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August 27, 2023

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VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH'S MISSION:

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the church & loving the community.

OH GIVE THANKS (PSALM 107)

Verse 1

We were wand'ring in the desert
With our souls so starved and weak
We were hungry for a homeland
We did not know how to seek
But we lifted up our voices
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy came and
brought us near

Verse 2

We were locked out of the garden
And our backs bend down with pain
In the shadow of death's darkness
We were slaves to sin and blame
Then we cried out in our labor
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy wiped away our
tears

Chorus

Oh give thanks to the Lord
For His love endures forever
We were wandering and lost
And our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place
To a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is
good

Verse 3

We were fools in our rebellion
With our hunger strike of pride
We were sick and growing closer
To the death we should have died
Then He heard of our condition
And He called us by our names
And the God of glory took away our
shame

Chorus

Oh give thanks to the Lord
For His love endures forever
We were wandering and lost
And our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place
To a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He
is good

Verse 4

We were far out on the ocean
Making wealth and chasing
dreams
But the waves of great
destruction
Brought us trembling to our
knees
And we cried like drunken sailors
To the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took
away our fears

Chorus (2x)

Oh give thanks to the Lord
For His love endures forever
We were wandering and lost
And our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place
To a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He
is good

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE GROUP SIGN-UPS BEGIN TODAY

Life Groups are the primary vehicle of discipleship at Valley Bible Church. While Sundays are our corporate worship time, our weekly Life Groups are where the real ministry of the church takes place. Groups are typically made up of 10 to 12 people who meet weekly to pray, share, study, and support one another. Meetings are usually 1½-2 hours long and include a time of discussion led by a trained facilitator, fellowship, and light refreshments. If you would like to join a Life Group this fall, visit the sign-up table today! The full Life Group schedule for 2023-24 is on page 15 of this bulletin.

VBC KIDS FALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fall session is starting on Sunday, Sept. 10. We are looking for the following volunteers: **Preschool Assistant(s)**, 9:30 service, 2x month or every week; **PreK-K Teacher**, 9:30 service, 2x month; **Floater/Extra Assistant(s)**, 9:30 service, 1-3x month; **Preschool Assistant**, 11:00 Service Sept 10-24; **Substitute Teachers & Assistants**, especially for Preschool. Please contact Jennifer Dokken if you are interested, jennifer@spokanevbc.org.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The 12-week Understanding Your Grief Support Group is for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one, designed to help understand and encourage healthy mourning in a safe Christian environment. The fall session runs Sept. 14 through Dec. 7 and meets Thursday evenings at VBC. Contact Teresa Gay (509-385-1113) for more info and to register.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

VBC's Women's Ministry is offering 3 different Bible studies this fall! For class descriptions, go to spokanevbc.org/women/womens-bible-study. Sign-ups coming soon! We are hoping to offer childcare -- if you can help with childcare, please contact Marlene Zeis at dmzeis@comcast.net.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

We are collecting back-to-school items for University Elementary and CV Virtual School. Supply lists are on page 15 of this bulletin. The last day to drop off donations in the bin next to the church office is next Sunday, Sept. 3.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have tech skills or are willing to learn how to operate audio, video, or lighting, we want to invite you to join the VBC Technology Team! Email benjamin@spokanevbc.org to indicate your interest.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Men, ages high school and older, who are interested in growing in leadership roles are invited to read *The Conviction to Lead* by Albert Mohler. The kick-off meeting will be a BBQ on Friday, Sept. 29, at 6 pm.

