

ADVENT 2024

LIGHTING THE PATH

Join us this Friday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 pm in the VBC parking lot for our annual outdoor family Lighting the Path event! There will be Christmas carols, a countdown to lighting the path, food, a warm fire, hot chocolate, and activities!

IGNITE CHRISTMAS PARTY & CHRISTMAS BREAK

The young adults' group (ages 18-28) will host a Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 pm in Room 130. They will not meet Dec. 23 and Dec. 30, and will resume meeting on Monday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 pm.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Women's Christmas Party is planned for Saturday, Dec. 21, at 9 am. The speaker will be Diane Smithgall. Please RSVP at spokanevbc.org/events.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Join us on Christmas Eve for one of our candlelight services! The services this year are at 4:30 pm and 6 pm. The nursery is available for both services.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK

The VBC Youth Group will not meet on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1 for Christmas break. It will resume meeting Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 pm.

OUR MISSION

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

VBC NEWSLETTER

Join our weekly e-newsletter! This email is sent each Friday and features thoughts from the pastors, up-to-date information on events and announcements, and community engagement opportunities. You will also find life group questions, Sunday music playlists, Meal Trains, and links to the Sunday livestream. Visit spokanevbc.org/events and click the "Subscribe to the Newsletter" button.

THIS WEEK AT VBC

- Su Prayer Team**
7:30 am | 130B
- Mo Ignite Young Adult Group**
6:30 pm | 130
- Tu Men's Theology Study**
6:30 am | 130
- We Women's Morning Study**
9:30 am | 130
- Women's Evening Study**
6:15 pm | 130
- Youth Group 6 -12 grade**
6:30 pm | Auditorium
- Fr Lighting the Path**
5:30 pm | Parking Lot
- Sa Blanket Makers**
9 am | 130

Don't forget to check out the Union Gospel Mission Community Tree in the Portico!



Welcome to

VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

December 1, 2024

VISITING?

We're glad you're here! Be sure to stop by the Welcome Counter to pick up a Welcome Gift, which includes helpful information about VBC.

Communion will be served during today's service. If you need a gluten-free cup for allergy reasons, please contact an usher.

SUNDAY CHILDCARE & VBC KIDS

Children may be checked in before each service starts at a VBC Kids Check-In station, then attend the singing portion of the worship service with parents before being dismissed to Sunday School. For the 9:30 service, children may be dropped off at the beginning of the service for an informal introduction activity.

Note: The Nursing Mothers Room (120) is reserved for women and children only. If a dad needs to change his baby, he may use the changing table in the men's restroom.

8:00 am Service

Nursery | 0 - 3 Years Old | 122

9:30 am Service

Nursery | 0 - 3 Years Old | 122

3 Yrs - 5th Grade | VBC Kids Wing

- may be dropped off at beginning of service

11:00 am Service

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- dismissed after singing in main service

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School is offered during the 9:30 service. *Survey of Old Testament History* (taught by Mike Powell) meets in 130A, and *Doctrine of Salvation: from Eternity Past to Eternity Future* (taught by Rick King) meets in 130B/C.

Middle School meets in Room 150, *High School* meets in Room 151, and *Courageous Conquerors* meets in Room 152.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 4 - Last day of women's Bible studies

Dec. 5 - Anna Rockstrom memorial service

Dec. 6 - Lighting the Path

Dec. 16 - Ignite Christmas Party

Dec. 21 - Women's Christmas Party

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Jan. 5 - Prospective Members' Class begins

Visit spokanevbc.org/events for more information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

Flyers with information about Lighting the Path and Christmas Eve services are available at the Welcome Counter to share with neighbors and friends!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS

VBC Kids needs a 3rd-grade teacher twice a month in the 9:30 service from January to April, as well as more substitute teachers for all grade levels. We also need one nursery volunteer in the 9:30 service (1x/month) and two nursery volunteers in the 11:00 service (1x/month). Background checks are required for all positions. For more information or to volunteer, email Jennifer Dokken at jennifer@spokanevbc.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The last day of the Wednesday women's Bible studies is this Wednesday, Dec. 4.

ANNA ROCKSTROM MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Anna Rockstrom is planned for Thursday, Dec. 5, at 11 am in the VBC auditorium.

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WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS' CLASS

If you have decided to call VBC your church home and would like to pursue formal membership, please join the elders for a Prospective Members' Class beginning Sunday, Jan. 5, during the 9:30 service. We will discuss our mission, beliefs, and other important things to know about our church family.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION COMMUNITY TREE & WISH LISTS

We have partnered with Union Gospel Mission and are featuring one of their Community Trees in the Portico. Each ornament hanging on the tree has a gift card request from a UGM resident. Take an ornament home, go shopping for the specific request, and return or mail the gift to one of UGM's facilities! Gifts must be submitted by Friday, Dec. 20.

If you'd rather do your holiday shopping online, or just want to spread even more cheer, check out the UGM residents' Christmas wish lists at <https://bit.ly/4fSqy0q>. Gifts purchased from the list will be delivered directly to a UGM shelter.

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GIVING REPORT

General: Nov. \$69,181; YTD: \$1,131,877;
Building Fund: \$684,942