

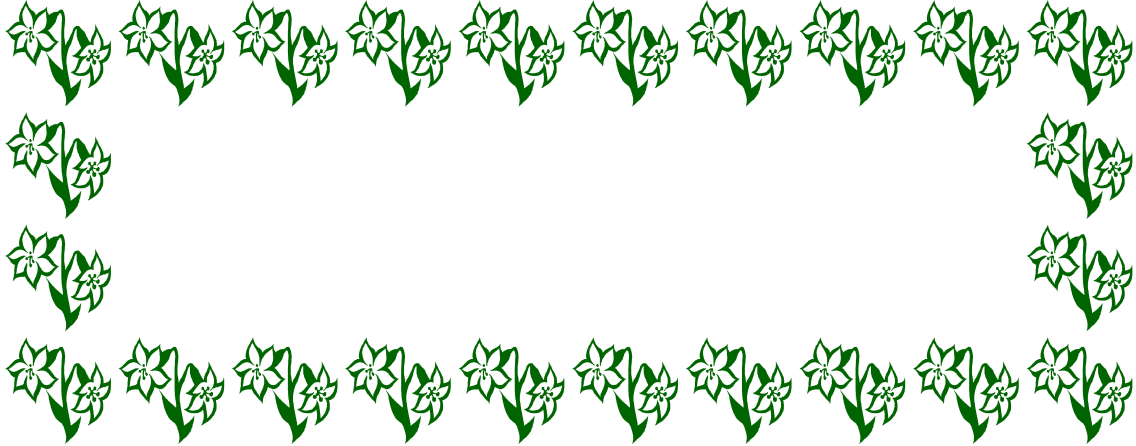


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April Events

April 1st, 6:00-7:30 PM:
 Lenten Family Supper and Service

April 3rd, 6:00-8:00 PM:
 Open Prayer & Praise Time

April 4th, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Church Beautification Work Day

April 9th, 7:00-8:00 PM:
 Maundy Thursday Service

April 10th, 7:00-8:00 PM:
 Good Friday Service

April 12th, 10:00 AM; 11:45 AM
 Easter Service; Children's Egg Hunt



Ministry Support Team

Dave Anderson: Chairman

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John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit..."

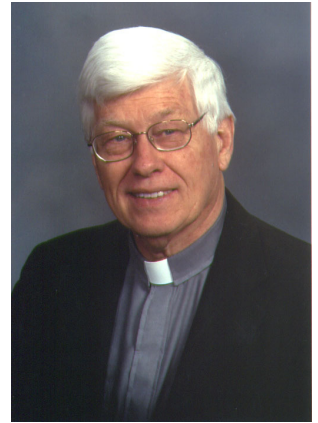


Vision Statement

Our vision is to share God's grace and love with everyone we can through innovative expressions of faith. As a Christ-centered church family, we will care for all people and equip Christians for a significant life-changing ministry.



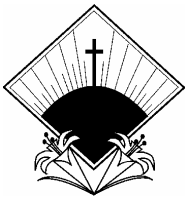
The True Home in Heaven



"In My Father's house are many mansions..." John 14:2

The victory over death and the grave gives each of us, as a Christian, great assurance. Heaven is for sure for us by our faith in Christ. Every word in the above text is a treasure of great value and is intended to carry assurance to our hearts. Our Savior speaks, not from hearsay, but from the personal knowledge that the victory of the resurrection assures us of a place in our heavenly Father's home.

He speaks of His own home, of His Father's house on high. He speaks of his heavenly home just as a child that is away from an earthly home remembers every detail of his home with great appreciation. It is the home of the Father, His Father and our Father. He can refer to His Father because He is the only-begotten of the Father from eternity. He, who is one with the Father, knows all the glories and blessings of that one home above. Do not forget that by faith in Christ, His Father is our Father and that we are His dear children through the salvation won by Christ.



Therefore, the mansions, literally, the abiding places, are there for us. The home of God and of Jesus is also to be our home. This world can never be more to us than a place we pass through, a place we sojourn, or a temporary residence. We have no continuing city on earth, but seek and wait for the city to come. We set our hopes and affections on things above where Christ sits on the right hand of God.