GIVING REPORT

General: August \$59,357 / YTD \$698,565
Building Fund: Given \$44,737



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GOD MY ROCK

Verse 1

When my heart is overwhelmed
I will look to You alone
God my rock, God my rock, God
my rock
You will stand when others fall
You are faithful through it all
God my rock, God my rock, God
my rock

Pre-chorus

In the blessing in the pain
Through it all You've never failed
me

Chorus 1

You are the strength of my heart
You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You
I can rely on You

Verse 2

When I've struggled to believe
You have not let go of me
God my rock, God my rock, God my rock
Carried through the darkest storms
You have held me in Your arms
God my rock, God my rock, God my rock

Pre-chorus

Chorus 2 (2x)

You are the strength of my heart
You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You
I can rely on You
You are the joy of my life
You are my song in the night
No other love so true
Jesus I trust in You

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O GOD, OUR HELP (WE TRUST IN YOU)

Verse 1

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Verse 2

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Chorus

We trust in You, our Hope
We trust in You, our Joy
We trust in You, our Life
Unchanging God of grace

Verse 3

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Verse 4

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

Chorus (2x)

Verse 5

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing

For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing

Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Verse 3

And tho' this world with devils
filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath
willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Verse 4

That word above all earthly
pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever
His kingdom is forever

THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I

Ben Orchard / August 27, 2023 / Psalm 61



A photo of Engedi. "Now when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, 'Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.' Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats." 1 Samuel 24:1-2

THE SOLID ROCK

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

Verse 4

When He shall come
With trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus (2x)

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance
flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the
wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with
suffering
Though there's pain in the
offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus 1

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Bridge (2x)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus (2x)

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name



FALL KICKOFF

— *Ministry Guide* —

GROW & CONNECT AT VBC

There are several ministries kicking off Sunday, Sept. 10, to help you grow in your walk with the Lord and connect with your church family!

ADULT MINISTRIES

LIFE GROUPS are weekly gatherings of 8-12 adults who desire to grow together by studying God's Word, investing in relationships, supporting one another, and seeking opportunities to reach out to those around them with the Gospel. Each group is led by a trained leader and includes a time of fellowship and light refreshments. To sign up, visit the Life Group table today or email lifegroups@spokanevbc.org.

spokanevbc.org/life-groups

Beginning the week of 9/17, days vary | 1.5-2 hours per week

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- *Our Eternal Home* - Much of what many Christians believe about our eternal state comes from Platonism and not the Bible. This class will examine what the Bible says about our eternal home. It will answer questions such as: *Where do we go when we die? What will our resurrection bodies be like? Are the New Heavens and New Earth going to be real physical places? What will we be doing for all eternity?* Taught by Dr. Mike Powell. 4-week class in Room 130.

- *The Role of God in the Lives of the Devoted, the Disobedient, and the Dastardly* - In this class we will examine the lives of biblical personalities and how their actions relate to God's purpose. We will explore questions such as: *If God foreordains all things, what about evil? Is God's plan based on His foresight of what He knows His creatures will do? Do humans have free will?* Taught by Rich King. 12-week class in room 130b.

Both classes begin Sunday, 9/10 | 9:30-10:40 am

IGNITE provides college/career-age adults an opportunity for fellowship and Christian growth alongside peers. For more information, email chris@spokanevbc.org.

Fall Kick-off BBQ TBA

GLOBAL OUTREACH TEAM

VBC supports almost 20 global outreach partners (and their families) serving in over ten countries spanning four continents. The goal of the Global Outreach team is to maintain personal relationships with these partners, encourage them, and support their ministries. If you would like to join the team or learn more, email caleb@spokanevbc.org.

spokanevbc.org/global-outreach

3rd Sunday of every month | 12:30 pm | Room 130a

BRIDGE MINISTRIES provides free pastoral counseling, rooted in Scripture, to our church and our community.

spokanevbc.org/bridge-ministries

PRAYER TEAM gathers weekly on Sunday mornings to pray for the worship services, staff, volunteers, and other specific requests.

Sundays | 7:30 am | Room 130

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF is for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one, designed to help understand and encourage healthy mourning in a safe Christian environment. The fall session runs Sept. 14-Dec. 7 and meets at VBC. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 12. Contact Teresa Gay, (509) 385-1113 to register.

