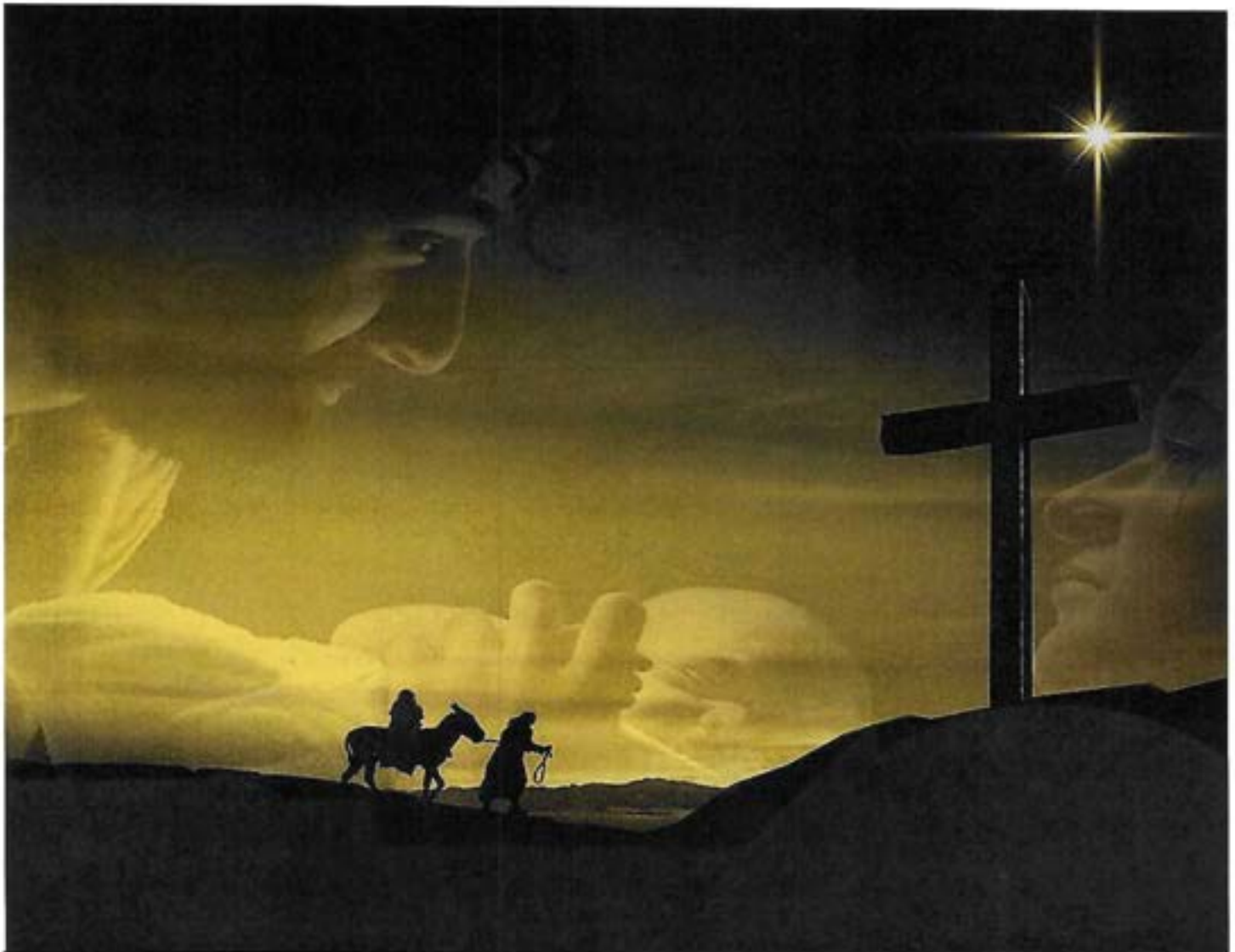




The Newsletter
Valley
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Valley Presbyterian Church exists

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





FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



THE PREACHER DOYEL
CORNER



THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS

No... NO... THEY CANNOT BE HERE ALREADY! Where has this year gone?!?

Here are things scheduled on the Church calendar:

- **Sunday, November 5** — Valley Presbyterian Church will celebrate All Saints Communion. This is the Sunday of each year especially set aside to remember our loved ones who have passed on to God's kingdom. Wherever you are this day, please hold them dear in your heart. Communion will be served.

