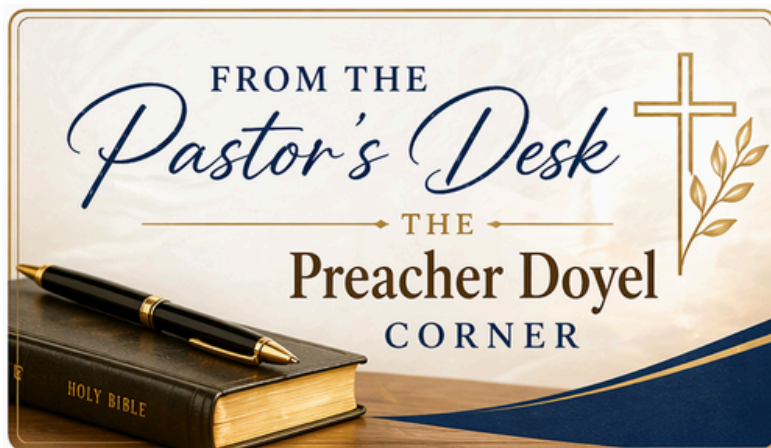




VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October - November 2026

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



The weather is still quite warm, but summer is supposed to be almost behind us. We can always hope! Your assignment for summer church school was to read the first two books of the Bible, Genesis and Exodus. It's not too late. What I started last fall, I will try to finish before the Advent/Christmas season.

I recently spent time in Reno, Nevada, for the semi-annual denomination meeting called The Presbytery. The meeting is composed of representatives and pastors from the churches in Nevada and the eastern part of California. I serve on a committee that deals with other pastors and those inquiring to be pastors called the Committee on Ministry. We met one young man who is really interested. Wonderful experience. We also heard about many wonderful mission experiences especially working with addiction and people leaving prison.



OUR MISSION

We believe that the message of Jesus Christ is for everyone. It is our goal to share the love of our Savior with all who wish to join us. It is our mission to make disciples who make disciples. We pray that you'll find love packaged in the truth of the gospel that is delivered in every service. We believe that the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ will set you free.

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October

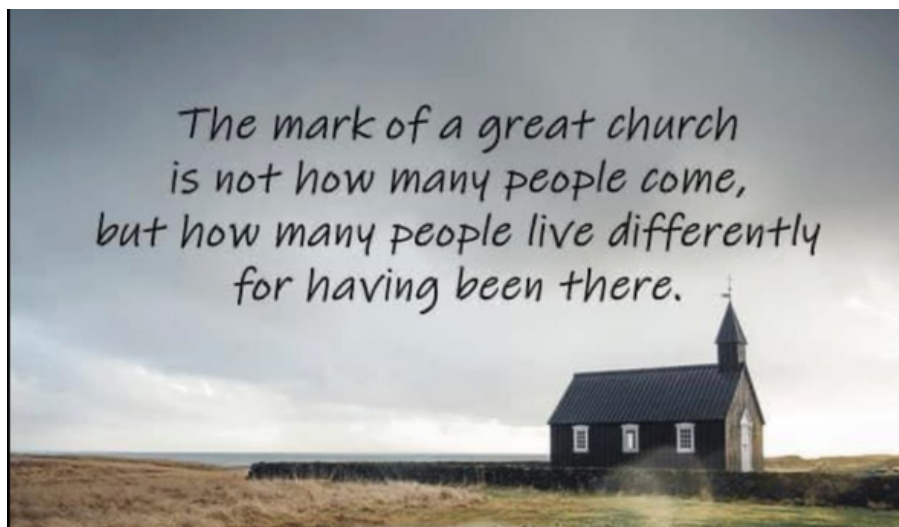
In October, I'll begin preaching from the Book of Exodus on the matchless Moses, the Israelites in the desert, Mount Sinai and the Ten Commandments. Look also during that time for Bible study to start up again. It will be either on Genesis or The Gospel according to Mark. Led jointly by Rabbi and myself. Or just me.

Fear not, congregation. On Sunday, October 25th, you will be gifted with that wonderful Lutheran pastor, Mark Wickstrom. This is Reformation Sunday, and these crazy Lutherans started all this commotion.