Thursdays, beginning 9/14 | Pre-registration required | 6:30-8:15 pm | Room 130a

MEN'S MINISTRIES

SPOKANEVBC.ORG/MEN

MEN'S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE is a new effort for men who desire to take on responsibility in their vocation and community. We ask anyone interested, ages high school and older, to read *The Conviction to Lead* by Albert Mohler.

Kick-off BBQ on Sept. 29 at 6 pm | ben@spokanevbc.org for more info

MEN'S BREAKFAST is offered on the second Saturday of every month to men 13 and older. We will be studying the book *It's Good to Be a Man* by Michael Foster and Dominic Bnonn Tennant.

Beginning 9/9 | 8-9:30 am | Room 130 | vbcpointmen@gmail.com for more info

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

SPOKANEVBC.ORG/WOMEN

TITUS 2 WOMEN'S MENTORING offers mentorship training and networking for women who want to nurture, equip, and encourage younger women at VBC in their pursuit to become godly wives and mothers. We also provide gift baskets to women in the church who could use a bit of encouragement.

Contact Tara Orchard, titus2@spokanevbc.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 9:30 am

- *Surrender: The Heart God Controls* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. A 9-week study facilitated by Marlene Zeis & Phyllis Morgan.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

- *Free from Bondage God's Way* by Kay Arthur. A 13-week inductive Bible study facilitated by Jen Morton.

- *Spirit-Led Postures for Approaching God's Word*. A 12-week Bible study facilitated by Julie Baker.

Sign-up info TBA | spokanevbc.org/women/womens-bible-study

BLANKET MAKERS make quilts to give to those who are in need of comfort and support in the church or the greater Spokane area, as well as to our global outreach partners around the world. No sign-up necessary, just bring your own sewing supplies and lunch. Contact Billie Hersh to learn more, hersh-e@comcast.net.

1st Saturday & 3rd Thursday of every month | 9 am - 3 pm | Room 130a

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST is offered on the third Saturday of every month to women high school age and up.

3rd Saturday of each month, beginning 9/16 | 9 am - 11 am | Room 130

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SPOKANEVBC.ORG/VBC-KIDS

NURSERY is open to infants and children up to 3 years old during all three services.

VBC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL (offered to ages 3 years - 5th grade) offers different curriculum during the 9:30 and 11 am services, each designed to teach through the entire Bible within a 3- to 4-year period.

Children may be checked in before each service starts at one of the check-in stations, then attend the singing portion of the adult worship service with their parents before being dismissed to Sunday School. For parents attending Adult Sunday School during the 9:30 service, they will have the option to drop off their kids early for an informal introduction activity. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Dokken, jennifer@spokanevbc.org.

Sundays, beginning 9/10 | 9:30 & 11 am | VBC Kids Wing

YOUTH MINISTRY

SPOKANEVBC.ORG/YOUTH

At VBC, we take the responsibility to disciple our youth seriously. Connect (6th-8th grade) and The Pursuit (9th-12th grade) ministries help lay a foundation for the Christian faith through biblical instruction, Christian fellowship, and opportunities to serve. It is our joy to partner with parents in shepherding our youth as they emerge into adulthood. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Chris Martin, chris@spokanevbc.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL is offered during the first service for middle and high school.

Middle School (Fellowship Hall): New Testament Survey

High School (room 151): Hot Topics Mini-Series

Sundays, beginning 9/10 | 9:30-10:40 am

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP brings students together to fellowship around truth and relationships. Middle school and high school students study God's Word, sing, enjoy activities, and fellowship in small groups.

Middle School: Ecclesiastes

High School: Ecclesiastes

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30 pm | Auditorium

COURAGEOUS CONQUERORS is a new Sunday School option during the 9:30 service for differently abled students, including individuals who have challenges in reading and writing. This class is designed for students in 6th-12th grade who may benefit from a curriculum in between elementary and secondary school levels of learning. Courageous Conquerors will be flexibly tailored to the students in attendance, incorporating multiple learning styles as developmentally appropriate. Please call Stephanie at the church office (509-928-5161) for more information and/or to enroll your student. We are also looking for a co-teacher and assistants.