Easter and the joy of the victory over the grave should be celebrated constantly by each one of us. In the midst of celebration and joy may we not lose sight of the greater joy that is to come when we reach the true HOME above.

God bless your Easter celebration and daily preparation to be in His home!

Soli Deo Gloria

Ted C. Mueller, *Transition Pastor*

HOLY WEEK

The church year finds its high point and center in Holy Week, when we celebrate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord. No other week of the church year is celebrated with such solemnity, devotion, and reverence. No other week deserves the name Holy Week alongside these days in which the church accompanies her Lord on His way to the cross and the grave and finally rejoices in His victory over death. It is the week toward which the entire church year moves and from which it receives its meaning and content. Here the church gathers together to sing her most earnest laments and songs of penitence and then rejoices most heartily in Jesus' victory over sin, death and the grave.

To celebrate these days means much more than just hearing a report of what once happened in Jerusalem in days long ago. It means that we realize that in this history there is comprehension in our own life. Here is laid the foundation of our own salvation, of our own life, of our own redemption. Therefore, Holy Week is not a mere celebration of bygone events that have been arranged to recall what we already know. It is an actual walking on the path on which God led the Lord Christ through his suffering and death to glory. We must realize that this is the path by which the Lord God would, by the working of the Holy Spirit, lead mankind to faith in Him.

Reflect on the worship opportunities you have at Vineyard of Faith in which you can focus on Christ's love during Holy Week 2009:

- 1) Palm Sunday – April 5th** We greet the victor, Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who is not humbled even in His Passion. Our Palm Sunday worship celebrates His love in Holy Communion.
- 2) Maundy Thursday – April 9th** This service at 7:00 p.m. focuses on the Lord's love in washing the disciples' feet and giving us the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- 3) Good Friday – April 10th** The service at 7:00 p.m. focuses on the darkness of sin and the flight of the disciples from our Lord's side.
- 4) Easter Festival Services – April 12th** The 10 a.m. service will be full of the celebration of the Word alive on Easter with joyous music to lift our spirits in celebration of Christ's victory over the grave – all for you and for me.



God bless your Holy Week and Easter celebration.





A Note of Praise



“Father, give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation”
 What glorious day! We have so much to be thankful for, obviously
 least of which, being called unto the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Paul wrote his letter, “...to the saints of Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus”, I sense a wonderful moment of pride that he had in our Lord and Savior. Then he continues by saying, “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.” I don’t know about you, but Paul’s expression of joy excites me. And then he kind of challenges them to know the Father even better! How many of us would offer the same prayer for our children, family members, friends, or even ourselves? It is a rhetorical question indeed, because I am convinced it is the desire of your heart, as well.

This month, I would like to share a wonderful devotion that Val Holbrook presented to our Praise Team. As a little background: recently, each person on the Praise Team has agreed to do an assigned devotion, just before we practice on Thursday. What I mean by assigned is, each week I send out a note or thought, along with a couple of scriptures for reference. This is sent out a week ahead of time to the person scheduled, so they have time to read and meditate on what is presented to them. Based on what I send them, they are then asked to share with our team what God has placed on their hearts. So far, each week has been a blessing to us all. As always, God is right on! Let me share a little about what God had in store for Val!

Val’s topic had to do with self-control. I sent the following message for her to consider, “How often we allow fatigue, loneliness, fear, anger and other emotional and physical factors to dictate and destroy our lives, all the while hoping that someone or something will turn everything around for us without us having to do a thing. If we’re not taking charge of our lives-and that includes our thoughts, attitudes and intentions-then we are allowing other circumstances, influences, and/or people out there to take charge of us rather than taking control of our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.” One of the scriptures for her reference was, Galatians 5:22-23: “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*”

