



Welcome

1/14/2024

John 3:16

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

Announcements

Hymn #11 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Greeting

Hymn #578 How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #158 God Will Take Care of You

Offertory – Chrissy Nowak

Hymn #119 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Message

Hymn #481 Just As I Am

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

Missionary of the Month

Pregnancy Service Center

They are a Christ centered pregnancy resource center encouraging life, healing and purity.

They are passionately committed to upholding the sanctity of human life and sharing the light and unconditional love of Jesus Christ with all who enter our center and those reached in the community. We humbly seek to inspire spiritual growth, develop Godly character and promote life-honoring choices that create positive lasting differences in the lives of individuals and their families.

If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.

This Week:

TONIGHT
No Service

WEDNESDAY 7PM
Bible Study/Kid's Club

SATURDAY 7:30AM
Men's Breakfast

Coming UP:

1/28 – Annual Church
Business
Meeting/Fellowship

2/4 AM&PM
Missionary Guests
The Houtz Family
2/4 PM
Church Dinner

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

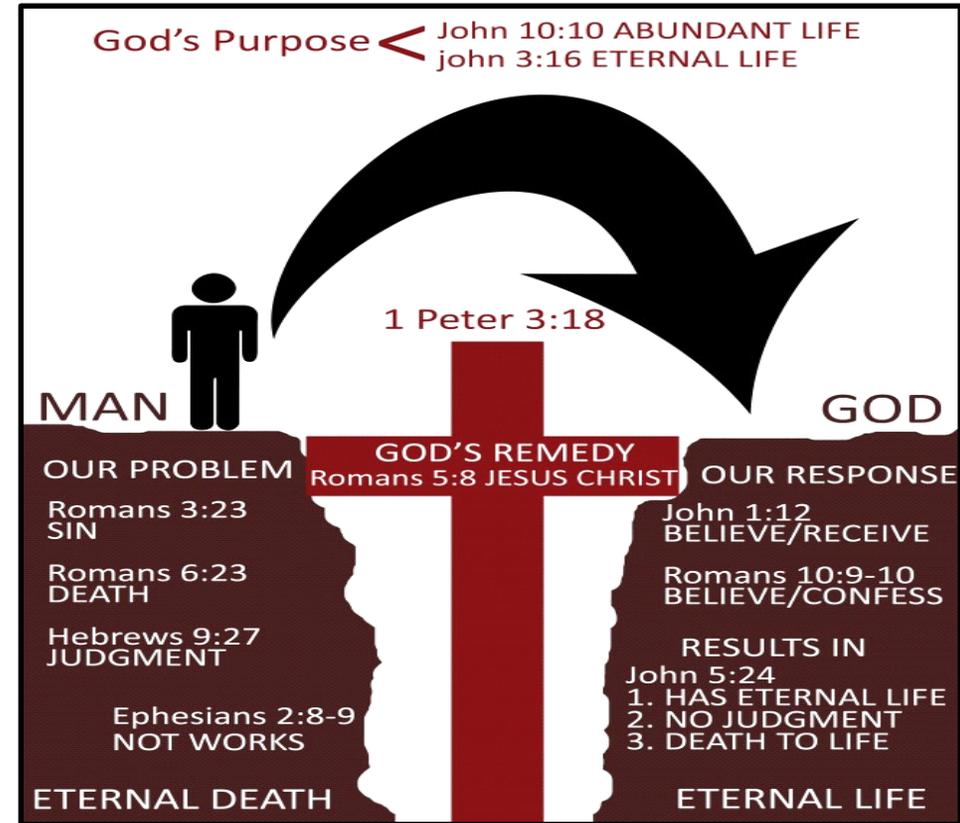
Cry room – Back of Sanctuary
Nursery 6 mo. – 3 yrs.
Kandi/Dixie

January 14, 2024

Pastor JJ Sexton

Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People
“that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus”



Sunday Morning Sunday School
 Sunday Morning Worship Service
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

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Be Ready
Luke 12:35–48

We must be ready for the Lord's imminent return!

v. 35 - Be like servants who are fully prepared to serve their master.

v. 36 - Be like servants waiting eagerly and enthusiastically for their master's return.

v. 37 - Be like servants who are confident of their master's reward!

v. 38 - Be like servants that are ready for their master to come home at anytime!

v. 39–40 - Jesus said His second coming would be imminent.

- The one who does not plan for the Lord's coming will lose everything.
- Believers must be ready at any moment.

v. 41 - Peter asks if all people should be ready or just the disciples.

v. 42–48 - Jesus answers with another parable about servants.

v. 42–44 - A faithful and wise servant will be rewarded.

- The apostles were stewards in God's household (1Co 4:1–2).
- Pastors are stewards (Titus 1:7).
- All believers are stewards in God's household - **1 Peter 4:10**
- The Lord rewards His faithful stewards with greater participation and responsibility (Mat 19:28; 1Pe 5:4; Luk 19:16–19; Rev 5:10; 1Co 6:3).

v. 45–48 - Unfaithful and unwise servants will be punished.

v. 45–46 - Wicked servants will be cast out of God's household.

- False apostles (John 17:12)
- False pastors (Acts 20:29–30)
- False believers (Philippians 3:18–19)

v. 47 - Disobedient servants will be punished.

v. 48a - Ignorant servants will not be excused.

v. 48b - The Lord will judge each believer for his stewardship - **2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

Believers who are enthusiastically watching and serving will be ready - **2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.**