:00 pm - Awana's
6:30 pm - Youth
6:15-7:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm - Celebration Choir

Financial Update

YTD Budget	\$268,484.24
YTD Budget Giving	\$282,463.13
MTD Budget Needs	\$25,839.85
MTD Offering	\$22,528.63

Deacon Ministry for January

26-1/2	Johnny Nixon (383-1252)
2-9	T. C. Hallmark (381-2634)
9-16	Wayne Jeffreys (381-3234)
16-23	Roger Richey (383-0200)
23-30	Larry Allen (383-4994)
30-2/6	Marvin Lowery (446-9225)



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Greg Beasley, Pastor - 256-460-5320
Lynn Robbins, Minister of Music - Shane Jeffreys, Minister of Youth
Mary Underwood, Minister of Children - Donna Terry, Secretary

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Return Service Requested

Worship Care

Sunday - January 2

am - Joyce Dennis, Lura Agee, Charlotte Jeffreys, Rita Underwood, Meagan Tverberg

pm - T. C. Hallmark, Marty Nichols

Wednesday - January 5

Brenda Nixon, Faye Hester

Sunday - January 9

am - Tina Tverberg, Tim & Cheryl McGee, Angie Dewberry, Barbara Pace

pm - Tiffany Borden, Jamie Wells

Wednesday - January 12

Linda Counts, Brenda Isbell

Sunday - January 16

am - Ruby Sanderson, Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Betty Aycock, Sandra McBride,

pm - Nancy Counts, Jenny Newell

Wednesday - January 19

Wanda Berry, Johnny Nixon

Sunday - January 23

am - Jeff & Mia Craft, Roger & Christine Richey, Rendy Harper

pm - Norma Hallmark, Carol Kuykendall

Wednesday - January 26

Phyllis Myhan, Ruby Robbins

Sunday - January 30

am - Joyce Dennis, Lura Agee, Charlotte Jeffreys, Rita Underwood, Meagan Tverberg

pm - T. C. Hallmark, Marty Nichols

THANKS!

Valley Grove Family,
Thank you so much for all you have done—the prayers, the cards, the food and the love you have shown TC and me during the last few weeks. Please keep us in your prayers and know we love and appreciate all of you.
Norma & TC

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, wonderful food, cards, visits and prayers, not only at Mother's home going, but for the last several years. Every thoughtful thing that was done meant so much to our family. No one could have more precious friends. We love every one of you.
Wayne, Charlotte, Paul Jeffreys and families

Thank you for the many cards, gifts and best wishes during this Christmas season. Our church family at Valley Grove continues to bless us! We would like to wish you a Happy New Year!
Bro. Greg & Jennifer

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the Gift Certificate. We are going to enjoy the ham. We love and appreciate you.
Thanks again!
Donnie Byrd

The Alma Underwood family wish to express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, visits and for every act of kindness during her extended illness and death.

With special thanks to the Monday Morning Ministry, all the ladies who prepared and served a delicious meal. To Bro. Greg Beasley for his loving ministry.

Your friendship is a gift generously given, happily accepted, and deeply appreciated.
The Underwood Family

Dear Valley Grove,
Where do I start I would like to thank you for so many things.
(1) The Christmas Gift Certificate for the ham. My family really enjoyed it!
(2) I would like to especially say a big thank you to the men and women that have made the new offices a big reality. There is still work to do (mainly me organizing my office). Everyone is welcome to come by and say hi and see the new office. We will be having an open house in the near future.
(3) Thank you for understanding about me not being in the office all the time while I tended to my husband and my father during their illnesses.
Again thank you for all you acts of kindness to me and my family.
Serving Him, Donna Terry

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5—5:30 PM

MEET IN THE NEW CONFERENCE ROOM

Angie Willis, Darryl Tverberg, Mary Underwood, Shane Jeffreys, Lynn Robbins, Charlotte Borden Jeff Thompson, Mary Ann McDonald, Monday Morning Ministry Leader