



The Newsletter
Valley
Presbyterian Church
September / October 2023
Newsletter

Valley Presbyterian Church exists

▪ To Glorify God ▪ To Make Christian Disciples ▪ To Serve In Christ's Name ▪



**Welcome
Back to School**

**The Gospel According to
Mark**



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

THE PREACHER DOYEL
CORNER



The
"SUMMER IS OVER and SCHOOL IS STARTING"
CLASS

Welcome back! (if you're already here, that is) ... or ... We are looking forward to all of our people being back in town shortly to enjoy the cooler weather that Mesquite has to offer! Here's a summary of things that have been scheduled for Valley Presbyterian:

- **Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day weekend)** — Valley Presbyterian Church will again feature the Annual HymnFest. Summer camp is ending and we will be holding our final summer vesper service with a hymn sing and hymn history lesson. Communion will be served.
- **Sunday, September 10** — As in the past autumns, Schoolmaster Doyel will start on another book of the Bible. Last fall, we finished the book of Exodus. Now, Preacher Doyel will begin his sermon series on The Gospel According to Mark. So, class... for your homework, please start reading the New Testament book of Mark!

Following our morning worship service, Rev. Doyel will be leaving for a mandatory Presbytery meeting in Lake Tahoe. The Presbytery of Nevada is the organization over the Presbyterian Churches in Nevada and the eastern slope of California. The Presbytery meets twice a year — in September in Lake Tahoe, and then in the Spring the Presbytery meets in the greater Las Vegas area.

- **Sunday, September 17** — You will again have the opportunity to hear our own world-renowned Baptist pastor, the Rev. Dr. Roger Bowers. If you have heard him in the past, you will want to be here. On the other hand, if you have NOT heard Pastor Bowers preach, then you will **definitely** need to be here. You will hear the Bible come alive!
- **Sunday, September 24** — Preacher Doyel will be back in the pulpit as we continue our study in the book of Mark. So.....
- **Sunday, October 1 is World Communion Sunday** — We will celebrate Communion with Christians all over the world. Be here for this special service.
- **Sunday, October 8** — Our study continues in the book of Mark. Preacher Doyel will bring yet another enlightening message. We know you can't wait!





FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

THE PREACHER DOYEL
CORNER (Continued)



- **Sunday, October 15** — Again — a message from the book of Mark. Preacher Doyel will continue bringing messages that will encourage you.
- **Sunday, October 22** — We will welcome your wonderful former pastor, Jim Dick, to the pulpit. If you are new and haven't had a chance to hear him, now is the time and this is your opportunity. You will be richly blessed.
- **Sunday, October 29** — Reformation Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you in church!

Preacher Doyel

HYMNFEST 2023

SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 3RD



Store of Hope Orphanage, Uganda (August 2023 Update)

God has continued to work in our ministry and we give thanks to Him for all those who have helped us take care of God's little ones. We wanted to provide an update of what has been accomplished through His provision and oversight.

Where we started

In 2018, our family and the initial 11 kids shared a rented house which was supported by the church and occasional donations from people in America. We also operated a church which not only continues to this day, but also continues to receive people to the Lord.

Where we are now

Over the past four years, through the generosity of the church and other individuals, the Lord has guided us to:

A house for the younger kids
and the land under it



A house for the older kids
and the land under it



A kitchen building
and the land under it



A farm with more than 10 acres of land
where we grow crops (primarily corn)



A corn mill business with employees,
generating regular monthly income



All of these are adjacent or nearby to our church.

The Lord has also guided us to:

- A piece of land for a well (which we have funds to dig)
- Three latrines
- College education for Gloria
- Monthly sponsorship for two kids

Where we go from here

We continue to need funds to educate the kids as the cost of education has been rising. Also, we would like to at some point, create a school where we can not only educate our kids, but also educate the kids in the surrounding area. This will generate revenue but also allow us to insulate ourselves from the increasing costs of education at other institutions.