As days past Val had a general idea of what she was going to share, but things changed! Val wanted to run something past Pastor Ted and David Anderson, our MST Chairman. Shortly after sending the email message, Val received an email from Dave Anderson saying something to the effect of, “I don’t know how you got my email address, but please remove me from whatever reference list you have!” After receiving the reply, Val was a bit confused and taken back, thinking, “what is going on here?” Several things went through her mind, including, “This guy is the MST Chairman and he’s encouraging us to ask questions, then he replies with this! What’s up?” As Val was sharing this, I could sense that she may have had hurt feelings or doubt about church leadership. Then, after praying and taking some time to think about it, she decided to send Dave another email message. Her second email message was asking for a little clarification from Dave. She first apologized, thinking that maybe she had offended him, but also reminded him that since he was the Chairman of VOF’s MST team, that she felt it necessary to run the idea past him. Okay so far? Well, here’s the gist of Dave’s reply, “I don’t know who you are. I don’t know anything about VOF or MST, but I do know that you’ve got the wrong person!” Well, needless to say Val thought a little harder, then went back to check Dave Anderson’s email address. Yes, you guessed it, she was sending her message to the wrong Dave Anderson. Whew... what a relief that was for Val-to know that Dave wasn’t a bad guy after all!

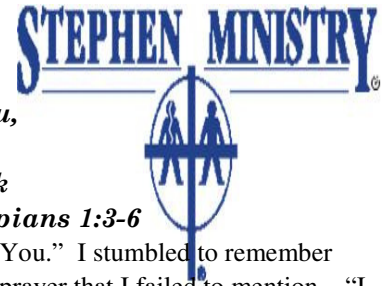
So what was the lesson? Well, we could spend a lot time with this one, but I’ll just share a few thoughts. One of the things that came to my mind was how often times when we get our feelings hurt, don’t get the answer we want, or maybe we do not receive the whole story, rather than being patient and praying for God’s leading, we react! Somewhat innocently we decide to call a friend to share what happened. And then what happens? That person, in turn, shares it with another person, and so on, as the story grows out of control. And what information is being is being passed on? Certainly, not anything that would build up our brothers or sisters in Christ. Little things like this can damage a church family. Remember, the words we speak, once spoken, can never be taken back. Perhaps that’s why we find in God’s word that “...he who holds his tongue is wise”- Proverbs 10:19. Lord, please give us the “*Spirit of wisdom and revelation*”

I can assure you that each person on the Praise Team who was there that evening acknowledged the importance of being slow to act... to have self-control; to wait upon the Lord. Let us all continue to meditate and remind ourselves of the Holy Spirit’s leading in Galatians 5:22-23: “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*”

Thank you, Val, for sharing and for demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit.

Peace and Joy to all,
 Ken Corriea
 Music Director





“I Am Thanking You Right Now”

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 1:3-6

I’m sure it wasn’t by accident that Ken asked me about that email entitled Dear God – “Thank You.” I stumbled to remember just what it said and after rereading it later, I realized there was a very important aspect of that prayer that I failed to mention – “I am not going to wait until” . . .

DEAR GOD,

I want to thank You for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I am thanking you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive.

I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties. I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles.

I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking you because, FATHER, YOU haven't given up on me.

God is just so good and he's good all the time.

I’m very thankful that our Heavenly Father hasn’t given up on me and He hasn’t given up on you either. As Easter is near, let us celebrate with joy the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you are going through a struggle in your life, please call me and I’ll connect you to a Stephen Minister.

Serving Him,
Sharie Lefor

Stephen Ministry Coordinator

| Financial Report | | | |
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| Checking Account | | | |
| | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Payables</u> | <u>Difference <Shortfall></u> |
| February 2009: (4 Sundays) | \$ 11,023.61 | \$ 10,430.93 | \$ 592.68 |
| Year To Date: (7/1/08-2/28/09) | \$126,911.41 (Offerings totals only) | | |



Good and Faithful Servants

March 2009 Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Greeters | Ushers | Acolytes | Prayer Partners | Communion Assistants |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| April 5th Palm Sunday | Linda Bracey | Dave Anderson Jane Anderson Pat Heagerty | Madeline Ortiz Julie McLaughlin | | Bob Lefor Steve Missner Rob Cordis |
| April 9th Maundy Thursday | Volunteers Needed | Volunteers Needed | Volunteers Needed | | Volunteers Needed |
| April 10th Good Friday | Volunteers Needed | Volunteers Needed | Volunteers Needed | | No Communion |
| April 12th Easter Sunday | Cathy Ripple Dorothy Adkins | Alan Westergard Bob Lefor Gerald Schallon | Simone Barnard Crystal Benz | | No Communion |
| April 19th | Jeannette Amavisca | John Young Dennis Ripple Dana Finger | Nicholas Bodtker Jackson Barnard | | Dave Anderson Pat Heagerty Larry Lefor |
| April 25th | Denise Sanders Joyce Wycoff | Dave Anderson Jane Anderson Pat Heagerty | Hailie Rogers Maisie Rogers | | No Communion |

MST Minutes

Full copies of the Ministry Support Team Agendas and Minutes are available in for all to view! They are located in the two binders in the foyer, and on the back bulletin board in the Ministry Center.

