



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Justin Arnold Deacon Meeting	4 MMM Visiting Grief Share	5 Alfonso Simon Basketball Ministry	6 *Greg & Jennifer Beasley Greg Isbell Kevin Massey Business Meeting	7 Judy Vafeas	8 1 Holly Kuykendall	9 2 Holly Kuykendall
10 Betty Lindsey Jessica McGee	11 Jaxson King MMM Bible Study Grief Share	12 Basketball Ministry	13 Caleb Bowling	14 Betty Aycock Jennifer Beasley Tommy Peters	15 Monica Berryman Pam Hand Kenya Kelly Newsletter Article Due	16
17	18 Holly Robbins WMU Grief Share	19 Luke Archer Sherry Monson Basketball Ministry Long Range Planning	20 Rusty Harper Susan Kirby	21	22	23 Men's Ministry Breakfast
24 Addison Myrick	25 Justice Aycock MMM Bible Study Grief Share	26 Bill Hare	27	28 *L. C. & Mollie Jeffries Dusty Kuykendall	29 Nathan Hall Shelaine Senn Susan Young	30
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NURSERY CARE

Sunday, January 3
am - Tina Tverberg, Linda Isbell, Katie Looney, Freddie & Carol Morris
pm - Carol Kuykendall, Norma Hallmark

Wednesday, January 6
Linda Counts, Susan Young

Sunday, January 10
am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Logan Tverberg, Dana Massey, Amanda Gomez
pm - Lura Agee, Joy South, Shelia McCrary

Wednesday, January 13
Wanda Berry, Shelia Creasy

Sunday, January 17
am - Sue Jeffreys, Dorothy Cabaniss, Patricia Gomez, Allison Beasley, April Simon
pm - Tiffany Hill, Phyllis Myhan

Wednesday, January 20
Mary Jane McDonald, Susan Rackley

Sunday, January 24
am - Joyce Dennis, Charlotte Jeffreys, Meagan Rumble, Doug McDonald, Rhonda Keenum, Nita O'Brien
pm - Penny Townsend, Tonya Reid

Wednesday, January 27
Faye Hester, Brenda Nixon

Sunday, January 31
am - Tina Tverberg, Linda Isbell, Katie Looney, Freddie & Carol Morris
pm - Carol Kuykendall, Norma Hallmark

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM

3 - Gary James, Charles Lamar
10 - Rhonda Keenum, Patricia Gomez
17 - Wayne Jeffreys, Jeremy Scott
24 - Darryl Tverberg, Larry Allen
31 - T. C. Hallmark, Doug Myhan

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2016

Every Week

Sunday School.....Sundays 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....Sundays 10:30 am
Celebration Choir.....Sundays 4:30 pm
Discipleship Training.....Sundays 5:00 pm
Evening Worship.....Sundays 6:00 pm
Grief Share.....Mondays 6:30 pm
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.....HAPPY NEW YEAR!
3rd.....Deacon Meeting, 4:00 pm
4th.....Monday Morning Ministry Visiting, 10:00 am
6th.....Business Meeting
11th.....Monday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
15th.....NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE
18th.....WMU, 10:00 am
19th.....Long Range Planning Meeting, 6:00 pm
23rd.....Men's Ministry Breakfast, 8:00 am
25th.....Monday Morning Ministry Bible Study, 10:00 am

**BE DILIGENT TO PRESENT YOURSELF
APPROVED TO GOD, A WORKER
WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED,
RIGHTLY DIVIDING
THE WORD OF TRUTH.**

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 3
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Greg Newell
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Susan Young

Wednesday, January 6
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Jim Sanderson
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Mary Jane McDonald

Sunday, January 10
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Lura Agee
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Lanny Jeffreys

Wednesday, January 13
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Ed Kirby
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Susan Kirby

Sunday, January 17
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Chuck Bryant
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Alisha Bryant

Wednesday, January 20
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Larry Creasy
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Shelia Creasy

Sunday, January 24
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Don Bradford
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Betty Bradford

Wednesday, January 27
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Randy Tate
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Ashley Carpenter

Sunday, January 31
Van 1 - Reba Newell, John Permenter
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Sharon Permenter
**Riders for Sundays can split duties on Van 1 unless Van 2 runs. Check with drivers & riding partner on Saturday.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I am so excited to begin this New Year with a vision. The Scripture says, in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The year as we begin our new Spiritual Growth University I know it's going to be a great year. I really look for this year to be a year that we will always remember. I am so thankful to be the pastor of Valley Grove and to have the opportunity that we have here now. New homes in our community means that we have more work to do. More people to invite to come to church and more people to tell about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I want to take a moment to share with you about each of the classes that will be offered on Sunday night at 5:00 for our Spiritual Growth University.

- **Not a Fan:** This book is about Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus. Jesus never intended for us to sit on the sidelines and cheer. We are to be in the game. This will challenge you from a fair-weather fan to a full time follower of Christ. It will challenge the most obedient Christian and to re-look our relationship with Christ.
- **I am a Church member:** Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference. I want to share with you what Ronnie Floyd, the senior pastor of Cross Church in Arkansas said. "Timely. Needed. Powerful. Simple. Clear. Biblical. This book needs to be read by every pastor and every church member globally. Find a way to get it to every Christ-follower. I will do all I can do in my church. Thank for calling us back to the Bible."
- **Fervent:** This study is based on the movie "War Room" which will be showing at Valley Grove in the very near future. It will talk about launching a prayer ministry in our church. You will be challenged to consider your overall prayer life and our daily responsibility to praying. Creating a war Room in our church for prayer.
- **Returning to Holiness:** A biblical guide to daily cleansing. It's really a journey to Revival. This is a soul stirring book. It will challenge your life in all areas. It simply break things down so that we can understand them better and also has questions for reflection in the chapters. I promise you will find this study very interesting.
- **I Will:** Sometimes we say, "I should, I could, I might." But this study will share with you on how to say "I Will." This is one of the most powerful books that I have ever read. It will teach you so much. You will be challenged to be obedient and faithful in you walk with the Lord. I promise this message will change your life.
- **How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life:** This study is the Biblical path to Holiness and Relationship with God. Prayer is the heart and soul of every successful relationship with God. This book will share the importance of prayer in your personal life. Your relationship will become more personal and real. You will not be disappointed in this study.