Preaching Schedule

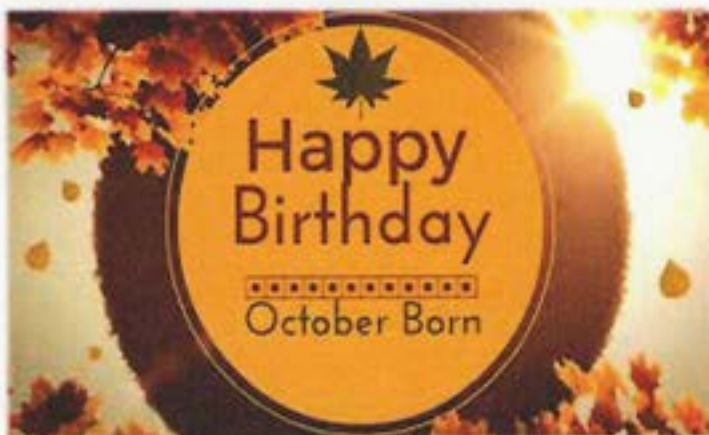


September 3	Rev. Ross Doyel (<i>Communion Sunday</i>)
September 10	Rev. Ross Doyel
September 17	Rev. Dr. Roger Bowers
September 24	Rev. Ross Doyel

October 1	Rev. Ross Doyel (<i>Communion Sunday</i>)
October 8	Rev. Ross Doyel
October 15	Rev. Ross Doyel
October 22	Rev. Jim Dick
October 29	Rev. Ross Doyel



September 9	Carol Peters
September 12	Donna Pellegrino
September 13	Rollie Myers
September 29	Ed Escareno
September 29	Pat Richardson



October 5	Mike White
October 6	Sue Williams
October 14	Ellie Cox
October 14	Anita Jacobs
October 15	Phyllis Spitzer
October 17	Stephen Young
October 20	Marilyn Weiss
October 27	Jan Boutelle
October 29	Barbara Wattenberg



BIBLE STUDY

Our mid-week Bible Study gathering will resume on the first Tuesday in October — October 3rd, at 1 P.M. All are welcome! Bring a friend!!



My grandmother always drank her coffee like this! I thought it was because it was too hot. Do you remember older generations drinking from their saucer? I recently came across this poem that made me feel there was symbolism to the coffee ritual.

Drinking From My Saucer

by John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much — I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaching better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough. But
I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for His blessings and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong; my faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.
So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage when the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings — I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.





your
prayer shawl ministry
in action!

by Shirley Jessup

Fall is fast approaching and the weather will soon begin to cool, so we can enjoy our beautiful days. Our snowbirds will begin to return, and Pastor Ross has had some much-deserved vacation time.

Our Sunday attendance numbers have been good during the summer months. We appreciate and thank the various pastors who graciously filled in while Ross was off. We hope you enjoyed the variety of speakers! A huge "thank you" to Kathy Bakken, our Elder of Worship, for her part in the summer schedule and being worship leader.

The Prayer Shawl members who remained in Mesquite during the summer were very busy making more shawls, baby quilts and lap quilts.

Twelve shawls were delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution as needed. Four were presented in church for healing, as were three lap quilts.

The Mesquite Police Department needed baby quilts, so 12 were delivered to them — plus 6 lap quilts and 10 shawls. Crime Advocates Brooke and Maricruz will utilize our donations as needed for women's shelters. Shawls are given when home visits are done and when death notifications become necessary.

An afternoon was spent at the BeeHive nursing home. Mary Bowers played the piano while Pat Waldorf, Marilyn Weiss, Judy Strachan and I sang the old hymns. The residents really love music!!

A quilt made by Kathy Souba was donated to the auction for Alzheimers. The auction was held at Valley Estates, and the money raised was used locally.

Three of us helped at the "Teddy Bear Clinic" at Valley Estates. Wendie Black, Judy Strachan and I volunteered to help the residents. We really had a fun time with the children and their stuffed animals.

There are a total of 14 ladies who contribute their time and talents to this ministry. My heart is full with gratitude for each one of them. We have become friends on this mission journey to serve our church and community.

Thank you, everyone, for participating in the Blessing of the Shawls.

Special thanks also to Margaret Lightfoot for remembering our birthdays; and to Skip Clayborn for posting the prayer requests each week. It truly does take each of us working together as one!

Blessings to you all,
Shirley

your
prayer shawl ministry
in action!



M.P.D. Crime Advocates
'Brooke' and 'Maricruz'



Music at the
Bee Hive Nursing Home



Teddy Bear Clinic



your
prayer shawl ministry
in action!

LADIES:
YOUR EFFORTS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!
TAKE A LOOK . . .



Chief MaQuade Chesley
MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 15, 2023

Shirley Jessup
And Members of The Prayer Shawl Mission
[REDACTED]
Mesquite, NV 89027

Dear Shirley and The Prayer Shawl Mission:

On behalf of myself and the Mesquite Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your most generous donation of handmade knitted shawls and baby blankets in support of the Mesquite Police Department. The tax id number is 88-0198529.

