

# Faithful Times

*Continuing Christ's Work in the World*



## From the Pastor's Window

***"If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire."*** Matthew 18:8-9

Pondering repentance as a prerequisite to forgiveness. It is often a concern for people whether or not they (or just as frequently another) is truly repentant. I have asked persons, "Are you honestly contrite or repentant?" only to have them answer: "Well, yeah...I THINK so."

"I think so." Seriously, you really should know the answer to that question.

So, how do you know when someone (or you yourself) is/are repentant? In the book *Church Discipline*, Jonathan Leeman offers some guidelines:

"Help for determining whether an individual is characteristically repentant: would the person be willing to cut off a hand or tear out an eye rather than repeat the sin? Is he or she willing to do whatever it takes to fight against the sin? Repenting people, typically, are zealous about casting off their sin. That's what God's Spirit does inside of them. When this happens, one can expect to see a willingness to accept outside counsel. A willingness to inconvenience their schedules. A willingness to confess embarrassing things. A willingness to make financial sacrifices or lose friends or end relationships." (p. 72)

This is good as far as it goes. Here are a few more indicators:

- We name our sin, "*sin*". We don't spin the facts. We don't excuse it. We demonstrate "Godly sorrow" (grief about the sin, not about getting caught).
- We confessed before we got caught or before the consequences caught up with us.
- If found out first, we confess immediately rather than having to have the full truth coaxed out of us. True repentance is transparent.
- We are eager to make amends and will do whatever it takes to make things right.
- We are patient with those we've hurt and listen to them without jumping to defend ourselves.
- We confess our sin even in the face of serious consequences.
- We may grieve the consequences of our sin, but we bear them without resentment.
- We don't resent gracious accountability, pastoral rebuke, or church discipline.
- We seek our comfort in the grace of God in Jesus Christ, not simply in being free of the consequences of our sin.
- We are humble and teachable.

The key here is that without repentance, you should not expect forgiveness.

*Pastor Jim*

## 9 Unbiblical Statements that Bible-Loving Christians Believe

By Shane Pruitt

### 1. God helps those who help themselves.

This statement is actually anti-Gospel. Self-reliance and self-righteousness, or the attitude of trying harder and doing better actually gets in the way of the work of God. Jesus saves those who die to themselves: "Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" (Matthew 16:24).

### 2. God wants me to be happy.

It's a common belief that God exists to be our "personal genie", waiting to give us our every wish. It's amazing how we will justify our sinful actions by saying, "God just wants me to be happy."

Happiness is tied to feelings and emotions that are often based on circumstances, and those change all the time. God wants us to be obedient to Him, trust Him, and know that everything He does is for our good, even if it doesn't make me feel "happy" in that moment. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

### 3. We're all God's children.

Although God has created everyone...not everyone relationally belongs to Him. Only those who have repented of sin, placed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and possess the Holy Spirit of God inside of them can claim Him as their Father: "But you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." (Romans 8:15b-16)

However, those who don't have Jesus as their Savior, nor have the Holy Spirit of God inside of them actually belong to Satan: "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience." (Ephesians 2:1-2) "By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother." (1 John 3:10)

### 4. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

The people around you may appreciate you staying clean, but this is not Scripture. Parents may use this unbiblical statement to motivate their kids to clean their rooms. However, I'd suggest using an actual biblical statement: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land

that the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

### 5. God won't give you more than you can handle.

Actually, all of life is more than we can handle. The point of living in a fallen world is not for us to try really hard to carry our heavy burden, but rather give up, quit, and surrender to God, that's what faith is all about. Everything is more than I can handle, but not more than Jesus can handle: "For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself." (2 Corinthians 1:8) "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

### 6. We all worship the same God.

Yes, there is only one true and living God: "know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other." (Deuteronomy 4:39) However, He only accepts worship that comes through Jesus Christ, not Muhammed, Buddha, Joseph Smith, etc: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

### 7. Bad things happen to good people.

Often we place ourselves in the judgment seat of what is good and bad, or who is good and bad. The most popular way to make that judgment is by comparison. For example, Bob is a good guy, because he is not as bad as Sam. However, according to the Bible, we are all on equal ground because none of us is inherently good: "as it is written: 'None is righteous, no not one.'" (Romans 3:10)

### 8. When you die, God gains another angel.

Plain and simple. Humans are humans, and angels are angels. This remains so even in eternity. In fact, angels are intrigued by the interaction between God and His "image-bearing" humans: "It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look." (1 Peter 1:12)

### 9. We're all going to the same place when we die.

There are two possible destinations when we pass: Heaven and Hell. However, only those who are in Christ will be with Him for all eternity when they physically die: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

# Kingdom Care

## The Faithful Times

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

**Women's Circle (formerly Presbyterian Women)** is on hiatus until September.

#### Et Ceteras

Our Et Ceteras group, which makes crafts for Meals on Wheels, is on hiatus until September.

