

THE VISION

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF VALLEY GROVE BAPTIST August 2016 - VOLUME 41

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2016 Every Week

Bible Classes.....	Sundays 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....	Sundays 10:30 am
Celebration Choir.....	Sundays 4:30 pm
Spiritual Growth University.....	Sundays 5:00 pm
Evening Worship.....	Sundays 6:00 pm
Clothing Ministry.....	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Boy's Basketball Ministry.....	Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Children/Youth Meal Time.....	Wednesdays 5:00 pm
Children/Youth Activities.....	Wednesdays 5:35 pm
College & Career.....	Wednesdays 6:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer.....	Wednesdays 6:15 pm

1st.....	Monday Morning Ministry Visiting 10:00 am
4th.....	Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm
5th.....	Leadership Training at Shooco
6th.....	Gym Reserved
7th.....	Promotion of Children's Bible Classes
7th.....	Deacon Meeting 4:00 pm
10th.....	Business Meeting 6:15 pm
15th.....	Newsletter Article Due
16th.....	Long Range Planning Meeting 6:00 pm
27th.....	Leadership Conference at Lindsay Lane Bapt. Church
28th.....	HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

Pastor's Pen

I have found myself in a state of awe in the last several days. Violence seems to be gripping our nation as never before. The question is why? That's really an easy answer. We have turned away from God. We were talking about this the other night when Amber made a statement that "all lives do matter, all lives have a soul, but no soul has a color." We as people need to unite together. But the only way that this is even going to be possible is through our relationship with Jesus.

The way we do that is through prayer. Prayer must precede and permeate everything we do. We must seek the face of God if we would see the hand of God move in our nation. Our crisis is not just political, cultural, it's spiritual. Our problems demand a spiritual solution. All of us, must kneel in prayer.

Jesus understood this and spent time with the Father, often rising early in the morning or staying up late at night to devote Himself to prayer. The disciples who traveled with Him witnessed His prayer habit and was amazed at how God's power was displayed in Christ's ministry of preaching, teaching, healing, and deliverance. They made the connection between Jesus prayer-life and His powerful ministry, and asked: "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

E. M. Bounds writes of Martin Luther, who, when once asked what his plan was for the following day were? "Work, work, from early too late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." It is only when the whole heart is gripped with passion for prayer that the life giving fire descends, for none but the earnest man gets access to the ear of God. E. M. Bounds

It is such an honor to be your pastor at Valley Grove and my prayer is that God will use all of us to do His will in our lives and the life of our church. May God bless you!

Dr. Greg

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VALLEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

NURSERY CARE

Wednesday, August 24	Lura Agee, Susan Young
Sunday, August 28	Wanda Berry, Sheila Creasy, Tonya Reid
Sunday, August 7	Wanda Berry, Sheila Creasy, Tonya Reid
Sunday, August 14	am - Joyce Dennis, Charlotte Jeffreys, Meagan Rumble, Rodney & Cassie Sparks, Penny Townsend, Tonya Reid
Wednesday, August 10	Mary Jane McDonald, Susan Rackley
Wednesday, August 31	Wanda Berry, Tonya Reid
pm - Tiffany Hill, Phyllis Myhan	
pm - Breanna Newell, Amber Shell, Wanda Downey	
Sunday, August 21	am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Logan Nix, Dana Massey, Amanda Gomez, Doug McDonald
pm - Carol Kuykendall, Norma Hallmark	
Wednesday, August 17	Brenda Nixon, Carol Aday
Sunday, August 14	am - Tina Tverberg, Mary Dredgen, Katie Looney, Freddie & Carol Morris, Rhonda Keenum
pm - Lura Agee, Joy South, Sheila McCrary	
Sunday, August 21	am - Wayne Jeffreys, Jeremy Scott
pm - Rhonda Keenum, Patricia Gomez	
Sunday, August 14	am - Darryl Tverberg, Larry Allen
pm - T. C. Hallmark, Doug Myhan	
Sunday, August 28	am - Lura Agee, Joy South, Sheila McCrary

SECURITY TEAM

7 - Ed Kirby
14 - Levi Gilley
21 - Freddy Morris
28 - Leon Borden

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 3	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Betty Bradford
Sunday, August 7	Van 2 - Don Bradford
Wednesday, August 10	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Lanny Jeffreys
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Lura Agee	
Wednesday, August 14	Van 1 - Reba Newell, John Permenter
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Sharon Permenter	
Sunday, August 14	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Susan Young
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Greg Newell	
Wednesday, August 17	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Hillard South
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Joy South	
Sunday, August 21	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Larry Creasy
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Sheila Creasy	
Wednesday, August 24	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Maxine Shelhamer
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Justin Gasque	
Sunday, August 28	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Norma Hallmark
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, T. C. Hallmark	
Wednesday, August 31	Van 1 - Reba Newell, Ashley Carpenter
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Randy Tate	

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22

I found some jokes that I would like to share with you...