We feel fortunate to have people, like yourselves, who care and offer their support to the men and women of the Mesquite Police Department and the community.

Again, thank you for being there when we need you and for the support you give the Mesquite Police Department and this community.

Respectfully,


MaQuade Chesley
Chief of Police

cc: Valley Presbyterian Church

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A pastor transformed himself into a homeless person... and went to the church where he was to be introduced as the head pastor that morning. He walked around his soon-to-be church for 30 minutes while it was filling with people for the service. Only three people said hello to him; most looked the other way. He asked people for change to buy food because he was hungry. Not one person gave him anything.

He went into the sanctuary to sit down in the front of the church and was told by the ushers that he would need to move and go sit in the back. He said hello to people as they walked in but was greeted with cold stares and dirty looks from people looking down on him and judging him.

He sat in the back of the church and listened to the announcements for the week. He listened as new visitors were welcomed into the church that morning, but no one acknowledged that he was new. He watched people around him continue to look his way with stares that said you are not welcome here.

Then the elders of the church went to the podium to make an announcement. They said they were excited to introduce the new pastor of the church to the congregation. "We would like to introduce you to our new Pastor." The congregation stood up and looked around, clapping with joy and anticipation. The homeless man sitting in the back stood up and started walking down the aisle.

That's when all the clapping stopped and the church was silent. With all eyes on him... he walked up to the altar and reached for the microphone. He stood there for a moment and then recited so elegantly, a verse from the Bible:

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 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, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.'

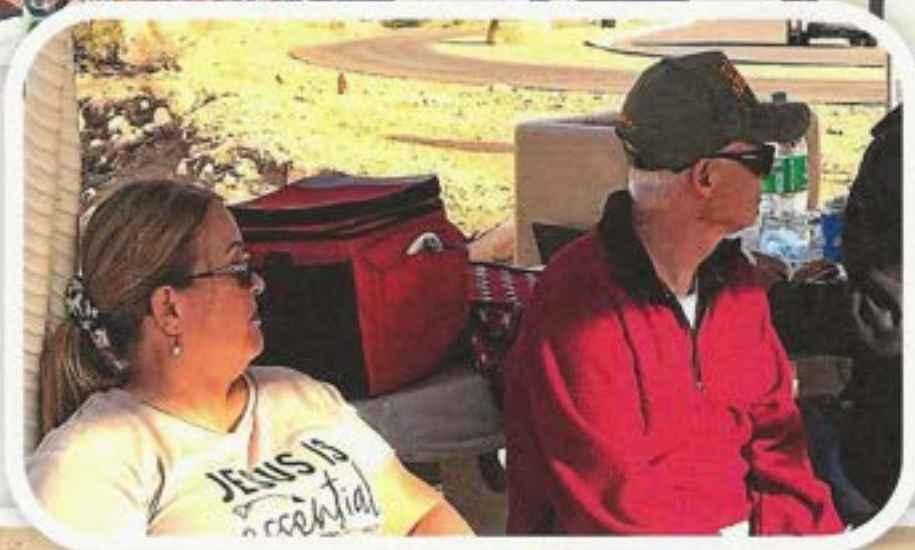
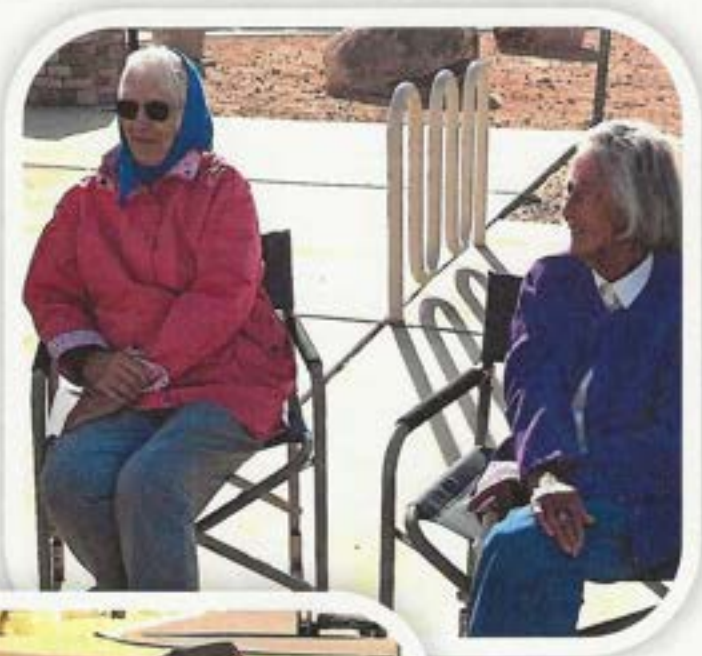
After he recited this, he introduced himself as their new pastor and told the congregation what he had experienced that morning. Many began to cry and bow their heads in shame. "Today I see a gathering of people here but I do not see a church of Jesus. The world has enough people that look the other way. What the world needs is disciples of Jesus that can follow his teachings and do their utmost to live, and love, as he did.

