



# The Newsletter

Valley Presbyterian  
Church

January / February 2024

Newsletter

*Valley Presbyterian Church exists*

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

A large, 3D-rendered graphic of the year '2024'. The numbers are filled with a vibrant rainbow gradient from yellow to blue. The graphic is surrounded by a burst of colorful confetti and small particles, giving it a celebratory feel. The entire graphic is enclosed within a blue rounded rectangular border.

**A NEW YEAR**



THE PREACHER DOYEL  
CORNER



## 2024!!!

HOW DID THAT NUMBER ARRIVE SO FAST? AND WHAT A BIG NUMBER! 2000 A.D. was just yesterday... and THAT was big enough!

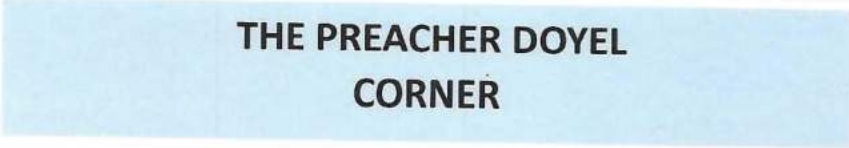
Valley Presbyterian Church has some real New Year gifts for you!

- **Sunday, January 7** — Preacher Doyel will hold forth with the greatest sermon of the year...because it is not one of mine! Let us hear Billy Graham's sermon on *angels*. Plan to be here for that sermon! Communion will be served.
- **Sunday, January 14** — Preacher Doyel's sermon title is "Tuskegee, Nat King Cole and the Moulin Rouge". (You have to LOVE his creativity in giving his sermons a name.) Scripture reference: Philemon 1-16.
- **Sunday, January 21** — Preacher Doyel will preach on the qualifications of being a good Church Elder. What is an elder? Well, it's really a servant leader, which is exactly all of us should aspire to be. Sermon scripture for the day's message: I Timothy 3:1-16. Immediately following our worship service, VPC will move into its **Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting for 2024**. Members and non-members are urged to attend. *Church members* will be asked to vote on who will serve on the Board (which in a Presbyterian Church is called the Session). The 2024 church budget will also be presented.
- **Sunday, January 28** — Hooray! Rev. Hilda Pecoraro will be here! Hilda and Denis have done so much for Valley Presbyterian Church. Be here!
- **Sunday, February 4** — Preacher Doyel will hold forth with the Word and Communion.
- **Sunday, February 11th** — This is "Transfiguration Sunday", which always falls on the church calendar as the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Read Luke 9:28-36.

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FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK



THE PREACHER DOYEL  
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- **Wednesday, February 14th** — Following all of the celebrations of Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday (or Shrove Tuesday, as some call it), Valley Presbyterian will have an Ash Wednesday service at 11 A.M. The marking of the forehead with ashes will be offered, with the Rev. Dr. Gary Jacob assisting Pastor Doyel. Our Ladies' Prayer Shawl Ministry group will provide a light luncheon after the service.
- **Sunday, February 18th** — Come hear our resident Bible scholar, Ed Nolan offer one of his great messages. Be here!
- **Sunday, February 25th** — Preacher Doyel will begin a short sermon series on the meaning of Lent, for purging yourself of something. Read the Epistle of James Chapter 3.

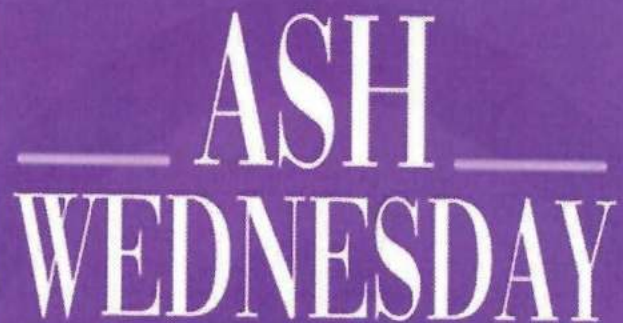
See you in church!

Preacher Doyel



ANNUAL  
MEETING

January 21st



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

THE BEGINNING OF LENT



February 14th



I hope your Christmas season was full of joy and came with many blessings and memories. Cheers to the new year and the next chapter in all of our lives.

Our group celebrated Christmas with a lunch party. Beautiful shawls, baby blankets and lap quilts were donated. We will need to have all of them blessed in church before they are distributed. We had two new ladies from our congregation join us. We all welcome them to our group!

