

GOOD NEWS



By Pastor French

"Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its ardor unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like the very flame of the Lord." Song of Songs 8:6

A young lady walked into a fabric shop, went to the counter, and asked the owner for some noisy, rustling, white material. The owner found two such bolts of fabric, but was rather puzzled at the young lady's motives. Why would anyone want several yards of noisy material? Finally the owner's curiosity got the better of him and he asked the young lady why she particularly wanted noisy cloth.

She answered: "You see, I am making a wedding gown, and my fiance is blind. When I walk down the aisle, I want him to know when I've arrived at the altar, so he won't be embarrassed.' Such a lucky man! We should all love our mates with such burning love, the very flame of the Lord (what His love is like for us). Are you the last of the red hot lovers or a cold fish? Find out at our annual Valentine contest!

Love-ly superlatives

To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the greatest human achievement. —St. Augustine



GOING ON EVERY WEEK:

EVERY MONDAY and WEDNESDAY
VV Fitness/Dance 2:00 pm

EVERY MONDAY EVENING
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm

EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Know What You Believe 4:00 pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
Faith Builder's Bible Study/Prayer Fellowship 6:30 pm
Worship Team Music Practice 7:15 pm

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
2nd Sat Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
(Every other at Presbyterian Church)
As announced:
Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING
Bakery 8:30 and 9:45 am
Bible Study 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:15 am

SUNDAY EVENINGS as announced:
Potluck 5:30 pm
Film 6:30 pm
Inspiration Sunday 6:30 pm

Valle Vista Community Church
Carrying on the will and
work of Jesus Christ



*Giving is meant to be a joyful expression
of thanks to God from the heart, not a legalistic obligation.*

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By *Richard Ulrich*

Now this is the kind of January I remember from when I moved here 26 years ago. Mild weather with cool nights. Makes me happy to be in Arizona.

This past month the men held their first Men's Breakfast of the year here at Valle Vista which was well attended. We all left with full stomachs and a heart full of the spirit. Thank you Pastor Keith for all you do for this ministry.

On the 19th our church had a chili cookoff after services. The attendance was outstanding and so was the chili. It was so good I can't even remember which chili won. They were all so good I had a hard time judging as I'm sure most attenders had the same problem. Thanks to all those who entered and to all those who brought all the food to go with the chili. A plus is that no fire extinguishers were needed.

Just a thought on closing – "Complaining about a silent God while your Bible is closed, is like complaining about not getting texts when your phone is turned off."

See you around the church.
Your Church Mouse



There are many prayer needs in the church, too numerous to mention here. To keep the list updated and current, could you please take the time to update the pastor with a green card with new information and /or to remove a request. The prayer list may be found on the information table in church entry way.

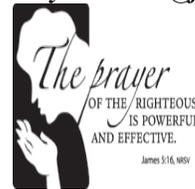
*Romans 12:12 NIV says,
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer."*

Call Barb Brown (692-1531) if you have news, prayer requests or any information which is pertinent to our church family.

*If Barb is not available,
call Linda Pistorious
(692-5281)*

*To input in newsletter call Sue Ulrich
(692-8542)*

*Also, we have our email prayer chain. Send your requests to
Sylvia Dillow at sylviadillow@frontiernet.net*



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/8 Men's Breakfast at Kingman Presbyterian 8:00 am
2/9 VVCC Annual Valentine Contest 10:15 am
2/16 Wade Hammond Concert 10:15 am
2/16 After Church Valentine Potluck 11:30 am

Women's Fitness Mondays and Wednesdays 2 to 2:45 pm
Every Monday: AA Meeting 7:00 pm
Every Tuesday: Firm Foundation Class 4:00 pm
Every Wednesday: Faith Builders Bible Study 6:30 pm
Worship Team Music Practice 7:15 pm

Every Sunday:

Bible Study 9:00 am Church Service 10:15 am
Church Website at vallevistacommunitychurch.webplus.net.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MON.-TUES.-FRI: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

WED: 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm



We continue to remember Elliott Lovelace in prayer.

WADE HAMMOND



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



BIRTHDAYS

Jim Kindell	02/09
Rebecca Taylor	02/12
Gene Pistorius	02/24
Robin Pate	02/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Roger and Darlene Chantel	02/19
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Special Events

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2020
- Presidents Day, February 17, 2020
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 23, 2020
- Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
- Leap Day, February 29, 2020

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ADULTS - A BIBLE STUDY FOR YOU! *Monte Wilson*

We gather every Sunday morning at 8:30 for coffee and treats, and then study from 9:00 to 9:45. This is a study of God's word and not of man's doctrine.