#### Connecting Threads

This small group of women who sew, crochet, or knit is active all year and meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2. If you would like to learn free-motion quilting, please bring a sewing machine. If you enjoy sewing, knitting, or crocheting – beginners and experts alike, join us. Bring your project, start a new one, or learn to sew. Contact Betty Brady at 813-961-4070 for more information.

#### 2nd Annual Craft Fair

The Women's Circle is already working on the 2nd Annual Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Yes, the jam and jelly lady will be there! Again this year we are looking for:

- Crafters and people who have a service, such as Tupperware, Pampered Chef, etc.
- Plant people whether they have a business or just love to work in the garden.
- Anyone who would like to help make crafts for the PW table (sew, knit/crochet, papercraft, etc.).
- Big, strong men who would like to help set up tables the day of the fair.

Please call or email Kathy Feicke for more information at [gfeicke1@verizon.net](mailto:gfeicke1@verizon.net) or 813-962-4063. Pass along the word to your friends and family. Who knows, you may have a crafter or Tupperware lady living right around the corner.

#### VILLAGE GUYS

Village Guys meet the last Wednesday of each month for fellowship. The location varies, and updates will be given in the worship guide. Typically, they meet at Bob Evans on North Dale Mabry (16314 N. Dale Mabry) at noon. All men of the church are invited! Please contact Lyle Sutherland for more information at [joyly150@msn.com](mailto:joyly150@msn.com).

### OFFICE NEWS

**Reserving a Room**—If you want to reserve a room for your group to meet at the church, you must first call the church office (813-961-4115). That way, we can check availability. If the room you want to use is already booked, you can pick a different room or a different day. We work on a first come, first served basis. We must keep track of who is meeting and when for insurance purposes. Also, please note that Gary Wirsz has the Sanctuary booked every Saturday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for organ rehearsal. Thanks for your cooperation.  
*Sue Goldstein*

**Reimbursements**—If you want to be reimbursed for a purchase that you have made, you must fill out a reimbursement form (available in the far left bottom mailbox) and attach the receipt. The purchase must first be approved by the appropriate committee chair. Checks are done on Wednesday, so keep that in mind if you need a check for supplies or an event. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the church (813-961-4115). *Sue Goldstein*

**Repairs**—If something needs to be repaired on the church premises, please call the church office (813-961-4115). We can then get the appropriate repair company out to take care of the problem.

#### GOT TIME TO SPARE?

If you have some time to spare, we are always looking for volunteers to assemble the worship guides, mailings, and the Faithful Times bimonthly newsletter. Usually, it takes about one hour to one and a half hours. It is a great way to meet new people.

We are also looking for some volunteers to take the bulk mail to the post office at 5433 West Sligh Avenue, Suite B, Tampa, FL 33634. All you have to do is take the bulk mail to the post office. If you would like to help out, please give the church office a call (813-961-4115).

#### PASTORAL CARE

Reverend Yearsley is available for shut-in or hospital visitation, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and private counseling. Counseling is available by appointment. If you need assistance, please contact the church office at 813-961-4115 or Jim by email at [jyearsley.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:jyearsley.vpc@gmail.com).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On May 31st, 2015, we welcomed four new members to the Village family.

**Mike and Lynn Lemon**  
1605 Coppersmith Court  
Lutz, FL 33559  
813-36207394

Mike and Lynn were previously members here and joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. Lynn likes to read, scrapbook, and make cards. She also volunteers in the food pantry and helps with the church's special events. Mike likes to ride his motorcycle. They have three children total, two of which, Rena and Mary, are from Mike's previous marriage, and Ashleigh. They have three grandchildren, two of which live in Seattle, Washington.

**Beth Dhondt**  
3107 Old Spring Place  
Tampa, FL 33618  
813-968-7544

Beth has been attending Village for 18 years and joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She and her husband, Mike, have two daughters, Emily and Maddie. Beth has helped with many special events and volunteer efforts including the food pantry and children's and youth ministry.

