



Welcome

1/21/2024

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 #38 Blessed Be the Name

Greeting

Hymn #136 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Hymn #679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Offertory - Tyler Bourne

Hymn #395 Standing on the Promises

Message

Hymn #135 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*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

Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kid's Club

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.

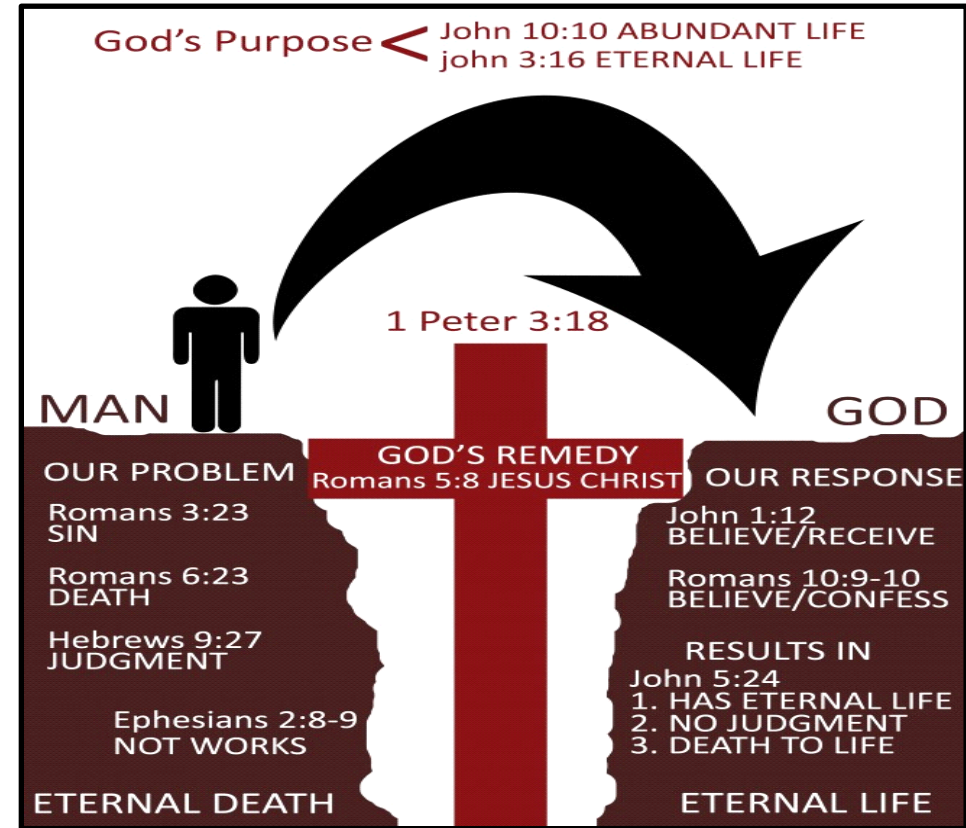
Debbie P./Debbie S.

January 21, 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.”*

John 3:16

Under Orders from the King
1 Samuel 21:1–9

David's fleeing from Saul in the wilderness was God's will - **1 Samuel 20:22**

v. 1 - The first place David fled to was Nob.

- David needed help.
- Ahimelech did not know that Saul was hunting David as a criminal (22:15).
- He did think it unusual that David would be without Saul or royal company.
- He may have been afraid because he heard about the incident at Naioth in Ramah (19:18–24).

v. 2–3 David was acting under the authorization of the King (21:8).

- The king's business a private matter and urgent (21:8).
- The Hebrew word for *business* is the same used for *cause* in 1 Samuel 17:29.
- David did not lie. He did not name Saul as the king.
- Because he was serving the King's cause, David had the right to commandeer what he needed—which was food and a weapon (21:3; 8).

v. 4–6 David ate the holy bread from the Tabernacle.

- The Showbread or The Bread of His presence was placed on a table in the Tabernacle - **Exodus 25:23–30**
- The bread was to be replaced every seven days and only the priest could eat it after it was switched with new bread - **Leviticus 24:5–9**
- Ahimelech, as high priest could give interpretation to the law, realized that although the holy bread was for the priests alone, the law was not meant to bring harm and that the greater law was exercising love and preserving life (Lev 19:18).
- David, as God's anointed, understood his mission for the King, who is a greater authority, was a consecrated activity and could meet the requirement for purity, therefore, he pronounced the holy bread common and ate it.
- Jesus applied David's eating of the showbread to His disciple eating grain on the Sabbath. The disciples were not in violation of the sabbath because of their need for food and because they were under a greater authority - **Mark 2:23–28**

v. 7–9 David armed himself against his enemies.

- An unknown enemy lurked among God's people even at the Tabernacle.
- David suspected that Goliath's spear or sword would be there because he gave it as an offering to the Lord.
- David claimed his right to redeem his offering (Leviticus 27:14–15).
- Ahimelech gave David the sword of Goliath because it was priceless for its value as a sword but even more so for its value as the sword David used to kill Goliath and bring about a great victory in the name of the Lord.

Brother and sister, we are under the orders of the King. We must be prepared - **Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.**