



Welcome

2/18/2024

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 #2 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Greeting

Install Luke Balman as Deacon

Hymn #119 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Offertory – Raylei Smith

Special Music – Ewa Hemmy

Message

Hymn #119 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

Missionary of the Month

The Houtz Family to Alaska

Aaron and Rachel have a burden for the many people in the remote villages of Alaska who have never heard about the Gospel of Christ. They will be joining the Clark family in the village of Iliamna to help with the church plant, Iliamna Baptist Chapel. As the Lord wills, they will continue to spread the Gospel through aviation to the nearby villages where there is no consistent Gospel message. Please join them in praying for these small villages, and the dear people who need to hear about the saving work of Christ.

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

5PM Choir Practice
6PM Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kid's Club

Coming In MARCH:

8 - Beverly Church Ladies Spring Banquet
10 – Camp Fundraiser Dinner
12 – Dorcas Ladies Meeting
16 – Men's Breakfast
23 – Church Work/Clean Day

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshiping 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./Amanda

February 18, 2024

Pastor JJ Sexton

Mercy Tree

On a hill called Calvary
Stands an endless mercy tree
Every broken weary soul
Find your rest and be made whole

Stripes of blood that stain its frame
Shed to wash away our shame
From the scars, pure love released
Salvation by the mercy tree

In the sky between two thieves
Hung the blameless prince of peace
Bruised and battered, scarred and scorned
Sacred head pierced by our thorns

"It is finished," was His cry
The perfect Lamb was crucified
His sacrifice, our victory
Our Savior chose the mercy tree

Hope went dark, that violent day
The whole earth quaked at Love's display
Three days silent in the ground
This body born for heaven's crown

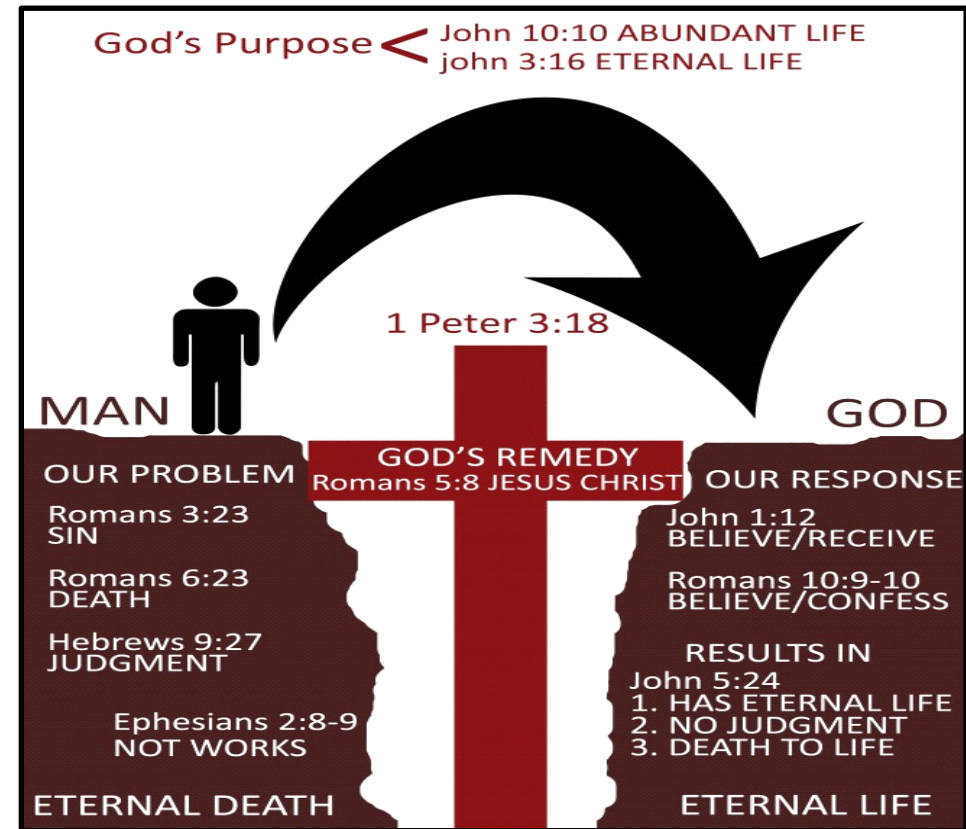
On that bright and glorious day
When heaven opened up the grave
He's alive and risen indeed!
Oh praise Him for The Mercy Tree

Death has died, Love has won
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Jesus Christ has overcome
He has risen from the dead

One day soon we'll see His face
And every tear He'll wipe away
No more pain or suffering
Oh praise Him for The Mercy Tree

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	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

Refuge with David (2)

1 Samuel 22:6–23

God brought David to the cave of Adullam so that he could learn that God would be his only refuge.

- **Psalm 57:1 To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy." a Michtam of David When He Fled from Saul into the Cave. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.**
- **Psalm 142:5 I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge,**

Saul is not at the center of the narrative. David is the center of God's narrative - **Psalm 17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings**

v. 6 - David was at a low point in a cave, Saul was at a low point on a throne.

v. 7–8 - Saul's fear and hatred drove him mad with envy, paranoia, and self-pity.

v. 9–10 - Doeg the Edomite was a henchman of Satan.

v. 11–16 - Ahimelech is falsely accused and agued for his innocence. Ahimelech's defense was not: David lied. His defense was: I did not do anything I would not ordinarily do because I had no reason to think David was a criminal.

v. 17–19 - Saul's own men rightly disobeyed, but Doeg the Edomite gladly obeyed.

v. 20–22 - David responds to the massacre.

- Abiathar flees to David.
- Saul is held responsible for the murder of the priests.
- David did not blame himself - **Psalm 52**
- David understood that from this point forward Saul was his enemy and would murder him and anyone who sided with him.
- Those who chose to side with David would do so with their very life.

v. 23 - David was confident in God's divine plan and protection.

- David's refuge was in God (22:1)
- And now those who come to him would find refuge in David (22:23).

Christ's refuge was in God - **Hebrews 2:13; Psalm 16:1 A Mikhtam of David. Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.**

Those who flee to Christ come under attack - **John 15:18 If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you;**

Christ is our refuge - **John 17:15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one; 1 Peter 1:5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time; Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; 1 Thessalonians 5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it;**

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