**Kara Toledo**  
12048 Stone Crossing Circle  
Tampa, FL 33635  
321-432-3810

Kara joins us by Letter of Transfer from Merritt Island Presbyterian Church. Kara and her husband Oscar have been married for five years. Her interests are health, nutrition, gardening, crafting, cooking, baking, and traveling. She plans to volunteer in the food pantry, become an usher, and be involved in Women's Circle.

## BAPTISMS

We celebrate with joy the baptism of William Beckett Simmons recently here at Village! Beckett is the son of William and Lacey Simmons. On June 14th, Beckett was baptized into the family of God. We look forward to seeing him grow in Christ.

## COFFEE WITH JIM AT PANERA

Coffee and great conversation can be found each Thursday morning at Panera Bread. Jim will be there from 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. each Thursday. Relax, enjoy a cup of coffee and great fellowship around the table.

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

### Cataracts

If you're age 60 or older and don't have any sign of cataracts, chances are you will soon. In the United States, 75 percent of people over age 60 have some sign of cataracts. In fact, cataract surgery is the most common surgical procedure in the United States, with over 1.8 million operations performed annually.

**What causes cataracts?** As people age, the lens of the eye can become hard and the muscles around the eye may struggle to mold the shape of the lens. As the lens hardens, the color of the lens may change from clear to brownish, decreasing the quality of vision and perception. This is a cataract. The clumping of proteins in the lens leads to scattering of light and a decrease in the transparency of the lens. The breakdown of lens proteins leads to the accumulation of a yellow-brown pigment that clouds the lens. When cataracts form, levels of calcium and sodium in the lens increase, and levels of potassium, vitamin C and protein decrease. In addition, lenses with cataracts appear to be deficient in the antioxidant glutathione. However, studies on the use of medications or vitamins to alter the levels of these substances in the lens have not produced promising results. Researchers have found certain chemical changes in the eyes of people with cataracts. These changes include a reduced uptake of oxygen by the lens and a rise in the water content of the lens, which is followed by dehydration.

The changing shape of the lens and changing color of the eye results in difficulty judging distances and focusing on near or intermediate objects. Bifocals or reading glasses are used to offset the limited focusing ability of your lens. Many patients do not notice this gradual loss of vision over the years. Symptoms frequently noted in patients with cataracts are a painless blurring of vision, glare or light sensitivity, poor night vision, needing brighter light to read, fading or yellowing of colors, and frequent changes in prescription with little improvement.

**What to do?** Currently, no effective drug therapy exists to prevent cataracts from forming. However, cigarette smoking, certain medications, eye injuries, sunlight, diabetes and even obesity can increase the risk of cataracts.

### **Resources Available**

If you need to know more about your medications, diagnoses, or have other medical questions, you can always call one of the Faith Community Nurses. Also many brochures and pamphlets are available in the church library (Room 8).

## WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Jim Bardin (health concerns)
- Frances Barksdale (health concerns)
- Sarah Bechtelheimer's friend, David Steen (health concerns)
- Roger and Linda Cantor's grandson-in-law (stationed in US Air Force Base near Adana, Turkey), and dog, Katie (health concerns)
- Bill and Lori Cusick's friend, John Fulgrum (lung and brain cancer)
- Linda Farrell's brother, Benny (pancreatic cancer)
- Sherry Little (recuperating from knee replacement surgery)
- John McCall and his ministry in Taiwan
- Donna Quarles (sleeping disorder)
- Donna Quarles' son-in-law, Chido, and family (immigration issues)
- Mike and Linda Schuyler's niece, Kristi (health concerns)
- Suanne Wesselhoff's father-in-law, Ken Wesselhoff (stroke)
- Reggie Wilson's sister, Cherrie (health concerns)
- Reggie and Monica Wilson's friend's son, Brandon Walker (recovering from serious fall)
- Alice Yearsley's sister-in-law, Ginny McKeen (lung cancer)
- Service Personnel
- Our Missionaries
- The Jobless—The Hungry —The Homeless

### NURSING HOME/REHAB

- Ruth Albright—Carrollwood Care Center
- Margie McCall—Spring Arbor of Salisbury
- Don Manguson—Cloverdale in Lutz
- Dalia Parker—Emeritus at Carrollwood

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Ed and Linda Farrell on the death of their daughter, Tara.