The next MST Meeting will be on Sunday, April 26th after fellowship. Please let David Anderson know if you have an item for the agenda by April 17th.





Birthdays of the Month

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| Jim Biegel | - April 1 |
| Fred Langley | - April 1 |
| Susan Kaiser | - April 2 |
| Phyllis Reason | - April 4 |
| Sara Langley | - April 9 |
| Andrew Ring | - April 9 |
| Renee Ortiz | - April 11 |
| Dana Finger | - April 12 |
| Jack Kiengsiri | - April 12 |
| Val Holbrook | - April 16 |
| Jerry Schallon | - April 16 |
| Trey Barnett-Kelly | - April 19 |
| Sylvan Finger | - April 19 |
| Paula Kraus-Finley | - April 19 |
| Carrie Olson | - April 19 |
| Susie Olson | - April 20 |
| Kyle Corriea | - April 22 |
| Brenda Finley | - April 23 |
| Emily Glanton | - April 25 |
| Greg Guidry | - April 25 |
| Jeannette Amavisca | - April 27 |
| Kevin Corriea | - April 29 |
| Allyson Reason | - April 29 |
| Jiana Brandt | - April 30 |



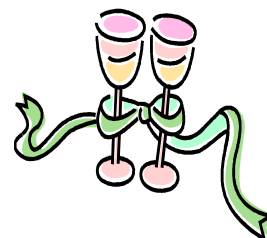
Need to update your information for the V.O.F. phone directory? Forms are available in the church foyer. Just drop in the offering basket when completed.

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Anniversaries This Month



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| Fred & Susan Brouse | - April 12 |
| Michael & Dixie Baeyens | - April 17 |
| John & Megan Wycoff | - April 30 |



VOF Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Closed on Mondays

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <h1>April 2009</h1> | | | | | | |
| 5 8:30 AM Praise Practice 10:00 AM Praise Service & Children's Church COMMUNION 11:30 AM Confirmation | 6 7:00PM Great Expectations Ladies Bible Study | 7 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Steps Come Alive Recovery Meeting | 8 5:30 PM SWAT Jr,High | 9 9:30 AM Just As I Am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Maundy- Thursday Service | 10 7:00 PM Good Friday Service | 11 7:30 AM Reel Men's Bible Study |
| 12 8:30 AM Praise Practice 10:00 AM Easter Service & Children's Church 11:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt | 13 7:00PM God's Iron Men Bible Study | 14 7:00 PM Steps Come Alive Recovery Meeting | 15 | 16 7:30 PM Praise Practice | 17 | 18 7:30 AM Reel Men's Bible Study |
| 19 8:30 AM Praise Practice 10:00 AM Praise Service & Children's Church COMMUNION 11:30 AM Confirmation Class | 20 6:30PM Soulfire Sr. High 7:00PM Great Expectations Ladies Bible Study | 21 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Steps Come Alive Recovery Meeting | 22 5:30 PM SWAT Jr,High 7:00 PM DIVE Team | 23 9:30 AM Just As I Am Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Praise Practice | 24 2:00-9:00 PM Facility Use: Boy Scout Eagle Dinner | 25 7:30 AM Reel Men's Bible Study |
| 26 8:30 AM Praise Practice 10:00 AM Praise Service & Children's Church 11:45 AM MST Meeting | 27 6:30 PM Soulfire Sr. High 7:00 PM Great Expectations Ladies Bible Study 7:00PM God's Iron Men Bible Study | 28 7:00 PM Steps Come Alive Recovery Meeting | 29 5:30 PM SWAT Jr,High | 30 9:30 AM Just As I Am Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Praise Practice |  | |