November

The year is really starting to roll. Preacher Doyle will hold forth on a sermon or two, but on Sunday, November 8th, the church wants to have as many of our military veterans or surviving spouses for Veterans Day. Be here, so the congregation can know you. And then, as an added bonus, Sunday, November 29th, our speaker will be our own learned Bible scholar, Ed Nolan. Be there.

Preacher Doyle



Prayer Ministry



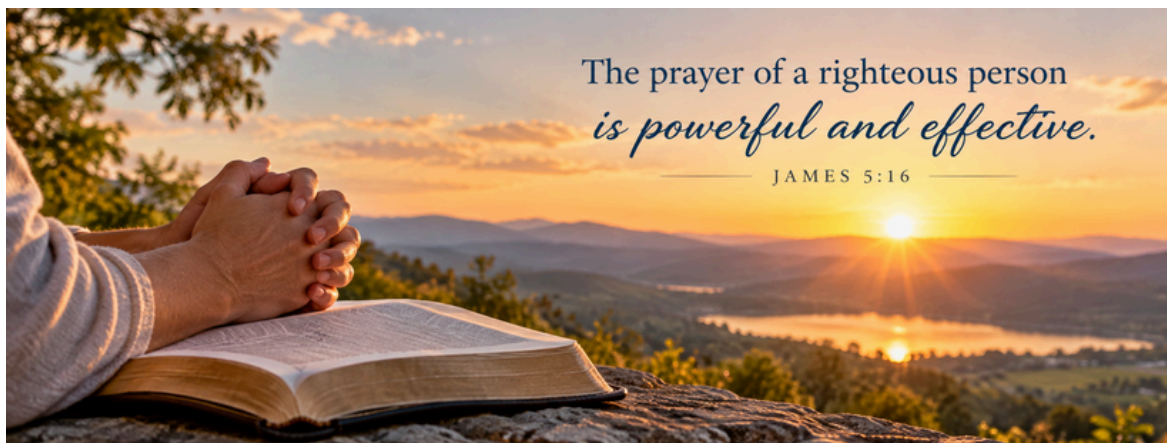
Please consider joining our Prayer Team! All are welcome to participate, and your prayers truly make a difference in the lives of those in our church family and community. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Team email list, simply send me a text, email, or phone call with your email address.

A few helpful reminders when submitting prayer requests: Please provide the person's full name whenever possible. To protect privacy, specific ailments or medical details should not be included in emailed prayer requests. And, when sharing a prayer request during church, please remember to speak clearly and loudly into the microphone so everyone can hear.

Thank you to everyone who faithfully lifts these requests in prayer. Your prayers are a wonderful blessing!



To request prayer
or to join the
Prayer Team contact
Skip Clayborn



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Fall is fast approaching and the weather will soon begin to change. We can enjoy our cool mornings and beautiful afternoons.

Our Mission got together for a lunch meeting in April before members began to leave for the summer. We said our goodbyes to Renae Garland. We all wish Renae and Patrick the best in their new state and home. She will be missed in our group.

We welcome Tricia Sheilds as a new member of our group.

Joanne Campbell and I visited over the summer Highland Manor, Mesa Valley and the BeeHive nursing home. Shawl and lap quilts were delivered to each. Shawls were delivered to the birthing center in St. George and the dialysis center in Mesquite. Two quilts went to the women's shelter. The Salvation Army received both items. 7 shawls and 3 lap quilts were given over the summer in our congregation.

Thank you to all who support and contribute yarn and material. You are all a Blessing.

Shirley

A Blessing Shared

The following from Diane VanDyke is a beautiful example of how the prayer shawls and blankets spread God's love and comfort.

Diane wrote as follows:

I wanted to share something with you. Jason's wife's dad is very sick with cancer and several other health problems. He's going through chemo and radiation and has also had to have a feeding tube.

I took the Prayer Quilt that you gave Mom and passed it along to them because I think he needs all the prayers he can get. Kristine said that when she gave it to him, he got teary, and he even took it with him to his radiation treatment. 😊

It made me so happy to be able to share the blessing you sent to Mom with someone else in need. 🍷

Thanks, Diane

Women's Mission Group



The Women's Mission took a little break in July and August, but that didn't stop them from spreading a little kindness! In celebration of the Fourth of July, the group prepared food baskets and delivered them to the Salvation Army for 10 Mesquite seniors.