The family of Barbara Ebanks on her death.

Sue Goldstein and family on the death of her cousin, Jackie.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

### July Birthdays:

03	Carol Peele	20	Casey Wiley
06	Carolina Canestrano	20	Beverly Kushin
06	Kevin Johnson	20	Emily Dhondt
08	Billie Pruden	21	Jeremy Cox
10	Kurt Ramnauth	21	Kevin Ramnauth
11	Tyler Bardin	21	Pat Brady
11	Nancy Bardin	23	John Chaplick
11	Roz Marin	23	Christine Berry
13	Cheryl Blume	25	Ted Peters
14	Debbie Johnson	27	Jacob Schuyler
20	Gary Balzer	30	Michael MacInnes

### August Birthdays:

01	Meg Sanders	13	Andy DeBoer
03	Caleb Turner	14	Jake Hawken
03	Carolyn Harlowe	18	Brittany Bozeman
04	Stan Elzinga	24	Jakob Velasquez
05	Karen Morelli	24	Alice DiCola
05	Taylor Gee	26	Andrea Brady
09	Dorett Harebin	26	Michael Schuyler
11	Avis Chaplick	27	Lisa Coates
11	Haidyn Coutts	31	Karina Wilson
12	Jonathan DeBoer	31	Jim Lindquist
12	Larry Ramsey		



### SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

Summer is here. Many people are planning vacations. Christian stewardship, however, never takes a vacation. It is an ongoing, joyous activity to manage all things of God, God's way, each and every day. If you do go on vacation, remember to mail your pledge in. Of course, you can also give on PayPal through [villagepresbyterian.com](http://villagepresbyterian.com) any time. Thank you for your continued support in "continuing Christ's work in the world."

*Sue Goldstein*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ITEMS

A big thank you to everyone who loaned your camping supplies to VBS!! Feel free to pick them up anytime the office is open: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., or on Sunday morning. The items are in the conference room in Anderson Hall.

# Sending

## The Faithful Times

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.*

Matthew 25:35

The Community Food Pantry continues to support the hungry in North Tampa, Lutz, and Odessa by providing supplemental groceries. We continue to serve clients twice a week and feel blessed and privileged to be able to serve our friends in our community.

### CONTINUING CHRIST'S WORK IN THE WORLD...



24 hours of giving. May 5, 2015.

### GIVE DAY TAMPA BAY 2015 SUCCESS STORY ...

Thank you for Village for your support of our first annual participation in Give Day Tampa Bay. We were blessed with the numerous donations from our congregation on this day. Thank you for sharing the news and we are happy to announce that Give Day supported the pantry by earning \$11,209.50 in 24 hours. We are already making plans for an even more successful event next year, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

### YOUTH TAKE OVER THE PANTRY

Youth take over the pantry has started with a bang and has already been an amazing success! Over 45 participants thus far in two weeks and we have lots planned!

- Serve clients every Wednesday
- Stock shelving
- Participate in ordering food for pantry and shopping
- Assist with pick ups of donations
- Plan school year projects for pantry
- Assist with Northwest Tampa Fall Food distribution at Village Presbyterian Church
- Collect hygiene items for homeless of Tampa Bay

- Stuff backpacks for the pantry clients in need
- Make a more efficient registration area
- Design and make area for Parish Nurses
- Decide which charity to support for December
- Start quarterly newsletter for the pantry to be distributed throughout the community
- MADD/SADD in-church training for our teens after pantry on July 29<sup>th</sup>
- GIRL SCOUT project to continue beautifying our outside area

As you can see, the youth have a busy summer. They will be completely hands on in helping us continue to better and expand the ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in Carrollwood.

If you know a middle or high school student wanting a safe environment to complete community service hours, girl or boy scout projects, or just give back, please have them visit the attached sign up online or contact Monica Wilson at (813) 961-4115 or [villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com](mailto:villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044fa9a62da64-community>

Sunday hours are also available for all and we especially need adult or family help on Sundays.

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY TOTALS

*May 2015: 15,035 lbs. and 313 families.  
June (thru 6/17/15) 8,791 lbs. and 210 families*

Our numbers continue to grow, and the summer months have always proven to be our busiest time. Please keep the Community Food Pantry in your daily prayers.

### ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS—NEW WHOLE FOODS REGULAR DONATIONS

We still need a volunteer to pick up from WHOLE FOODS effective immediately. We receive fresh produce, frozen food items, premade meals and bakery items on Tuesday and Thursday. These items are already bagged and ready for pick up when you arrive.

**CAN YOU SERVE IN THE PANTRY?!** Even if you sign up on Sunday mornings with Margaret during the service, if you are able to sign up on the WEBSITE designated for the pantry, it is very helpful for planning.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044fa9a62da64-community>

How can you help? Or who can you send? Do you know a business that would volunteer for teambuilding or that will place a collection box in their break room? Do you have a relationship with a local elementary, middle or high school? What about a sports team? We want you!

### **FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES**

Elaine Richard, lead pantry nurse, is providing blood pressure checks and offering assistance in understanding the changes to Medicare on Wednesday mornings in the pantry. Another way we are 'Continuing Christ's Work in the World.'

### **PAY IT FORWARD**

We continue to share our excess food, bread, produce and desserts with Christian Social Services (CSS), Joshua House (foster care), Hope Children's Home, and other local food programs, the sick and shut in, McClain Inc. and compost to a local gardener when we are able.

Contact us anytime through the church office or visit [www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry](http://www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry)

### **MISSION SUNDAY**

Mission Sunday will be on Sunday, August 30. There will be displays and presentations, with a great lunch following. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex starting in early August.

### **BACKPACKS FOR FOOD PANTRY CHILDREN**

We are still collecting school supplies for the approximately 85 backpacks to be handed out to children of our Food Pantry. Notebook paper, folders, pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, and similar items are all invaluable in helping the kids get off to a great start in school this fall. We will be collecting until mid-July.

### **A KID'S PLACE SERVICE EVENT**

The church is invited to a hands-on service project at A Kid's Place on August 1st. We will be carpooling from Village at 8:15 a.m. and will be returning by 12:45 p.m.

### **A BIG THANK-YOU!**

Many thanks to all who generously donated new packs of underwear and socks for the Clothes Closet in Tampa. Your caring means so much to those in need of these most basic items.

### **SUMMER BASH!!**

VPC hosted a community summer fun day on June 20th. There were games, crafts, a bounce house, a water slide, a slip 'n slide, and the extra-special dunk tank featuring our own Pastor Jim. Thank you to everyone who came and served in our community!!

### **THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING!!**

The next blood drive will be Sunday, August 30, 2015. A special thanks goes out to the following for donating blood on May 31st: Carol Glenn, Nancy Bardin, David Shemo, Donald Hitchcock, Linda Hitchcock, Lisa Coates, Terri Balzer, Debbie Ramsey, Michael Lemon, and Linda Schuyler. Please prayerfully consider donating on August 30th. Your donation of blood may save up to three lives!

### **Tips for Successful Blood Donations**

- You must be at least 16 years old and weigh 110 lbs. or more. 16-17 year olds will need a signed parent permission slip in order to give blood.
- Eat healthy, iron-rich meals the week before you donate.
- Try to avoid fatty foods that week because they can interfere with proper testing.
- Bring your ID and a list of all medications you are currently taking.
- Enjoy an iron-rich meal after you donate.
- You may donate every 56 days.

If you have questions, check out the website, [www.oneblood.com](http://www.oneblood.com).



# Equipping

## The Faithful Times

### WEEKLY EQUIPPING EVENTS

#### Sunday School for Adults (9:00 a.m.)

- **Present Word** ~ *Micah Calls for Justice among Unjust People (the second unit of God's Prophets Demand Justice)*—July; *Advocates of Justice for All (the third unit of God's Prophets Demand Justice)*—August. Join us in the Conference Room—AH.
- **Bethel Series** ~ on hiatus until September

#### Sunday School for Children & Youth

On Sunday nights, kids will make a SPLASH  
Singing \* Playing \* Learning \* And \* Serving \* Him!

- Children's Sunday School—3 years—5th grade (Rm 3):  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Room 3)  
10:10 a.m. SPLASH Junior Church, meeting upstairs in the balcony.



- Youth Sunday School—Middle School and High School—Discussion and doughnuts Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.

**SPLASH Support**—We are always in need of more volunteers to assist with our kids at SPLASH. The lessons are prepared for the volunteer and all the supplies are provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Michelle Blume (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).

