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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 7. For more information about local events, go to [www.nationaldayofprayer.org/events](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/events).

## CONNECT SPRING RETREAT

Middle school students (ages 11-14, grades 6-8) are invited to 23 hours of fun, food, fellowship, and service May 29-30. **Register before May 9 at [spokanevbc.org/events](http://spokanevbc.org/events).**

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

This month's Men's Breakfast is planned for this Saturday at 8 am in Room 130. High school age and older are welcome!

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Life Services Baby Bottle Campaign kicks off next Sunday! To donate online, go to [lifeservices.org/donate](http://lifeservices.org/donate).

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday School class, "Spiritual First Aid: Applying the Riches of God's Word to Suffering Souls," for high school students and adults will begin next Sunday in Room 130 during the 9 am service.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

This month's Women's Breakfast and free clothing swap are planned for Saturday, May 16, at 9 am in Room 130. High school age and older are welcome!

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

A celebration of life for Coleen Janzen is planned for Saturday, May 23, at 1 pm in the VBC auditorium.

## SEWING CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to pass on a love for sewing to the next generation? We need you! No quilting experience is needed to help children ages 9-16 create an amazing project at this year's Sewing Camp, planned for June 30-July 2. If you are at least 17 years old and would like to help, please register as a volunteer at [spokanevbc.org/events](http://spokanevbc.org/events). For more information, please email Kris Ainsworth at [kris@nightwhale.com](mailto:kris@nightwhale.com). Registration for campers opens Monday, May 18.

## NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON

If you are new or want to know more about VBC, you are invited to come to a free Newcomers' Luncheon on Sunday, May 31, at 12:30 pm in Room 130. Children are welcome. Please register at [spokanevbc.org/events](http://spokanevbc.org/events).

## VBC YOUTH SENIOR DINNER

High school students who regularly attend VBC Youth Group are cordially invited to a formal dinner to celebrate the class of 2026 on Sunday, May 31, at 5:30 pm in Room 150. Registration opens May 6 at [spokanevbc.org/events](http://spokanevbc.org/events).

# THIS WEEK

## Su Prayer Team

8:30 am | 124

## Sunday School classes

9 and 10:45 am |  
various classrooms

## Mo Ignite Young Adult Ministry

6:30 pm | ages 18-28 | 130

## We Women's Bible Study

9:30 am | 130A, 134, 135

## Women's Bible Studies

6:15 pm | 130B/C, 132

## Youth Group

6:30 pm | Auditorium

## Fr Mom's Group

10:30 am

## Sa Men's Breakfast

8 am | 130

SUNDAY MORNING AT

# VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

May 3, 2026

**Communion:** Communion will be served during the service for those who profess faith in Jesus Christ. If you need a gluten-free option for allergy reasons, please ask an usher.

**Hearing Devices:** If you need a hearing assistance device during the service, please ask an usher.

## Sunday School classes:

- High School and Adults: "Identity in Christ," Room 130, 9 am
- Adults: "Biblical Sense for Stewarding Your Cents," Room 130, 10:45 am
- Middle School: "Old Testament Survey," Room 151, 9 am
- Courageous Conquerors: Room 152, 9 am

**Giving:** Collection boxes are located at the main entrances to the auditorium. You may give online at [valleybible.churchcenter.com/giving](http://valleybible.churchcenter.com/giving).

## NURSERY & VBC KIDS

0-3 Years Old | Nursery (122)

3 Yrs-5th Grade | VBC Kids Wing

**Note:** Children are always welcome in the auditorium for the entire service! However, if they plan to attend Sunday School, they must be checked in at the beginning of the service.

## NURSING MOTHERS

A room for mothers who need extra privacy to nurse babies is in the back of the auditorium. Changing tables are located in the North Hallway restrooms.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Access today's sermon (video and audio), music playlist, Life Group questions, and bulletin at [spokanevbc.org/sermons](http://spokanevbc.org/sermons).