Before Christmas, twelve shawls and blankets were given to the Salvation Army. The Mesquite Police Department was also provided with twelve shawls, twelve baby blankets and twelve lap quilts.

“Thank you” to Carol Peters for the idea of MINUTE FOR MISSION. It has been a great way to hear about what all of our missions are doing for VPC and our community.

Many thanks also for all of the support we receive from our church family. We are so thankful for all of the yarn that is donated to our group. The ladies’ talents certainly put it to good use.

I am excited to make new memories this year with the Prayer Shawl group. My heart is full with all they do for our mission.

The new year brings our Lenten season. Ash Wednesday this year is on February 14th. Pastor Ross will be doing a service. A lunch of soups, sandwiches and desserts, provided by our group, will follow the service. We certainly hope you will be able to attend.

Every end marks a new beginning. Keep your spirits and faith unshaken and walk with grace. David and I wish you all a Happy New Year. May God grant us all health, happiness and the time to fully enjoy all of God’s blessings.

Shirley Jessup

# Preaching Schedule



January 7	Rev. Ross Doyel	<i>(Communion Sunday)</i>
January 14	Rev. Ross Doyel	
January 21	Rev. Ross Doyel	
January 28	Rev. Hilda Pecoraro	

February 4	Rev. Ross Doyel	<i>(Communion Sunday)</i>
February 11	Rev. Ross Doyel	
February 18	Ed Nolan	
February 25	Rev. Ross Doyel	



January 12	Jean Almgren
January 21	Roger Peck
January 22	Penny Prapotnik
January 23	Linda Hayward
January 26	David Jessup
January 26	Selmer Spitzer



February 9	Donna Phelps
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# Veterans' Day Sunday November 12th





The Church Office will be closed on:

Friday, Feb. 16th ... and ...

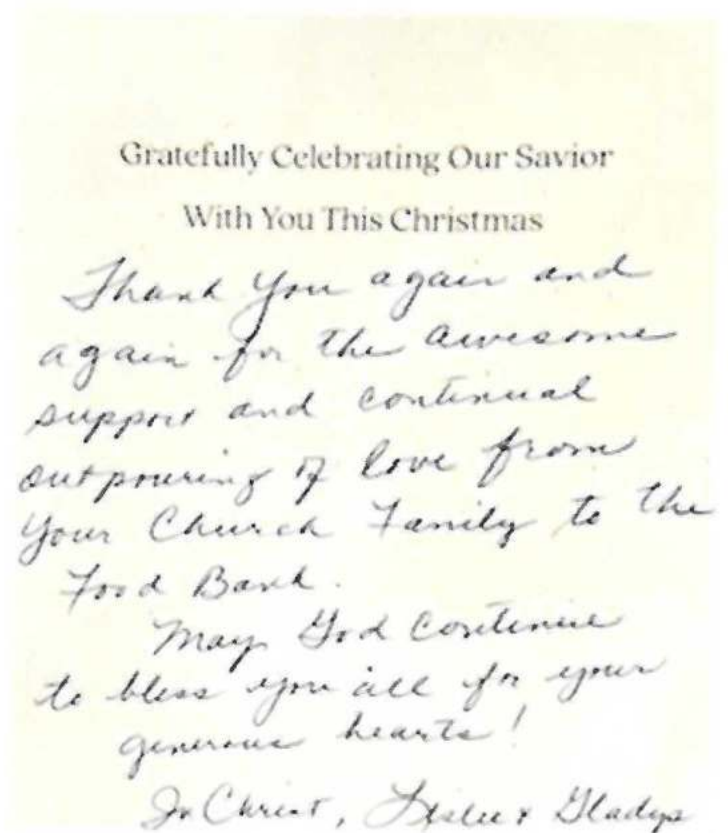
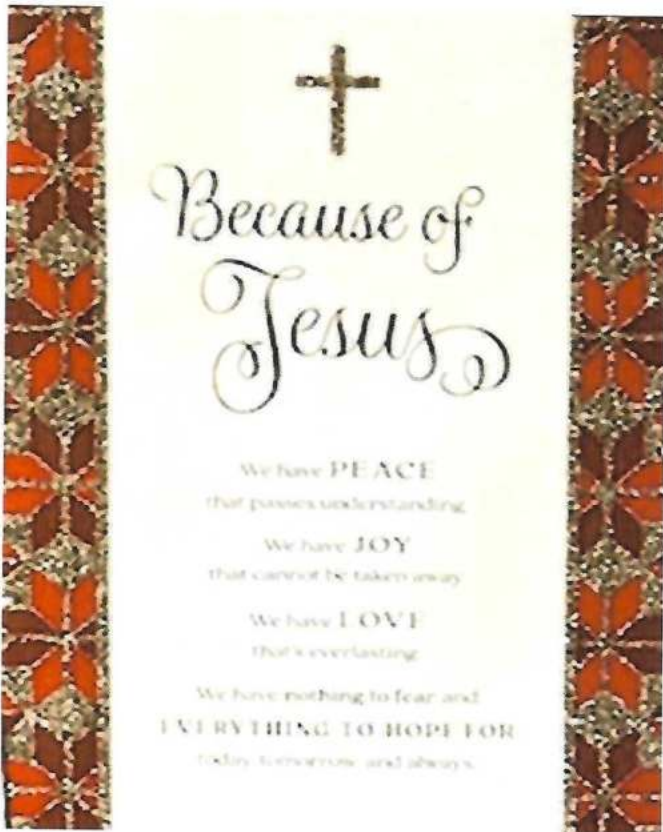
Friday, Feb. 23rd