**Save the Date!** Cedarkirk Homecoming Retreat Friday, September 4th to Sunday, September 6th, 2015. Contact Cedarkirk for more details.

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth group is meeting immediately after "Youth Take Over the Pantry" on Wednesdays with lunch and a lesson for the youth volunteers. Come and learn and have a delicious meal. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at michelleb.vpc@gmail.com.

**Rent-A-Kid** is still ongoing throughout the summer. If you have any household chores you would like

one of the youth to do for a \$10 donation, please contact Rev. Michelle at michelleb.vpc@gmail.com.

**Summer Trip**—The youth summer trip is quickly approaching!! Please keep the 22 youth and five chaperones in your prayers leading up to the trip, and during the trip from July 19-24. This trip would not be possible without the extravagant generosity of the Village congregation. Thank you for all of your support throughout the past six months. You have made a lifelong impact on these youth. You are a blessing!!

### DINNER NIGHTS OUT

Thank you for supporting the youth groups' Dinner Nights Out at Beef O'Brady's and PDQ!!

### DRAMA TEAM

The drama team will be beginning our weekly Wednesday night practices starting on July 29th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome for a great time of worship through the arts and fellowship!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The trails are closed, the snow has melted, and the campers have all gone home. But, what a POWERFUL week of Everest we had!

God blessed us with over 100 children during the week who were touched by God's power to heal, comfort, provide, love, and forgive. Our teachers, some of whom stepped up for the first time this year, were absolutely amazing. We had over 40 youth who gave up their first week of summer to be a part of these children's lives and help show them the love of Jesus. Our Friday night event was host to 250 parents, youth, and children who gathered in our sanctuary to celebrate the week-long program with dinner, a slideshow, and music.

We could not have been more touched by the comments made, both by parents and children, of the joy this week brought. We are appreciative to so many who helped make this week a success; however, without God's power, none of this would have been possible!! He is good...all the time!

Your expedition guides,  
*Lori, Monica, and Peggy*

# Worshipping

## The Faithful Times

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** ~ Village Presbyterian Church lives its faith in the world by giving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ. Those acts of mercy and justice rise out of our worship experience. Become a regular part of that experience. Join us each Sunday. Our worship service is as follows: 10:10 a.m.—Welcome and Announcements and Worship at 10:15 a.m.

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

Please take a few minutes each week to prepare your heart and your mind for worship. Listed below are the Scriptures or subject matter that will be used in worship for July and August.

#### July 5

Leviticus 25:9-11  
Galatians 5:1-15  
*Proclaim Liberty*

#### July 12

Rev. Michelle Blume preaches

#### July 19

Rev. Tom Bowden preaches

#### July 26

Rev. Tom Bowden preaches

#### August 2

John 6:24-35  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
*Put me in, Coach!*

#### August 9

Psalms 130  
John 6:35 & 41-51  
*What's next?*

#### August 16

Rev. Blume preaching

#### August 23

Psalms 84  
John 6:56-69  
*Who will Bell the Cat?*

#### August 30

Mission Sunday

### MUSIC AT VILLAGE

It's always a great time to make music here at Village! Here are some ways you can get involved:

**Music Lessons-** Have you even wanted to learn how to play the piano or just sing a little better? Music lessons are now being offered at the church. All ages are welcome; it's never too late to learn! We are also reaching out to the homeschool community and offering group classes. You can read more about this at [bozemanmusicstudio.com](http://bozemanmusicstudio.com).

**Village Voices-** If you have children or grandchildren who like to sing, let's get them singing with the Village Voices! The Village Voices will be taking center stage once each month to bring us a beautiful choral anthem in our morning service, so now is the time to get involved!

**Village Brass-** If you play a brass instrument, let us know, and we will get you set up with music and rehearsal times.

**Chancel Choir-** Our Chancel Choir will be taking their annual break during the month of July. However, we will be back in August, so if you would like to sing with us please join us on the first Wednesday of August at 7:30 p.m. for rehearsal. We rehearse Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m.

**Concert!** We have an exciting concert coming this summer. Please join us on July 19 at 4:00 p.m. to be blessed by the music of Leo Villanuevo and his live band. Leo shares his music in English and Spanish and it is sure to touch your heart!

As always, you can find me at church or email me at [brittanybozeman.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybozeman.vpc@gmail.com) if you have questions or suggestions about the music at Village.

Singing for our Saviour,  
*Brittany Bozeman*

