

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP: Pastor Mike shares about a proven way to share about the great news of Jesus with those around us. The message is *"Seek Out the Seekers!"* from Matthew 10:11-16. The Holy Spirit is preparing the hearts of many around us to know Jesus as their Lord. We can be part of this great mission of the Gospel as we learn to seek out those who are open to hearing about the Lord.

MATTHEW STUDY GUIDES FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL GROUPS AVAILABLE TODAY! Pick up your copy at the Welcome Center or entrance areas. Pastor Mike prepared this guide to help you dig into the truths of the Bible passages he will speak on through January, February and March. Use them in your small groups, family devotions and personal Bible studies to walk closer with Christ. Bring them to worship and make notes in them as Pastor Mike teaches from the passages each Sunday.

MINISTRY AND SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD! Join Pastor Mike on Wednesday evenings 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.

STAND STRONG! DISCOVER GOD'S WAY TO OVERCOME

TEMPTATION. Pastor Mike's new book will be available for purchase today 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.

ISRAEL TOUR BROCHURES AVAILABLE TODAY: Would you like to join Pastor Mike and Sue Clark plus over 20 others from COV on a tour of Israel in the summer of 2012? Walk where Jesus, Abraham, King David and Peter walked. The Bible comes alive in 3D in the Promised Land. Pastor Mike and Sue have taken over 100 people to Israel with 4 tours there before. Let Pastor Mike know if you are interested and he will give you a tour brochure full of the details.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU) HIGHLIGHTS! We just graduated a new group from our FPU fall classes. Here are some statistics from this group: Number of attendees: 36. Number of graduates: 20 (Made every session but 2) Reported Amount of Debt Dollars paid off: \$40,474. Reported Amount of Saved Dollars: \$21,900. Total Debt Paid and Dollars Saved: \$62,374. If you would like to be part of our next FPU class to pay off debt, save money and use it wisely under the Lord's directions, please call Kathy at the church office at (760) 247-6494 x245 or e-mail kathyb@churchofthevalley.net.

5 COV LEADERS TO ATTEND THE FELLOWSHIP OF

PRESBYTERIANS CONFERENCE: We ask for your prayers for Pastor Mike Clark and his wife Sue, Elder Lori Anderson, Elder Joe Smith and his wife Rosanne, as well as pray for the conference they are attending January 17 to the 21 in Orlando, Florida. This conference gathers over 2000 pastors, elders and church leaders to seek the Lord's will concerning the future of our churches in forming a new reformed body of churches. The key motive for this meeting is to unify together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ by keeping to the authority of the Bible in deciding truths and standards for leadership, ministry and mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY AND SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES, continued

PRAISE CHORUS: Looking for singers who would like to join the Praise Band the third Sunday of the month as a vocal chorus of praise! Rehearsals are the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in Hansen Hall. 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.

GIVING ENVELOPES: This is the last week to pick up your 2012 giving envelopes in the lobby after each service. They are presented in monthly and weekly categories. Each is alphabetized by last name. Please help the church save on postage and pick yours up today. Thank you.

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.

RUMMAGE NEWS: Since the first Monday of the month is a holiday in January we will resume rummage sorting days tomorrow, 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 prepare for moving the delicate organ parts from the Rummage Barn to a location to be built in Hansen Hall that will hold the organ pipes in the proper vertical position. We also need to build a fence near the sheds. Questions? Call Bruce.

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 physically and emotionally. Pray that God will provide employment for them soon. Contact Kathy 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.)

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 8, 2012

"How Near is the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Matthew 10:1-10

¹Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. ⁹Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— ¹⁰no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep."

Key Truth: The kingdom of heaven is as near to us as the King is near to us. Wherever Jesus is, the kingdom is not far away. The more we live in Jesus daily, the more of the kingdom we will experience. This in turn will prepare us for an incredible, joyful eternal life when the kingdom comes completely.

A. Jesus chooses the 12 Disciples.

- Representatives of the common people: 7 fishermen, a tax collector, a rabble rouser, a doubter, a traitor, and others of the people.
- They become extraordinary as they follow Jesus.
 - ◆ How has becoming a follower of Jesus changed your life from common to extraordinary?

B. The Mission of the 12 - Proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven is near!

- How near is the kingdom of heaven?
- The signs of the kingdom of heaven: healing, raising, cleansing and freeing persons in the Lord.
- The currency of the kingdom of heaven = Giving to each other from what we have received from the Lord.
- The rewards of the kingdom workers. They are worth their keep!
 - ◆ What signs are you seeing in your life or our church family that the kingdom of heaven is near?

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
Student Ministries Team Meeting, Room 2.....	12:00 PM

MONDAY, January 9

Rummage Sorting, Hansen Hall.....	8:00 AM
Precept Bible Study, Room 3.....	9:00 AM
Student Ministries Monday Night Madness, Room 2.....	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, January 10

Rachel Circle, Reading Room.....	9:30 AM
BSA Troop #157, Rooms 1A, 1B, 2.....	5:00 PM
Leadership Nominating Committee, Conference Room.....	6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, January 11

Bible Study Fellowship, Hansen Hall & Family Life Center.....	9:00 AM
English as a Second Language (ESL), Rooms 1A, 1B, 2.....	9:15 AM
TOPS #1, Reading Room.....	9:30 AM
Christians Encountering Challenges, Room 1A.....	1:30 PM
Gospelarks Rehearsal, Sanctuary.....	6:00 PM
Wednesdays in the Word, Reading Room.....	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary.....	7:00 PM
Student Ministries Prime Time, Room 2.....	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, January 12

Men's Bible Study, Lil Bit O Country Restaurant.....	7:00 AM
Naomi-Pricilla Circle, Reading Room.....	1:30 PM
BSA Venture Unit #157, Room 1 & 2.....	6:00 PM
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary.....	6:00 PM
Greg's Small Group, Reading Room.....	6:30 PM

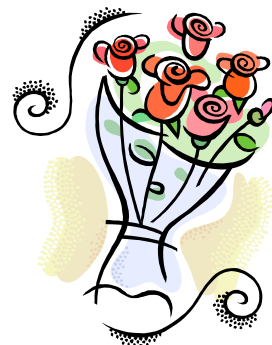
FRIDAY, January 13

TOPS #2, Room 3.....	8:30 AM
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SATURDAY, January 14

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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"Heart of the Valley"

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2012

"How Near is the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Key Bible Text: Matthew 10:1-10

Pastor Mike Clark

"The Kingdom of Heaven is Near!"

Dale Brunner, (The Christbook, pg. 123)

"Does it mean the kingdom is near, or does it mean the kingdom is present? It means both: it is on its way, it is just about to break in, in fact it is breaking in, in some way, as Jesus' very words are spoken. The kingdom is breaking in right now through Jesus' person and Word like a great landslide or like lightning from heaven. The kingdom is vital, alive, moving, breaking in. Yet the kingdom, as God's, is always partly future (and present) at the same time, anchored in its source and giver."

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.