

“What makes Blue Valley Baptist a church worth committing to?”

This was a question a friend of mine asked me recently. He and his family are looking for a church home. After thinking about it, I thought of Paul’s letter to the church at Thessalonica, specifically I Thessalonians 2:1-12. I essentially told my friend that Blue Valley Baptist Church is ...

1. **A Church that Is Biblical in Content.** . . . *"we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God"* (v. 2) Paul share the gospel in the midst of "much conflict." How could Paul be so bold? I believe BVBC has staff who strives to have this same boldness. Not that there is "much conflict," but there is, at times, much sacrifice, and much inconvenience. I believe our staff, like Paul, ...
 - A. Are more concerned with pleasing God than man (v.4).
 - B. Seek no personal glory for successes in ministry (v.6).
 - C. Realize that true Christian growth is a product of the Word (v.13).
 1. Not shame, manipulation, or guilt.
 2. Not legalistic standards set down for attainment.
2. **A Church that Is Authentic in Nature** . . . *"for we never came with words of flattery...nor with pretext of greed"* (v.5) BVBC is genuine in our desire to help everyone in our faith community to follow Jesus. We are all on the same journey. There is no time for putting up false fronts. What you see is what you get.
3. **A Church that Is Gracious in Attitude** . . . *"we were gentle among you"* (v.7) Paul says in verse 7 he was like a mother to them, and in verse 11 like a father. This says that the church should be more like a family than a business. I believe BVBC strives to be a church where grace and compassion is the rule. A safe place where one can receive healing...spiritually, emotionally, and physically.
4. **A Church that is Relevant in Ministry.** . . . *"we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God"* (v.12) BVBC is a church that is interested in how people live, not just on Sunday, but every day of week.

Are we a perfect church? There isn’t such a thing. Yet, we are a church that is striving to be externally focused: engaging our local, national, and global community. There are many opportunities for individuals, families, classes, and ministry departments to be involved. Check out <http://bluevalleybaptist.org/missions1> to see a number of ministry opportunities. Consider how you will answer the next time someone asks you about your church.

Engaging the world with you,

Pastor of Administration
and Outreach

| Blue Valley Facts | 02/07/10 | 02/14/10 | 02/21/10 | 02/28/10 | Total to Date |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total Sunday School | 557 | 520 | 394 | 585 | |
| Total Worship | 738 | 755 | 495 | 852 | |
| Weekly Budget Needs | \$33,653.85 | \$33,653.85 | \$33,653.85 | \$33,653.85 | |
| Total General Offering | \$30,307.53 | \$29,358.15 | \$21,721.66 | \$31,937.86 | |
| On This Rock Giving | \$5,342.50 | \$9,522.62 | \$7,714.42 | \$13,073.79 | \$516,784.89 |

WELCOME

New Members in February 2010

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| Lindsay McEver | Matt Stephens |
| David & Christy Kirby | Austin VanDeSteege |
| Phyllis Hood | Lauren VanDeSteege |
| Danita Hill | Elaina Guydosh |
| Kristi Gish | Katerina Guydosh |
| Jonah Stephens | |



Opportunities for Women

Connecting Chapters

Our group will be meeting March 25, 7:00 pm at the home of Angie French. We will be discussing *Deception* by Randy Alcorn. If you have any questions, contact the church office at (913) 897-9669.



WOMEN'S Friendship Circle



... meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 9:30-11:30am. Our next meeting will be April 6 at Paula Schmidt's home.

Childcare is provided at the church. If you have childcare needs please contact the church office, (913) 897-9669.

Golden Girls

... will meet on Tuesday, March 16 at 9 am. Cheryl Dufriend will be sharing her testimony and how it led her to the vitamin business in which she now works.

Prayer 'n Share

... meets on Monday, March 8 at 9:30am in the Annex. Join us to pray for the needs of our church, our families, and our nation.



Crafty Chicks

... has expanded to include **needle crafts** (crochet, needlepoint, embroidery...)! We will be meeting on the second Friday of each month from 6:00 pm - ??? We meet in the BVBC Annex. Come join us March 12 for **scrapbooking** or **needle work**. Call the church office with any questions, (913) 897-9669.

Forerunners: Upcoming Events

March 11, 11:45—1:30 T-Time: Dr. Tim Steele, guest speaker
 April 8, 11:45—1:30 T-Time: David Neely, guest speaker
 May 6, 6:00—8:00 pm T-Time Season Finale: Kori Grouse Concert

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

2010 National Goal: \$70 Million –

Watch for more information to come on our church's goal in the coming weeks.

Missions Emphasis Theme: Live with Urgency...
 Share God's *Transforming* Power

Week of Prayer for North American Missions: March 7-14, 2010

Why Give to Annie Armstrong?

Because three of four people in North America are lost. 100% of everything given to the AAEO goes to support over 5,000 missionaries and their ministries in the United States and Canada.

