

"Heart of the Valley" . . . don't miss a beat!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP: How close are we to the kingdom of heaven? Will it occur soon? What do we need to do to be ready for the kingdom in 2012? Pastor Mike Clark speaks about "How Near is the Kingdom of Heaven?" from Matthew 10:1-10 next Sunday in worship. The kingdom is closer than you think! Are you ready for it?

MINISTRY AND SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD! Join Pastor Mike beginning this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in a new weekly study of God's Truth for our lives. Meet in the Reading Room/Library and bring a Bible. We will start our study in Ephesians to discover the Lord's intentions for a healthy, happy church.

ATTENTION OLDER ADULTS: Happy New Year! Join us for lunch on Thursday, January 5 at 11:00 AM in Hansen Hall. We praise God in song, good food, and a great program. Our former organist Shirley Underwood will play for us. Do come!

STAND STRONG! DISCOVER GOD'S WAY TO OVERCOME

TEMPTATION. Pastor Mike's new book will be available for purchase next Sunday or this week in the church office. The book describes practical ways the Lord teaches us to defeat temptations every day in His power. The paperback book is available for sale for \$10 here at COV only. Online it is \$12.99 for the paperback at Amazon.com. Or you can download it as an ebook from Amazon for your kindle or at Barnes & Nobles online for your nook for \$7.99.

CHURCH OF THE VALLEY CONCERT BAND: For all who have played in a concert band, please consider joining our own church band. There are Sundays when the joy is so pervasive, the voices, organ and piano need a boost to truly express the Glory of God. Dennis Pond knows who some of you are, but there are those of whom he has not heard. If you would like to join this group, please phone him at 760-248-7305 (leave a message if necessary) or email him at dennispond@gmail.com. It will be a horn-honkin good time.

PRAISE CHORUS: Looking for singers who would like to join the Praise Band once a month as a vocal chorus of praise! Rehearsals will start in the fall. Please call Guy Robinson at (760) 247-8781 or e-mail Dawn Ruiz at dawnr@churchofthevalley.net for more information and/or to let us know you are interested in joining in.

RUMMAGE NEWS: Since the first Monday of the month is a holiday in January we will resume rummage sorting days on Monday, January 9 and then again on January 23 at 8:00 AM - Noon. In February we go back to our normal first and third Mondays. Mark these changes on your calendars. Note: a special work party will be needed for Saturday, January 21 from 8:00 AM - Noon to move the delicate organ parts from the Rummage Barn to the upstairs loft in Hansen Hall and to build a rack to hold the organ pipes vertical. We also need to build a fence near the sheds. Questions? Call Bruce.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The family of Don Stewart in Don's death on December 25. Don's memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 4 at 10:00 AM at Sunset Hills. Also remember the family of John Kaucher in John's death on December 18. John's memorial service was held on December 28 at COV.

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MINISTRY AND SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES, continued

BASKETBALL ANYONE? All men and women 8th grade and older are invited to come for a fun evening of basketball. We get together every first and third Thursday at 6:30 PM in Hansen Hall. All skill levels welcome. This is a fun way to get exercise and enjoy fellowship with others in a safe environment. Questions? Call Jeff.

PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER THE 9:00 AM SERVICE: Do you have a need for prayer? Come and be blessed, we would love to pray for you. Everyone is welcome to join us as we pray for your needs as well as for persecuted Christians around the world. We meet in the front, left side of the Sanctuary right after the service ends.

PRAYER AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE: Jesus said, "Come to Me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. We meet in the front left side of Hansen Hall under the Prayer Banner to pray for the grace and the healing love of God to answer the needs in your life.

COV'S LOVE'S LABOR LIST: In this new year please remember those in our church family who continue to be unemployed during this long economic downturn. If you have work to be done around the house and are able to hire, please use the Love's Labor List. If you are not able to help in this way, join us in praying for their situation, both physical and emotional. Pray that God will provide employment for them soon. Contact Kathy Bishop in the COV office if you have questions or need more information about hiring one of these people - call (760) 247-6494 x245. (Disclaimer: COV does not guarantee the work of any person. Please get references and license information where needed.)

PRACTICE A JESUS LIFESTYLE! Are you willing to give up your pew or seat for Jesus' sake? Are you willing to spend 5 minutes after every worship talking to someone new instead of seeking out your regular friends? Are you willing to become uncomfortable for Jesus so someone else can get to know Him better? Pray about what we can do at COV to better welcome our visitors and friends and share with them the love of Christ.

PAST BIBLE MESSAGES AVAILABLE! Did you know you can download a sermon manuscript in word format from the last 9 months? Or that you can listen to a recent sermon from the last 3 months? If you missed or want to review a recent sermon, they are available at our website at www.churchofthevalley.net. Go to the tab marked "Media Central" and click on either the audio sermons or written sermons.

SET FREE MINISTRIES CAN HELP YOU! The men of Set Free Ministries want to give back and also help pay their rent, food and utilities. Need help in the yard, garage, or at your place of work? If you need hard workers, we have the best. Call us at (760) 961-1431.

SERMON NOTES

January 1, 2012

"The Urge to Emerge with a New You in a New Year!"
"Moving from Comfort Zone, to Combat Zone, to Compassion Zone"
Judges 6:1, 11-18

"Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years He gave them into the hands of the Midianites." The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak of Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.' 'But sir,' Gideon replied, 'if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian.' The Lord turned to him and said, 'Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?' 'But Lord,' Gideon asked, 'How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.' The Lord answered, 'I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.' Gideon replied, 'If now I have found favor in Your eyes, give me a sign that it is really You talking to me. Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before You.' And the Lord said, 'I will wait until you return.'"