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Another Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."

After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters.

One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

Lot again... A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Molly

I was driving back from Florence last Sunday afternoon behind a small truck. I pulled up beside the truck at the next stop light. I was prompted by The Spirit and also a bit from the suggestions of our president.

I motioned to the man in the truck to roll down his window. The man responded, "Yes?" I looked over at a 40 something year old black man.

I said to him, "I am so sorry about the situation on the black and white issue." He said that he was also. Then he said something like this, "Man, the Lord knows every person's heart. I am a believer so we can all get right with The Lord." Then he added, "The Lord is coming back for the righteous, black and white." The light changed and I said, "I didn't know I pulled up beside a preacher." He smiled, laughed and drove away. Perhaps it takes just a few seconds to encourage and yes, be encouraged. The Spirit has a daily goal for all of us to "touch and be touched" for His name sake. Church, let's be the church.

Lord willing, I will see you Sunday in Bible classes. Remember our goals for August 28!

1. Your class **goals** ___!
 2. Total Sunday School goal **250!**
 3. Worship Attendance goal **300!**
- The church are those who have really been touched by The Lord and touch others.**

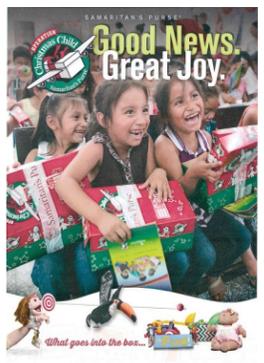
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Watch-Stand
 These words written by a man much like us in a Time of trouble all around him. Paul wanted to encourage the church at Corinth, He penned these words:
1Co 16:13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.
1Co 16:14 Let all that you do be done with love.

Let's look at three words;
 1. Watch: be vigilant, aware, looking.
 2. Stand: standing and keep on keeping on standing alert, and ready.
 3. Brave, strong: in the presence of the Holy Spirit in power and love.
 If we take these words to heart and apply them to ourselves we could be the people that changed today's world.
 Now what do we do?
 Thoughts
 Frankie

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes



Start bringing items now. There will be a box in the foyer in which to put your items in.

Items are due by Nov. 6th and then we will have a packing party.

For more information see Renny Harper.

For suggested items pick up a list at the "Welcome Center"

CHURCH LEADER TRAINING
(1) The Summit

Friday, August 5th Leave the church at 9:00 am
 Shocco Springs Baptist Conference

(2) Regional Training

Saturday, August 27th
 8:00 am-12:00 noon - Leave the church at 6:30 am
 At Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Athens

Sign-up List at "Welcome Center"

Comprehensive training for leaders in many areas of church life such as Bible Classes, Discipleship, Deacon Ministry, Evangelism, Family Ministry, Men's Ministry, R.A.'s, Student Ministry, Stewardship, Technology, Women's Ministry, Worship Ministry, and other areas of ministry!

Ladies Needed
 For our Sunday Morning Prayer Team
 If interested please see Wayne Jeffreys or Bro. Greg

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Author - Dave Ramsey
 Cost \$100 per couple (individual)
 9 weeks course - Date to be announced later
 Teacher - Steve Stayton
 Please sign the sign-up sheet if you are interested in doing this course.
 Class will meet in Choir Room

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Please be in prayer about what God would have you give toward our building fund.

SCAM! SCAM! SCAM!

There is a scam going around where people tell you they are from the IRS. DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY INFORMATION! Hang up immediately. The IRS will not call you they always send a letter first.

TOGETHER AT THE SPRINGS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

MARCH 3-4, 2017 -
 Cost \$224 per couple
 \$99 Non-Refundable Deposit
 Due by Dec. 4th

Sign-up sheet at the "Welcome Center".
 Contact the office if you are interested.

HELP NEEDED!

Mrs. Brenda Nixon is asking for help with bringing food for the families that have lost loved ones. If you have not already signed up, and would like to, there are sign-up sheet at the "Welcome Center". Please give your name and telephone number so that she can contact you when needed. For more information please see Mrs. Brenda Nixon. Thank you!