## VISITING?

Please pick up a Connection Card at the auditorium entrances, at the Welcome Counter, or scan the QR code below to share a little about yourself! Visit the Welcome Counter to receive a gift with more information about VBC.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- May 9 - Men's Breakfast
- May 10 - Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- May 16 - Women's Breakfast
- May 29-30 - Connect Spring Retreat
- May 31 - Newcomers' Luncheon
- May 31 - VBC Youth Senior Dinner
- June 14 - Church in the Park
- June 25-28 - Family Camp
- June 30-July 2 - Sewing Camp

[SPOKANEVBC.ORG](http://SPOKANEVBC.ORG)

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## GIVING REPORT

General: April 75,762; YTD: \$390,137  
Building Fund: \$1,157,662



# LIFE GROUP

## STUDY QUESTIONS

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*Week of May 3, 2026*

1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything that encouraged, challenged, or confused you? Anything you disagreed with or had never heard before?
2. In verse 24, John exhorts us to "let that abide in you which you have heard from the beginning." Do a quick review of 1 John so far – what is it John means with "what you have heard from the beginning"?
3. John speaks often of the importance of abiding, and of letting the truth abide in us. Abiding can become a buzz word, something we say but are fuzzy on what exactly it means. When John gives this exhortation in verse 24, what specifically is he telling us to do? What does this "abiding" look like? Defend your answer with scripture! Some starter passages: John 8:31-32; 15:4-10, 1 John 2:6
4. In verse 26, John says he is writing to alert the believers to false teachers. John was writing to an audience that was uniquely vulnerable to certain kind of false teaching (early Gnosticism, which denied Christ's humanity). If John were writing to us today, what are the unique vulnerabilities our church might have to deception? What cultural norms or spiritual weaknesses might a false teacher exploit to lead our people astray? How can we be on guard against those deceptions?
5. In verse 27, John says "you have no need for anyone to teach you..." Some Christians have understood this to mean that receiving Biblical instruction, especially formal instruction, is unnecessary and perhaps even sinful. Is that what this passage is teaching? If not, what is John's point?
6. John has spoken several times thus far about those who have denied Christ and left the church. In our setting, we don't see as much outright denial of Christ within the church – people who deny Christ usually don't come in the first place. But we do have people who leave churches for other churches, sometimes for doctrinal reasons. On our own Sullivan Road, we have 4-5 churches with significant differences in their doctrinal statements and church polity. Do we have fellowship with the people in those churches? How do we differentiate between a doctrinal disagreement between genuine brothers and the kind of situation John is talking about in these chapters?
7. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one way your thinking and/or actions have changed as a result of studying this passage?

# THE PRESERVATION OF THE PROMISE

Chris Martin | May 3, 2026 | 1 John 2:24-27

Retain the \_\_\_\_\_ of Truth (24)

Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ for Truth (25-26)

Rely on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Truth (27)




# FOR KIDS

What is the main passage? 

Book:

Chapter:

Verse(s):

My favorite song today? 

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Draw something that you heard today...



[Large empty rectangular box for drawing]



Who is speaking?

[Empty rounded rectangular box for writing the speaker's name]

Words you heard but don't know...

[Large empty rectangular box for writing words]



What are you learning about God from this message?



[Large empty rectangular box for writing lessons learned]

AFTER THE SERVICE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING. 



The most important thing I learned today was...

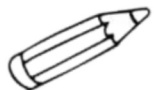
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I can use this in my life by...

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EXTRA NOTES



# EXTRA NOTES, QUESTIONS, DOODLES

## THE ART OF VBC

We encourage submissions of art (any medium), poetry, and music lyrics inspired by past or future sermons and Bible passages. All ages are invited to participate! Email completed works to [amanda@spokanevbc.org](mailto:amanda@spokanevbc.org) to be featured in future bulletins and on VBC's Facebook page.

# Where to find

Fellowship, connect, and stay informed with these resources.

## Online Connection Card

We'd like to get to know you! Please fill out an online Connection Card to share a little about yourself, request more information about VBC, update information, and/or submit a praise or prayer request.

[rebrand.ly/VBCconnect](https://rebrand.ly/VBCconnect)

## Church Events

Check out and register for upcoming events at VBC.  
[spokanevbc.org/events](https://spokanevbc.org/events)

## Weekly Newsletter

Sign up for our weekly newsletter, which includes up-to-date information on church events, community engagement opportunities, and Meal Trains.

[rebrand.ly/VBCnewsletter](https://rebrand.ly/VBCnewsletter)

## Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving online.

<https://valleybible.churchcenter.com/giving>

## Online Resources

Listen to or watch past sermons, download Life Group questions, and get this week's music playlist.

[spokanevbc.org/sermons](https://spokanevbc.org/sermons)



### VBS Important Dates

June 13\* - Classroom training for teachers and LITs

June 15 - Registration opens

July 12\* - Volunteer kick-off meeting and set-up

July 20-24, 9-12:15 pm - VBS

July 24 - Family Night

*\*all meetings for volunteers are mandatory*

**The Mission of VBC:** As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

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