REMINDER

Our ANNUAL MEETING will be held immediately following the morning worship service on January 21st. It is IMPORTANT for you to know that you MUST be a member of VPC to vote on ballot issues at that meeting. SO ... PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS!! A clipboard with the current membership list is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank You (Holiday) Card from Virgin Valley Food Bank ...





## Great Is Thy Faithfulness (1923)

*Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

*Psalm 36.5*

The author of this hymn, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. At age 16, he began teaching school, despite the paucity of his own education. He came to Christ at the age of 27 under the ministry of evangelist H. C. Morrison. But Chisholm's health was unstable, and he alternated between bouts of illness and gainful employment in which he did everything from journalism to insurance to evangelistic work. Through all the ups and downs, he discovered new blessings from God every morning. The third chapter of Lamentations became precious to him: *His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness* (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Thomas later admitted there was no dramatic story behind the writing of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." While serving the Lord in Vineland, New Jersey, Thomas sent several poems to his friend, musician William Runyan, who was so moved by this one that he prayed earnestly for special guidance in composing the music. Runyan was in Baldwin, Kansas, at the time; and the hymn was published in 1923 in Runyan's private song pamphlets.

"It went rather slowly for several years," Thomas recalled. Then Dr. Will Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago discovered it, and would say in chapel, "Well, I think we shall have to sing 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness.'" It became an unofficial theme song for the Institute; and when Houghton died, it was sung at his funeral. Still, it remained relatively unknown until popularized around the world by George Beverly Shea and the choirs at the Billy Graham Crusades.

Thomas spent his retirement years in a Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Park, New Jersey, where he was frequently seen walking by the ocean and along town streets. Tom Rich, a resident of Ocean Park, recalls his pleasant demeanor as he dropped by the diner, sat on park benches, and fellowshiped with friends at Ocean Park's summer Bible conferences.

Thomas died in Ocean Park in 1960. During his lifetime he wrote 1,200 poems and hymns. In addition to "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," he is the author of the well-known "O To Be Like Thee," and the hymn "Living for Jesus."

*Living for Jesus, a life that is true,  
Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.*



# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm

William M. Runyan

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter And spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin And a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow Of turn - ing with Thee;  
Sun, moon and stars In their cours - es a - bove;  
Thine own dear pres - ence To cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture In man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day And bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, Mer - cy and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, With ten thou - sand be - side!

# JANUARY

## activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	1	2 VPC BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	3	4	5 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12 NOON	6
7 9:30 AM SUNDAY SVC. ----- * COMMUNION * FOOD BANK	8 MEN'S LUNCH 11:30 AM WOLF CREEK TERRACE REST.	9 VPC BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	10	11 10 AM SESSION	12 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12 NOON	13
14 9:30 AM SUNDAY SVC.	15	16 VPC BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	17	18	19 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12 NOON	20
21 9:30 AM SUNDAY SVC. ----- ANNUAL MEETING	22	23 VPC BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	24	25	26 ED NOLAN'S BIBLE STUDY 12 NOON	27
28 9:30 AM SUNDAY SVC. ----- REV. HILDA PECORARO	29	30 1:00 pm VPC BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	31			

# FEBRUARY

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## 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

**Church Website:** [www.vpcmesquite.org](http://www.vpcmesquite.org)

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Mary Bowers ..... Piano

Sue Williams ..... Flute

Mike Williams ..... Guitar

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