Gideon: From comfort zone (or cowardly zone) to combat zone

1. Tear down the altar to Baal and the female goddess Asherah pole.
2. Gather an army of 32,000; lose 22,000; lose 9,700. Fighting a force of 300 against the Midianite army of 135,000. Gideon wins!

Gideon: From combat zone to compassion zone:
the Lord will rule the people.

1. REVOLUTION
 - a. Resolutions no good without a revolution against our old sinful self.
 - b. Clothed in the Holy Spirit, we can do combat against our sinful habits.
 - c. Have a holy New Year, accept Jesus Christ, share with someone else.
2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS (We underestimate what God has placed inside us.)
 - a. When we make our lives an altar to God, He will alter us into His plan.
 - b. Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:11, I Peter 4:9-11
 - c. Prayer, experimentation, input from others to find your spiritual gifts.
3. SIGNS
 - a. The Bible is our primary source of "signs," or messages from the Lord.
 - b. Steady study of Scripture to know the Lord's messages and miracles.
 - c. The Bible is Inerrant, Infallible, Inspired, Authoritative.
4. SWORD
 - a. The Bible, flowing from us to others - believers & non-believers alike.
 - b. For a New Year Make-Over, Let Jesus Christ Take Over!

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH OF THE VALLEY

TODAY:

Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary.....	9:00 AM
Childcare, Family Life Center, Room 8.....	9:00 AM
Contemporary Worship Service, Hansen Hall.....	10:30 AM
Sunday School, Children & Adults, Family Life Center.....	10:30 AM
Childcare, Family Life Center, Room 8.....	10:30 AM

MONDAY, January 2

New Year's Holiday - Church office closed

TUESDAY, January 3

Study & Prayer Ministry, Reading Room.....	9:30 AM
Dorcas Society (knit & crochet), Reading Room.....	1:30 PM
BSA Troop #157, Rooms 1A, 1B, 2.....	5:00 PM
Building & Grounds Team Meeting, Conference Room.....	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, January 4

English as a Second Language (ESL), Rooms 1A, 1B, 2.....	9:15 AM
TOPS #1, Reading Room.....	9:30 AM
Gospelarks Rehearsal, Sanctuary.....	6:00 PM
Wednesdays in the Word, Reading Room.....	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary.....	7:00 PM
Student Ministries Combo Night, Room 2.....	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, January 5

Men's Bible Study, Lil Bit O Country Restaurant.....	7:00 AM
Circle Teacher's Meeting, Conference Room.....	9:30 PM
Older Adult Luncheon, Hansen Hall.....	11:00 AM
BSA Venture Unit #157, Room 1 & 2.....	6:00 PM
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary.....	6:00 PM
Basketball Night, Hansen Hall.....	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, January 6

TOPS #2, Room 3.....	8:30 AM
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SATURDAY, January 7

AA, NA & GA MEET THROUGHOUT THE WEEK; CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR TIMES AND LOCATION

Provide flowers to grace our pulpit on Sundays as you celebrate a special event, honor a loved one, or just say thank you for God's blessings. Contact Sue in the church office, x 237.



CHURCH OF THE VALLEY STAFF

PASTORAL STAFF

Mike Clark.....	Senior Pastor	x-244
Becky Sage.....	Associate Pastor	x-225
Ken Gammons.....	Parish Associate	

MUSIC MINISTRY PERSONNEL

Dr. Tom Miller.....	Traditional Worship
Guy Robinson.....	Director of Contemporary Worship
Kay Schroeder.....	GospeLarks / Celebration Ringers
Trish Milhan.....	Accompanist

OFFICE STAFF

Dawn Ruiz.....	Business Administrator	x-236
Kathy Bishop.....	Church Ministry Associate	x-245
Sue Henderson.....	Church Office Associate	x-237
Julie Gonzales.....	Children's Ministries Director	x-230
Dusty Ferguson.....	Student Ministries Director	x-238
Lou-Anne Velez.....	Childcare Director	x-233
Julie Reay.....	Bookkeeper	x-235

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Chong Mu Yi, Tony Edwards, Tim Ruiz, Shayne Quigg, Zach Reyes.....	Maintenance Crew
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Help us help everyone to worship!

For the comfort and health of people who get asthmatic reactions (which can be life-threatening) from perfumes and colognes, we ask that you refrain from wearing them to the church services. Also, please turn off your cell phone/pager/beeper when you enter the worship service, or place it on mute, so as to not distract others during the service. Thank you.



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**Loving God, Each Other and
Our Neighbors in Christ's Love**

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 1, 2012

"The Urge to Emerge with a New You in a New Year!"

*"Moving from Comfort Zone, to Combat Zone,
to Compassion Zone"*

Key Bible Text: Judges 6:1, 11-18

Rev. Ken Gammons

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." I Corinthians 3:18

"I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philipians 1:6

Traditional Worship Sanctuary—9:00 AM

Childcare available for infants through 3rd grade in Room 8,
Family Life Center, adjacent to Hansen Hall.

Contemporary Worship Hansen Hall—10:30 AM

Sunday School for students through 5th grade in Room 4, and
Childcare available for infants through 3 years old in Room 8,
Family Life Center, adjacent to Hansen Hall.