Daylight Savings Time ends this day as well.
- **Sunday, November 12** — This is Veterans' Day Sunday. VPC will honor all of our veterans. Preacher Doyel and Col. George Miller will both be involved in the day's worship service. Veterans will have an opportunity will speak about their military service to our country and, thus, to all of us.
- **Sunday, November 19** — Our own much-published Bible scholar and teacher, Ed Nolan, will fill the pulpit this day. Those of you who have enjoyed Ed's Bible studies and sermons know how filled with the Spirit he is. Be here!
- **Sunday, November 26** — Preacher Doyel will hold forth on the importance of this Thanksgiving weekend.
- **Sunday, December 3** — The Church will welcome our own fabulous preacher, the Rev. Dr. Roger Bowers. Please plan to be here! This is the first Sunday of Advent — the coming of the Lord — and we will observe Communion.
- **Sunday, December 10** — Preacher Doyel will hold forth on Advent.
- **Sunday, December 17** — The Rev. Dr. Ken Harper and his lovely wife, Charlene, will join us and he will preach this day. Dr. Harper is Valley Presbyterian Church's liaison to the Nevada Presbytery. He will share information about this function with you, and he will deliver one of his great sermons. Please welcome Dr. & Mrs. Harper as only VPC can!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE PREACHER DOYEL CORNER (Continued)



- **Sunday, December 24** — This day we will enjoy our Christmas Eve service. Come hear the words of the Christ. This is truly a spiritual time of year... the beautiful night sky, full of stars and wonder. Please join as we gather for this service.
- **Sunday, December 31** — As always, Preacher Doyel will preach his now-famous greatest sermon of the year — because it is someone else's sermon!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

We look forward to seeing you in church!

Preacher Doyel

I was watching a video last night and the preacher held up a \$100 bill. He said when it was made it was a crisp \$100 bill with no wrinkles. That \$100 bill was then used in a drug deal. And then used in a prostitution. It had been in the mud; it was worn and it had torn corners. How much is that \$100 worth now?

It is still worth the same as it did the day it was made!

That's how God sees us — no matter our past, no matter what we have gone through, and no matter how damaged we are. We are worth just as much to him today as we were on the day he created us!





MISSION REPORT

by Shirley Jessup

We are enjoying Fall days with its cool mornings and beautiful afternoons! Looking ahead, we are planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas. "Welcome back" to our Snowbirds!

We recently held our first meeting since last May. It was great to catch up with all of our friends and hear about summer adventures and activities.

The ladies were extremely busy over the summer months. Our "Show and Tell" time is always so much fun to see all of the hand-crafted donations to this mission ministry. We also had three new members join us.

There is a new supply again of baby blankets, shawls and lap quilts. After these items have been blessed by the congregation, we will start to distribute them as needed.

I appreciated the opportunity (on October 22nd) to speak about our group during "Minute for Mission" during the Sunday morning worship service. It was a tremendous way to let everyone know what this group is doing in the Mesquite community.

Thanks to each and every one for the support we receive from all of you. And a huge "thank you" from me to all the members of our group. We are all thankful for our many blessings. Let's be the blessing that others can count on!

Blessings,
Shirley

Use your blessings to bless others.





prayer shawl ministry
knit-crochet-pray



[LIVE]
STREAMING

You can now view Sunday sermons live streaming or at a later time by going to the "Sermon" section of vpcmesquite.com.



FIND US FAITHFUL

The world values many things that *God* does not; and He values many things that the *world* does not. Where the world holds great wealth in high esteem, God paves the street of Heaven with gold. Where the world values fleeting popularity and amassing followers, God is worshipped eternally by angels too numerous to count. Where the world focuses on talents and abilities, God focuses on faithfulness.

Faithfulness does not depend on anything external. Not everyone can sing beautifully, speak dynamically, or teach eloquently. Not everyone can be an inspiring leader, efficient organizer, or a meticulous planner. But everyone can be faithful. It has been said, "Even an old hound dog can be loyal."

God does not look for us to serve Him when it is easy or convenient. He is not impressed by those who give up because His work is difficult. He is looking for those who do what is right to the best of their ability, and then keep on doing it over and over and over again. Jesus described His return like an owner who has been away and comes back to check on his employees. Those who are being faithful when the Lord returns will be rewarded. "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them" (Luke 12:37).

The devil will try to draw away those who are faithfully working for God. He tempts them to become proud and lose their focus. He tempts them to sin and damage their influence. He tempts them to trade in the rigors of working for God for the promise of pleasure and ease from the world. If we want to hear God say, "Well done" when we stand before Him, we must remain faithful no matter what comes our way.

No matter when anyone else says or thinks, God knows whether we have been faithful, and He will reward those who are.

Preaching Schedule

Happy Thanksgiving!



Merry Christmas!

November 5	Rev. Ross Doyel (<i>Communion Sunday</i>)
November 12	Rev. Ross Doyel <i>and</i> Col. George Miller (Ret.)
November 19	Ed Nolan
November 26	Rev. Ross Doyel

December 3	Rev. Dr. Roger Bowers (<i>Communion Sunday</i>)
December 10	Rev. Ross Doyel
December 17	Rev. Dr. Ken Harper
December 24	Rev. Ross Doyel — <i>Christmas Eve</i>
December 31	Rev. Ross Doyel — <i>New Year's Eve</i>



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

Happy December Birthdays



God is always faithful to answer.

Sometimes His answer
is a much-desired "yes".