We are studying spiritual gifts, so come discover how to apply God's word to your life!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH *Judy French*

Every Sunday at 10:15 am we are having so much fun working our way through the books of the Bible –We are learning lots, but always enjoy a craft or game and, of course, a snack!

Bring the kids so they can join Judy and Lauren as they explore God's word.

THE BAKERY ***Every Sunday Morning*** ***8:30 am and 9:45 am*** ***Coffee & Fellowship*** ***At the Bakery***

**The Bakery is open between
Sunday School and Church**

**Be a booster and make
donations for something
to go with your coffee!
Please be sure to be back
in the sanctuary for
Worship Service by 10:15!**

Thanks to those bring cookies or
desert to go for our bakery! We
appreciate you.

And thank you to all volunteers!



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Watch Bulletin for announcements.
We are meeting for our Bible studies on a regular basis. Please join us!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday

10:00 am

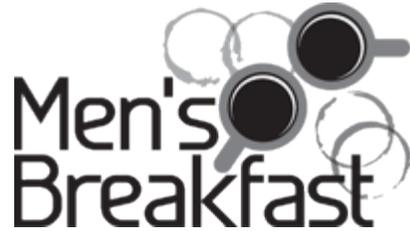
Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Carolyn Wilson 757-7282

Ladies VV Fitness/Dance

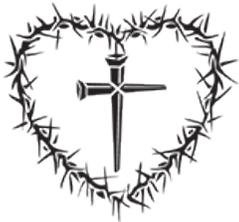
MON. & WED. 2:00 - 2:45 pm

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Saturday, February 8th
8:00 am

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Our Lenten focus

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

A prayer for Ash Wednesday

Mary Coleridge (1861-1907)

**Lord of the winds,
I cry to thee,
I that am dust,
and blown about
by every gust
I fly to thee.
Lord of the waters,
unto thee I call.
I that am weed
upon the waters borne,
and by the waters torn,
tossed by the waters,
at thy feet I fall.**

Bible Quiz



The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word “love” occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

Answer: See bottom of last page.

In the image of love

While using play therapy with young cancer patients, social worker Amy Jandrisevits found that kids identify best with dolls that resemble them — yet doll diversity was rare.

As described in *Gather* magazine, she launched a line called “A Doll Like Me” that customizes dolls not only to “a child’s ethnicity, gender, hair color and interests, but also their physical characteristics such as clefts, birthmarks, scars and limb differences.” She adds, “It is more than just a doll to a child; it is a representation of the child who owns it.” So far, Jandrisevits has made 300+ dolls for kids worldwide — a project she considers to be a ministry.

Dolls representing vast human differences are a profound reminder that God infused the world with variety and pronounced it good. Just as each custom-made doll is made in the image of the child who will adopt and love it, we’re made in the image of God, who claims us as his beloved children forever.



The very best valentine

Almost everyone — at least of the female persuasion — knows the romantic meaning of the phrase “hearts and flowers.” Valentine’s Day is coming! What will I get from my boyfriend ... my husband ... my best friend? I’m hoping for some sort of bouquet, a card full of loving words and red hearts, candy or at least a sweet balloon.

Human beings may disappoint. That special someone may forget to check the calendar for February 14. But even if he doesn’t come through exactly as I hope, I can still be amazed and happy with the valentine I am sure to receive every day from my heavenly Father and his Son: words of delight and joy and caring — always surrounding me with love and more love. These are the best “hearts and flowers” I could ever have, and which I do have, on Valentine’s Day and throughout eternity.

Sandy Hyland

Looking for love

Though not a fan of making New Year’s resolutions, Jen Kramer decided to add meaning to 2018 by declaring it #theyearoflove. Each day she wrote a “love note” to a different person, expressing gratitude and offering encouragement. Recipients ranged from waiters and custodians to relatives and a terminally ill friend.

The experiment may have stemmed from the sudden, unexpected death of Kramer’s father while she was away at college. “Why don’t we say those things to people while they’re here?” she tells the *Chicago Tribune*. “It’s easy to be kind, and it’s easy to tell people how you feel.”

Kramer’s campaign didn’t cost a cent, yet it changed her life and touched hundreds of people in the process. Wherever she went, she discovered that “love showed up.” It’s simple, Kramer says: “You just have to look

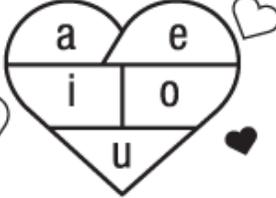


PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.



“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
L _ v _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: C

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

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