



# Welcome

12/10/2023

**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 #206 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

## Greeting

Hymn #204 The First Noel

Hymn #191 The Birthday of a King

Offertory – Bille Mooney and Sarah Sexton

Hymn #211 There’s a Song in the Air

## Message

Hymn #226 O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

# Missionary of the Month

## Costel Cheptea and Emmanuel Baptist Church

BROTHER COSTEL IS PASTOR OF EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELTSY, MOLDOVA. MOLDOVA IS A SMALL COUNTRY BETWEEN ROMANIA AND UKRAINE. COSTEL GREW UP UNDER THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED BY THE SOVIET UNION. MOLDOVA GAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1991 AND HAS SINCE ALLOWED THE FREEDOM TO PREACH THE GOSPEL AND TO PLANT CHURCHES.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH HAS OVERSEEN THE DISCIPLESHIP AND TRAINING OF NUMEROUS PASTORS AND THE PLANTING OF SEVERAL CHURCHES. OUR SUPPORT GOES TO THIS TRAINING AND THE MANY EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN MOLDOVA.

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.

### TONIGHT

5PM- Adult Choir Practice  
6PM-Church Meeting/Prayer Service  
7PM-Kids Choir Practice

### WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kids Club

### SATURDAY 7:30AM

Men’s Breakfast

### December:

17-AM Guest Lynford Regier  
PM Church Family  
Christmas Program

20-Nb eve. Service  
24-Nb eve. Service  
27- Nb eve. Service

### 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.**

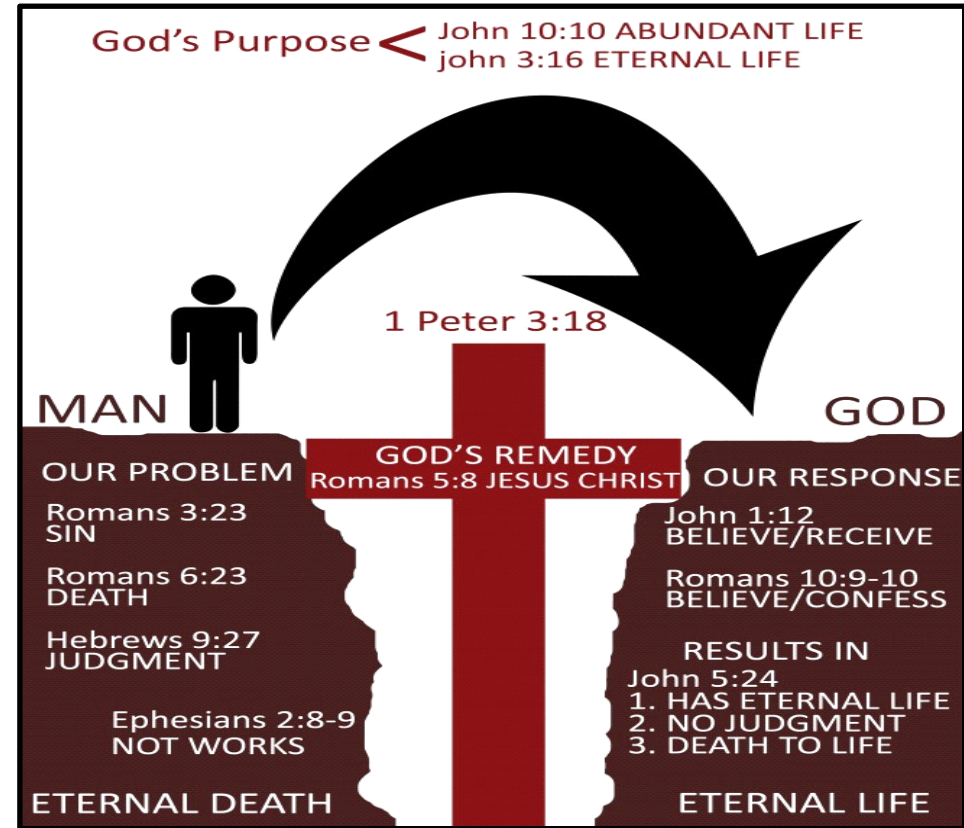
**Dixie/Debbie S.**

December 10, 2023

Pastor JJ Sexton

# Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People  
“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom,  
that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus”



Sunday Morning Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Prayer Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Services available for all ages	

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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.”*

*John 3:16*

**Loyalties (5)**  
**1 Samuel 20:18–42**

Rightly responding to the Lord's anointed.

David entrusted his life to the Lord, Jonathan entrusted his life to David.

Jonathan and David made a plan to discover God's will - v. 20:18–24

- David was filled with the Holy Spirit but he did not know everything.
- Jonathan filled in the details of the plan.
- If the threat was real then David must go.
- We must accept that it is God's will to suffer - **Hebrews 5:8; 2:9–11**

Jonathan carries out the plan to discover God's will - v. 20:25–29

- Saul was driven by hate and can't control his wickedness - **Proverbs 26:11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly; Proverbs 27:3 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.**
- Saul knew that David was a godly man who followed God's law.
- When questioned by Saul, Jonathan answered with a ruse. There was the actual lie and injustice that needed to be revealed - **Exodus 23:6–7**
- Jonathan inserted himself between Saul and David by making himself culpable for David's absence.

Jonathan discovers the truth - v. 20:30–34

- Saul did want to murder David.
- Saul threw shame and guilt upon Jonathan for siding with David.
- Saul tried to tempt Jonathan to oppose David.
- Jonathan would not betray David.

Jonathan sends David away - v. 20:35–42

- Jonathan signals to David that he must flee.
- The young boy was part of the plan and didn't know it.
- Jonathan disarmed himself before David to show his loyalty.
- David bowed three times before Jonathan to show his subordination.
- Jonathan and David kissed and wept to show their mutual affection.
- David wept more because he began to feel the high cost of becoming king.
- Jonathan believed that David would have the final vindication and victory and so entrusted his life to him.
- Jonathan was by nature an enemy of David's but David made him his friend.

Do you believe that the greater Son of David will have the final vindication and victory?

**Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."**

We are by nature an enemy of Christ but Christ had made us his friend - **Romans 5:10**