He then dismissed the service until the following Sunday, as his sermon had been given.

May 5th Friendship Dinner



More from the May 5th Friendship Dinner



The 92-Year-Old Preacher

While watching a little TV one Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time; and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age? After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly to the podium, with great effort and a sliding gait. Without a note or written paper of any kind, he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly began to speak.

“When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me. The one thing that would comfort me was this verse:

“Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.”

The old pastor continued, “I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children’s hymn ‘Jesus Loves Me’ (for the children, of course) during a hymn sing; and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best. **Here for you now is a Senior version of ‘Jesus Loves Me’:**

Jesus loves me, this I know Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His I’ll go
On through life, let come what may, He’ll be there to lead the way.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear, “Have no fear, for I am near.”
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

(Continued ...)

When my work on earth is done, And life's victories have been won
He will take me home above, Then I'll understand His love.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say That I love Him every day.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

If you think this is neat, please pass it on to your friends. If you do not pass it on, nothing bad will happen — but you will have missed an opportunity to “reach out and touch” a friend or a loved one. May God continue to bless every one of us!!



Sanctuary Flowers

We hope you are enjoying the variety of floral arrangements in the sanctuary. Feel free to sign up to provide flowers for a special day, event or remembrance. A calendar has been provided in the Fellowship Hall for this purpose, and detailed instructions are there as well.

Thank you to all who have participated so far!!

Happy Days!

VPC has purchased a new piano — a Kawai GS30 Grand. Our previous sanctuary piano has certainly served us well for many years. It is retiring from full-time duty, but will still be available and usable in the Fellowship Hall.

Should you wish to make a donation to help defray the cost of the new piano, please indicate “*Piano*” on the memo line of your check. If you prefer to use cash, designate “*Piano*” on your envelope. We look forward to many wonderful years of music with the new piano.





Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (1887)

*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . .
Deuteronomy 33:27*

The idea for this song came from Anthony Showalter, principal of the Southern Normal Musical Institute in Dalton, Georgia. Showalter, a Presbyterian elder, was a well-known advocate of gospel music. He published over 130 music books with combined sales of two million copies, and he became known through the South for his singing schools in local churches.

Showalter took a personal interest in his students and enjoyed keeping up with them as the years passed. One evening in 1887, he was leading a singing school in a local church in Hartselle, Alabama. After dismissing the class for the evening, he gathered his materials and returned to his boardinghouse.

Two letters had arrived, both from former pupils. Each of the young men was heartbroken, having just lost his wife. Professor Showalter went to the Bible, looking for a verse to comfort them. He selected Deuteronomy 33:27 — “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . .” As he pondered that verse, these words came to mind:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

He scribbled replies to his bereaved friends; then, reaching for another piece of paper, he wrote to his friend, hymnist Elisha Hoffman. “Here is the chorus for a good hymn from Deuteronomy 33:27,” his letter said, “but I can’t come up with any verses.” Hoffman wrote three stanzas and sent them back. Showalter set it all to music, and ever since, these words have cheered us in adversity:

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near; Leaning on the everlasting arms.*