- Birthdays of the Month**
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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 - Mary Meadows | 8 - Alden Morris | 18 - Lakin Smith |
| 3 - Regina Lackey | 9 - Sharon Permenter | 21 - Agnes Thornton |
| 4 - Levi Gilley | 11 - Shirley O'Dell | 22 - Gary James |
| 5 - Blake Eddy | 11 - Kaitlyn Scott | 23 - Todd Kuykendall |
| 6 - Jimmy Arnold | 12 - Charles Lamar | 23 - Heath Willis |
| 6 - Alli Isbell | 13 - Kevin Bowling | 24 - Denise Hodge |
| 7 - Mark Counts | 13 - Lily Burleson | 25 - Greg Beasley |
| 7 - Charlie Moseley | 13 - Logan Burleson | 26 - Wanda Berry |
| 8 - Brenda Hudson | 13 - Keely Massey | 28 - Floyd Aday |
| | 14 - Anna Nix | 28 - Joan Curtis |
| | 15 - Ryan Balch | 28 - Pat Wear |
| | 15 - Betty Fuller | 29 - Heather White |
| | 16 - Judy Carruth | 30 - Mary Lou Posey |
| | 17 - Betty Bradford | 30 - Marilyn Tedder |
| | 18 - T. C. Hallmark | 31 - Anna Borden |
| | 18 - Maria Simon | |

Valley Grove, Thank you for providing the children with school supplies.

- * Aug. 3 - Rich Young Ruler
- * Aug. 7 - Gentleness
- * Aug. 10 - Jesus was anointed
- * Aug. 14 - Humility
- * Aug. 17 - Jesus cleanses the temple
- * Aug. 21 - Saving Faith
- * Aug. 24 - The Widow's Gift
- * Aug. 28 - Trust and Obey
- * Aug. 31 - The Emmaus Disciples

5 Finger Prayer

God is always ready to hear our prayers, and we are encouraged to receive grace and mercy from Him in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Sometimes we need help with knowing whom and what to pray for. Below is the five finger prayer guide to help you with praying.

1. **The thumb is closest to you.** - We must begin prayer by praying for our family and friends. They are the ones closest to us.
 The Bible teaches us to pray for our enemies who are also close to us. We are to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44) and repay evil for a blessing (1 Peter 3:9) because we will inherit a blessing.
2. **The pointing finger (index).** - The pointing finger reminds us of those who teach, instruct, and heal. We must pray for teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support in pointing others in the right direction,

- Anniversary Blessings*
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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 - Sammy & Joyce Dennis | 12 - Danny & Sherrie Myhan |
| 4 - Mike & Susan Rackley | 26 - Ed & Susan Kirby |
| 6 - Doug & Phyllis Myhan | 31 - Steve & Peggy Houston |
| 11 - Rickey & Connie Posey | |
| 11 - Tommy & Patsy Peters | |
| 14 - Bill & JoAnn Hare | |
| 29 - Gary & Tammy James | |

HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

August 28th

Bible Classes goal - 250
 Worship Service Goal - 300

What we get by achieving our goal is not as important as what we become by achieving our goal.

A Godly goal properly set is halfway reached. 125 x 2 = 250

Prayer & sacrifice by EACH CLASS reaches our Bible Classes goal:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
 Philippians 4:13

and have great influence on society.

3. **The longest finger (middle).** - The longest finger represents the leaders who are in charge of our country. Pray for the president, governor, and leaders of industry. Pray that God will give them Wisdom to lead our country.

In Jonah 3:6-10, the King of Nineveh prayed to God to save his nation from destruction. Pray for the decision makers of our country to repent and seek God's will

4. **The ring finger.** - As the weakest finger, the ring finger reminds us to pray for the weak. They continuously need our prayers.

In James 5:16, the Bible tells us to pray for one another. When we pray for others, we serve them.

5. **The little finger (pinkie).** - The little finger is the smallest finger and reminds us to pray for ourselves and our relationships with God and others. The Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you (Matthew 23:11)."

- **The first step** in praying for ourselves is to confess our sins before God (John 1:9).
- **The second step** in praying for ourselves is to give thanks for all God has given us (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- **The third step** in praying for ourselves is to reveal the matters of our heart. Trust God and He will lead you. Remember, Romans 8:28, "All things work together for the good of those who love Him."

Thanks, Mary