I know you have questions. I do to. This is our first time to try this but much prayer and thought have gone into this Spiritual Growth University. We know there will be some bumps to go over but we will cross that when we get

there. You will have an opportunity to go through each of these courses later on as we get going. Our purpose is to make disciples and now it's up to all of us to fulfill the Great Commission.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Bro. Greg

FROM YOUR YOUTH/SENIOR ADULT DIRECTOR

How well would you say that you are as a Disciple of Christ? Read this:

The following letter was written by an African pastor from Zimbabwe. It was found in his desk after he was martyred for his faith in Jesus. Take time to read it and reflect on the meaning in this powerful declaration.

I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed, I have the Holy Spirit power, the die has been cast, I have stepped over the line, the decision has been made: I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I do not have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean in His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer, and I labor with power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions are few, my guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I won't give up, shut up, let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up for the cause of Jesus Christ.

I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till everyone knows, work till He stops me, and when He comes for His own, He will have no trouble recognizing me because my banner will have been clear.

As you evaluate yourself decide where growth needs to happen in your journey.

Frankie

FROM YOUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

As the New Year quickly approaches, I am reminded of how wonderful and committed our teachers and volunteers are at Valley Grove. They have a true calling from God.

This is reminiscent of God's calling to Moses. When the Lord saw him turn to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" and he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3:4.

This verbal exchange astonishes me because God already knew He had Moses' attention. He had waited until

Moses looked before He called out. God already knew where Moses was.

Yet, God called Moses twice. It was no mistake. He didn't want an informational response, but one of commitment. Moses made himself available and replied, "Here I am."

God required Moses' attention and accessibility before laying out His purpose. It's the same with each of us. God doesn't yell out His orders from a bush. He waits for us to gaze on Him and for our hearts to be willing.

If we want God's purpose in our lives, then we have to seek and be available for it.

- ◇ Jan. 3 - General Epistles 2
- ◇ Jan. 7 - Pop Tab Night - Kids will collect and bring pop tabs.
- ◇ Jan. 11 - Revelation Part 1
- ◇ Jan. 14 - Flashlight Night - Kids will play games with flashlights.
- ◇ Jan. 18 - Revelation Part 2
- ◇ Jan. 21 - Crazy Hair Night - Kids will wear their hair in crazy ways.
- ◇ Jan. 25 - Big Questions About God
- ◇ Jan. 28 - Stuffed Animal Night - Kids will bring their favorite stuffed animal.

Mary

FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

God has been good to us in 2015. Each year experiences impact our lives. I am very thankful for our music here at Valley Grove. Certainly there have been trials and challenges, but the Father continues to remind us of His faithfulness every day.

As we look forward to 2016, we do not know what to expect. We have two choices...we either turn back in unbelief or we pray and trust Him for all of our needs. If we hold to our faith, we will experience and achieve things we never thought possible.

I am excited and hopeful for the music ministry and for what God has in store for us to do in 2016.

Truly the One who has given us so great a salvation is worthy of our praise and service. As we begin the new year, I pray our thoughts will be about the wonderful message we have been given to proclaim.

We must proceed in faithful in obedience to Him, confident in HIS unfailing love toward us. This is sure to make 2016 the best year yet.

May God bless each of you and may we each grow in the faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we present His message through the ministry of music.

I would also like to extend a special invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of our choir. We would love for you to join us.

Lynn

FROM YOUR OFFICE/EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Four New Year's resolutions for 2016

What part of your life do you want to transform next year?

As the New Year comes around, many of us become reflective and consider the parts of our lives that we would like to transform. Often these revolve around kicking bad habits or developing new disciplines. So, what is the place of resolutions in the Christian life?

What are your resolutions this year?

New Year could be the perfect time (though any day is great) to commit yourself to pursuing disciplines and habits that will help you run the race and win the prize. These could include:

1. **Plan to get into God's Word** - It could be a devotional, reading the bible in a year, listening to a sermon, dwelling on a verse.
2. **Pray daily** - Set time aside for prayer, be structured in praying for people and issues in the world by using prayer lists, start a prayer journal, find a place to go each day to pray.
3. **Work on your problem areas** - Pray that God will reveal the sin in your life to work on this year. Acknowledge, confess and repent of this sin. Find someone to be accountable to and meet and pray with them this year – consider a prayer triplet!
4. **Develop a positive habit** - There may be other areas in your life that you may feel you should be working on. These may include eating better, sleeping better, exercising more, getting more organized etc. Remember we are physical beings as well as spiritual. We need to be working on both to be functional!

Don't rely just on willpower. The world is pretty cynical about New Year's resolutions. According to research you are most likely to revert to old behaviors between 5-7 times before changing your ways and it takes at least 66 days to develop a new habit. It is little wonder that most resolutions don't see it past January. But thankfully, as Christians we have a greater power at work in us that can enable us to see things through. The Spirit of God works within us conforming us to the image of Christ. If He is for us – who can be against us? And what is better – we know there is forgiveness and grace when we do slip up. So why not take the time this coming New Year to consider the aspects of your life that need working on while resolving each and every day to choose to live for Christ.

Molly

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

GOAL: \$5,000
Received: \$5,902

Be a **light** in a
dark world!