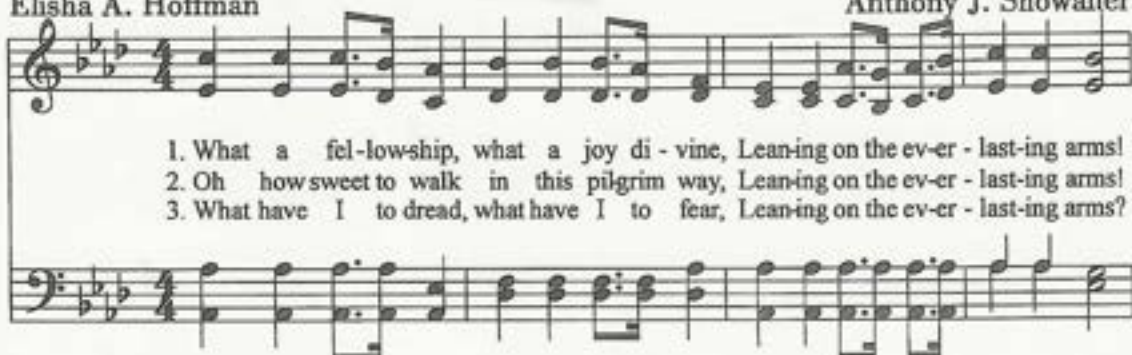
God, the eternal god, is our support at all times, especially when we are sinking into deep trouble. There are seasons when we sink quite low . . . Dear child of God, even when you are at your lowest, underneath are the everlasting arms. — Charles Spurgeon

However low the people of God are at any time brought, everlasting arms are underneath them to keep the spirit from fainting and the faith from failing, even when they are pressed above measure . . . everlasting arms with which believers have been wonderfully sustained and kept cheerful in the worst of times. Divine grace is sufficient. — Matthew Henry

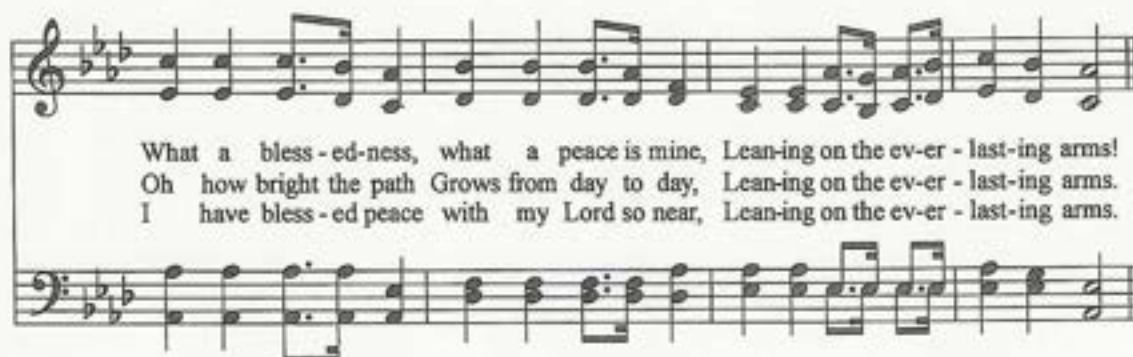
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman

Anthony J. Showalter



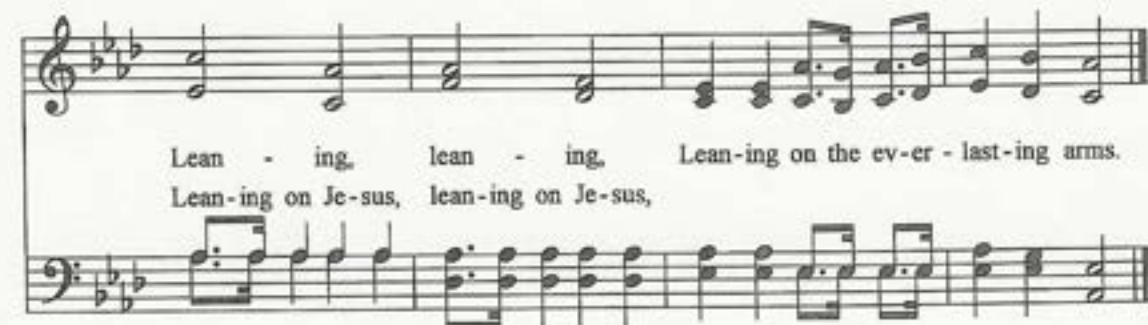
1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms!
2. Oh how sweet to walk in this pil-gri-m way, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms!
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-cr - last-ing arms?