Sundays, beginning 9/10 | 9:30 am | Pre-enrollment required | Room 152

PARTNER SCHOOLS SUPPLY LIST

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
Stapler with replacement staples (adult use)	Stapler with replacement staples (adult use)	Expo Markers - 4
1 Ream of white copy paper (around 500 sheets)	1 Ream of white copy paper (around 500 sheets)	Crayons - set of 24
Multicolor Construction Paper (Around 50-100 sheets)	Small whiteboard (approximately 9x12.....no lines)	Markers - set of 8
Small whiteboard (approximately 9x12.....no lines)	8 Expo markers (will need replenished throughout the yr)	Glue Sticks - 2 pack
4 Expo markers (dark colors)	1 box of crayons (24 count)	Scissors - 1
24 box of Crayons (crayola preferred)	1 box of #2 pencils (12 count)	Composition Notebooks: Wide Ruled - 2
Pack of 10, Fine-Tip Crayola Markers (Classic Colors)	Pack of 10, Broad-Line Crayola Markers (Classic Colors)	Erasers - 2 packs
Pack of 10, Broad-Line Crayola Markers (Classic Colors)	4 Glue sticks (will need replenished throughout the year)	Pencil Box - 1
2 Glue Sticks	Scissors (blunt tip)	1 pack colored pencils
Scissors (blunt tip)	2 pink erasers	Pencil box
3 Felt Tip Pens (Dark Blue, Dark Green or black)	3 Felt Tip Pens (Dark Blue, Dark Green or black)	Small white board (no lines)
3 Pack of Play-doh	Composition notebook- wide rule	Watercolor paint
Optional: Computer mouse		1 ream of white copy paper
		1 pack of Multicolored construction paper
Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Pencils - box of 12	Pencils - box of 12	Pencils- box of 12
Box of crayons or colored pencils	Pink Eraser (soft)	Colored pencils (pack of 10-12)
Box of markers	Crayons or Colored pencils	Markers (pack of 10-12)
2 pack of Sharpies	Glue sticks- 3	Glue sticks - 2
4 expo whiteboard markers - dark colors	Small whiteboard (approximately 9x12.....NO lines)	Scissors - 1
Small whiteboard - approx. 9x12	Sticky notes-1 pack 3x3	Fine tip sharpies - 2 pack
4 glue sticks	Ruler	Highlighters - 2
Scissors	Headphones	Small whiteboard (approximately 9 x 12)
1 pack sticky notes	Scissors	Expo whiteboard markers (dark colors) - 4
Headphones with a microphone	Highlighters- 2	Spiral OR composition notebooks- 3
Clear tape	4 Expo whiteboard markers (dark colors)	Pocket folder - 1
Small stapler & staples	3 Spiral notebooks	Pack of multicolor construction paper - 1
1 pack of white copy paper	3 Pocket folders	Pack of white copy paper - 1
1 pack multicolor construction paper	1 Pack multicolor construction paper	Pack of sticky notes - 2
3 notebooks - spiral or composition	1 Pack white copy paper	
Tote or container to keep all school supplies in	Tote or container to keep all supplies in	

2023-24 LIFE GROUP SCHEDULE

FALL SESSION (13 WEEKS)

August 27 - Sign-ups Begin
 September 17 - Fall Session Begins
 December 16 - Fall Session Ends

WINTER SESSION (11 WEEKS)

December 31 - Sign-ups Begin
 January 7 - Winter Session Begins
 March 23 - Winter Session Ends

SPRING SESSION (9 WEEKS)

April 7 - Spring Session Begins
 June 8 - Spring Session Ends



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