Sometimes His answer
is a merciful "no".

Sometimes His answer
is a faith-building "not yet".

And sometimes...

Sometimes, when an answer cannot be
found,

His answer is simply

Trust me".

CHURCH OFFICE



Thursday **November 23**

Friday **November 24**

Friday **December 22**

Friday **December 29**



We hope you are enjoying the new piano! Anyone wishing to make a donation to help defray the cost of the piano may do so — please indicate "*Piano*" on your check (or simply write "*Piano*" on your envelope if using cash). God bless!

"Per Capita" is an assessment on a Presbyterian Church, that allows each member to help fund the national denomination.

Should you so choose, and have the means, it comes to \$48 per member for 2024.

Offering Envelopes...



They have been ordered, and we fully expect that they will arrive before December. The envelopes will be dated for the entire 2024 calendar year. Feel free to take a box home.

"HALLOWEEN BASH" Fellowship Dinner — October 27th



More "HALLOWEEN BASH" Fellowship Dinner



and even more "HALLOWEEN BASH" Fellowship Dinner





**No One Ever Cared For Me
Like Jesus
(1922)**

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee;
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
Psalm 55:2*

Charles Frederick Weigle, a Baptist evangelist, preacher and music teacher, was born in Lafayette Indiana in 1871. Like so many hymns, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" came from a season of intense suffering. Because of a busy schedule, Charles' ministry often took him away from home.

One day, Weigle returned home to find that his wife had decided to leave him. The strain proved too much for their marriage. She no longer wanted to live the life of an evangelist's wife. His wife took their daughter and indulged in a life of worldly pleasure.

Weigle fell into a deep depression. The hymn's title poignantly reflects the despair he'd experienced in those years when he wondered if anyone truly cared. Ministry and songwriting halted. His faith was sorely tried. Then three years later, his wife died.

However, Weigle speaks of coming through years of misery and struggling with a stronger desire to give everything to the Lord. Eventually, his ministry and music resumed. Overwhelming abundance and joy returned.

One day, as he marveled at the blessings of the Lord, Charles sat down at his piano and said aloud, "Jesus, no one ever cared for me like you." He then wrote the entire song expressing this heartfelt reality in only twenty minutes.

*I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus,
Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true;
I would tell you how He changed my life completely,
He did something that no other friend could do.*

*No one ever cared for me like Jesus,
There's no other friend so kind as He;
No one else could take the sin and darkness from me,
O how much He cared for me.*

NO ONE EVER CARED FOR ME LIKE JESUS

C. F. W.

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C. F. WHOLE

1. I would love to tell you what I think of Je - sus Since I found in Him a
2. All my life was full of sin when Jesus found me, All my heart was full of
3. Ev - 'ry day He comes to me with new as - surance, More and more I un - der-

friend so strong and true; I would tell you how He changed my life completely,
mis - er - y and woe; Je - sus plac'd His strong and loving arms a - bout me,
stand His words of love; But I'll nev - er know just why He came to save me,

CHORUS

He did something that no oth - er friend could do,
And He led me in the way I ought to go, } No one ev - er cared for
Till some day I see His bless - ed face a - bove, }

me like Je - sus, There's no oth - er friend so kind as He; No one

else could take the sin and darkness from me, O how much He cared for me.

NOVEMBER

activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:30 PM	4
5 9:30 am Sunday Svc. ----- * Communion * Food Bank	6	7 1:00 pm Bible Study	8	9 10 AM SESSION ----- 1:00 pm Ladies' Missions Mtg. (Church)	10 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:30 PM	11
12 9:30 am Sunday Svc. VETERANS DAY SERVICE	13 11:30 am Men's Lunch Peggy Sue's	14 1:00 pm Bible Study	15	16	17 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:30 PM	18
19 9:30 am Sunday Svc. ED NOLAN	20	21 1:00 pm Bible Study	22	23  <i>happy thanksgiving</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:30 PM	25
26 9:30 am Sunday Svc.	27	28 1:00 pm Bible Study	29	30		

DECEMBER

activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:30 am 3 Sunday Svc. ----- * Communion * Food Bank REV. DR. ROGER BOWERS	4	5 1:00 pm Bible Study	6	7	8 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:30 PM	9
10 9:30 am Sunday Svc.	11 11:30 am Men's Lunch (T.B.A.)	12 1:00 pm Bible Study	13	14	15 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:30 PM	16
17 9:30 am Sunday Svc. REV. DR. KEN HARPER	18	19 1:00 pm Bible Study	20	21	22 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:30 PM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	23
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31 9:30 am Sunday Svc.						

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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Outreach/Communication:	Skip Clayborn
Property:	Milt Riley
Resource:	John Howells
Worship:	Pastor Doyel & Kathy Bakken

Office Administrator

Karen Warner

Accompanists

Linda Shannon	Piano
Mary Bowers	Piano
Sue Williams	Flute
Mike Williams	Guitar

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Karen Warner