What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms!
Oh how bright the path Grows from day to day, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing, Safe and se-cure from all a-larms;
Lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,



Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms.
Lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

SEPTEMBER

activities

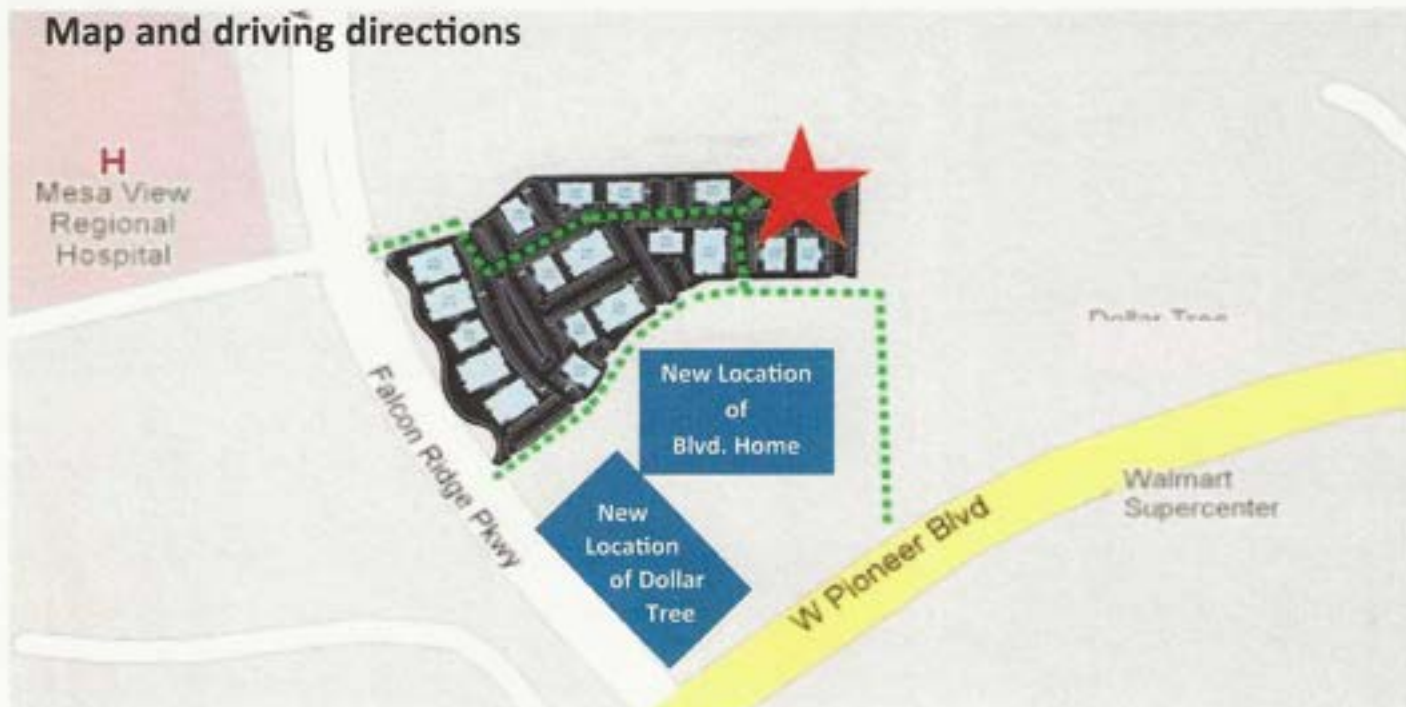
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3 9:30 am Sunday Svc. --- HYMNFEST 2023 --- * Communion * Food Bank	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Sunday Svc.	11 11:30 am Men's Lunch (Los Lupes)	12	13	14	15	16
PASTOR DOYEL IS OUT OF TOWN (ATTENDING NV. PRESBYTERY) ----->						
17 9:30 am Sunday Svc. REV. DR. ROGER BOWERS	18	19	20	21 10 AM SESSION	22	23
PASTOR DOYEL IS OUT OF TOWN						
24 9:30 am Sunday Svc.	25	26 WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES NEXT WEEK	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER

activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am 1 Sunday Svc. --- * Communion * Food Bank --- WORLD COMM. SUNDAY	2	3 1:00 pm WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Sunday Svc.	9 11:30 am Men's Lunch (T.B.A.)	10 1:00 pm Bible Study	11	12 10 AM SESSION	13	14
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22 9:30 am Sunday Svc. REV. JIM DICK	23	24 1:00 pm Bible Study	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Sunday Svc. REFORMATION SUNDAY	30	31 1:00 pm Bible Study				

Map and driving directions



★ From I-15, exit 120 towards Falcon Ridge Parkway

Turn right onto W Pioneer Blvd.
 Turn left at first roadway towards Poncho's Taco Shop
 Turn left at third roadway
 Turn right at second roadway
 Follow signs to VPC parking area

★ Heading towards I-15 on Falcon Ridge Parkway

Turn left onto Bertha Howe Ave.
 Turn right at first roadway on the right
 Turn left at first roadway on the left
 Continue to VPC parking area

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