North American Missionaries

Though their stories and methods are different, they share a common urgency for sharing the gospel with North Americans. Whether it is starting a new church, meeting the needs of the homeless, leading worship at a ski resort, or leading Back Yard Bible clubs, missionaries depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Week of Prayer

March 7-14 our church will join other Southern Baptist churches in praying for North American missionaries. Look for your Week of Prayer guide featuring eight North American missionaries in your bulletin.



THE truthREVEALED CONFERENCE

Clear voices speaking in a chaotic culture is the theme of this dynamic conference on March 26 & 27. You won't want to miss hearing these featured speakers:

- Stuart McAllister, VP for Training and Special Projects with Ravi Zacharias
- James Merritt, Host of *Touching Lives*, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Robert Smith, Jr, Speaker, author, and selected winner of 2009 Preaching Book of the Year by *Christianity Today*
- Phil Roberts, International pastor and president of Mid-western Baptist Theological Seminary

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit:
www.truthrevealedconference.com

Congratulations to Bobbi Jo Oatman

who, in February, celebrated her 3rd year as full-time Administrative Assistant at BVBC!

Passion Week

March 28 - April 3, 2010

During Passion Week, the time period from Palm Sunday until Easter, we will have several corporate worship services and a family Easter event. Each of these services and events are planned specifically to help us focus on the emotions and actions of Jesus during the final days of his life on earth.

In addition to these events, we have compiled a guide for our church family to use in individual times of worship. This devotional was created to prepare us individually for the greater meaning that we will experience in our corporate worship services throughout the week. These devotionals will be distributed on Sunday, March 21, and will be available for you to pick up during that following week.

We hope your family can join us for these events:

March 28—Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion is a celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his crucifixion. Each of the Gospels record this event when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem while the people laid down their cloaks and palm branches for him to ride across. The people sang a portion of Psalm 118: *...Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father...* We will have regular worship services that day as we celebrate our Lord together.

March 31—Walk Through the Bible: A family Easter event. Imagine having the opportunity to teach your own children (grades 1-6) about Christ and his love with the supplies and activities already prepared! You and your family will shout hosannas while waving palm branches, share the Lord's Supper served by Bible characters, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, lay your burdens at the foot of the cross, and jump for joy at the sight of the empty tomb. Join us Open-House style to lead your family through the last days with Jesus, walking through 'Jerusalem', 6:30-8:30 pm, no drop-offs, no childcare.

April 1—(Maundy Thursday) The Unleavened Messiah: A portrait of Christ in the Passover. This event will be at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall, seated at table. We will be led by Stephen Ger, a Messianic Jew, as we walk through the Jewish Passover and highlight the parts of the Passover that Jesus fulfilled. During this service, we will sample some of the elements of the Passover. Because of space, this event is limited to 300 people. Childcare, birth—Pre K is available. Reservations for your family and guests are recommended. Please visit our website at www.bluevalleybaptist.org to reserve your place by March 29.

April 2—(Good Friday) Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows. This worship event will be at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center. Traditionally observed on Good Friday, such services are solemn times to reflect on the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. For many in our congregation, Tenebrae has become a very significant part of their Holy Week observance. We believe taking time to focus on the sufferings of Christ prepares us better to celebrate our resurrected Savior as we gather on Easter Sunday. Childcare will be available for birth—Pre K.



Don't Forget to move your clocks forward one hour.

Time change is on March 14.

Off the Shelf

His Mighty Warrior: A Treasure Map from Your King is one of the most recent additions to the church library. This book written by Sheri Rose Shepherd is a great devotional for your mighty warrior, ages four to eight years. Written in a two-way conversation, *His Mighty Warrior* addresses topics like courage, disappointment, obedience, fear and many more. All little boys will be captivated by the illustrations and love reading what God has to say to them. Stop by the library today to check this book out.



Thank You!

Thank you Church-family for your continued support and encouragement you bring to the Student Ministry. A BIG thank you to all who participated in the weekend, meeting needs across the board. We could not do this without you. On behalf of the Disciple Now lead teams: we are grateful to you and for you. May God bless you and your family because of your love and support of our Students and their families.

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WELCOME

Blue Valley Baptist Church
exists to glorify God
by helping people
follow Jesus.

Passion Week Schedule:

- March 28—(Palm Sunday) Regular Service Schedule
- March 31—Walk Through the Bible 6:30 pm
- April 1—(Maundy Thursday) The Unleavened Messiah 7:00 pm
- April 2—(Good Friday) Tenebrae: Service of Shadows 7:00 pm



Easter Sunday

Join us for an exciting time as we worship our Risen Savior.

Service Times: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am



**SUNDAY WORSHIP &
SMALL GROUP
TIMES**

8a | 9:30a | 11a

SUNDAY EVENING 6p