Looking ahead, the Women's Mission is excited to try a new project suggested by a member of our congregation: a "Reverse Advent Calendar." Instead of receiving something each day during Advent, the idea is to give something for each day. The Salvation Army will provide a list of 40 items that they regularly need to stock their pantry. Members of our congregation will then have the opportunity to volunteer to purchase or provide those items as an Advent gift to our neighbors in need.

The Women's Mission will coordinate this project on a trial basis this year to see how it goes. Please consider volunteering to participate! More information and the list of needed items will be coming soon.

The group also plans to resume its monthly food basket ministry throughout the fall and winter, providing food baskets for 10 local seniors each month. There are many ways to help, and everyone is welcome!

The Women's Mission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Come join us and be part of this meaningful opportunity to serve and care for our neighbors.



Men's Mission Group

Editor's Note: The Men's Mission Group took a well-earned break this summer, leaving us with something newsletter editors rarely encounter: an empty page.

Since the Men's Group meetings often involve food, we decided the most appropriate use of this valuable real estate was obvious.

We filled it with cookies.

Men's Mission will return. In the meantime, enjoy Jean Almgren's Coconut-Pecan Breakfast Cookies — proof that sometimes an empty page can be a very good thing.



Late breaking News! Men's Group will meet Monday, October 12th at 11:30 at Wedgies

Coconut-Pecan Breakfast Cookies

— Jean Almgren —

Active 35 min. • Total 1 hour, 50 min. • Makes 1½ dozen

Ingredients

1 cup granulated sugar
½ cup unsalted butter, softened
1 large egg, at room temperature
½ cup mashed very ripe banana (from 1 banana)
¼ cup pure maple syrup
1 cup all-purpose flour
⅔ cup whole-wheat flour
1½ tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
¾ tsp. kosher salt
2 cups uncooked old-fashioned regular rolled oats
1¼ cups chopped toasted pecans, divided
¾ cup sweetened flaked coconut, divided
¾ cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 3 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

Beat sugar and butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes, stopping to scrape down sides as needed. Add egg, banana, and maple syrup; beat on medium speed until combined, about 1 minute.

Whisk together all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture to sugar mixture, beating until nearly combined, about 45 seconds. Stir in oats, 1 cup pecans, ½ cup coconut, and ½ cup chocolate chips.

Divide dough into 18 mounds (about ¼ cup each) on prepared baking sheets, spacing 2½ inches apart. Press mounds to a ¾-inch thickness using damp hands. Sprinkle tops evenly with remaining ¼ cup each of pecans, coconut, and chocolate chips; lightly press into dough.

Bake until edges are just set and centers are still slightly soft, 12 to 14 minutes. Let cool on baking sheets 5 minutes. Transfer to wire racks; let cool completely, about 30 minutes.



Music Ministry



Make a Joyful Noise!

Have you been thinking about sharing your musical gifts with our church family? We would love to have you join us! Our music ministry is always looking for new voices and musicians to help make worship at VPC even more meaningful and joyful.

Our church choir welcomes everyone—whether you’ve sung in a choir for years or simply love to sing. We typically sing once a month, with just one or two rehearsals the week before. Have a favorite hymn you’d love to hear us sing? We’d love to hear your suggestion! To join the choir or share a hymn idea, please contact Linda Shannon or Mary Bowers.

We’re also looking for accompanists and guest musicians. If you play piano, guitar, or another instrument and would enjoy sharing your talent during worship, please consider joining us! Pastor Ross believes music speaks to the soul and is always delighted to include special music that enriches our worship services.

Whether you sing, play an instrument, or simply have a heart for worship, there’s a place for you in our music ministry! Come share your gifts, meet new friends, and help us make a joyful noise together. For more information about volunteering as a musician, please contact Karen Warner in the church office.

Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	. . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn	. . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn	. . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn	. . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn	. . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn	. . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.	. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn	. . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn	. . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn	. . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn	. . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn	. . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.		He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	. . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	. . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	. . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	. . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	. . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Guests in the Pulpit

We are grateful to the guest speakers who shared the pulpit this summer. Their willingness to share their time, talents, and messages with our congregation provided welcome support for Pastor Ross and enriched our summer worship. We thank each of them for being part of our church family during these special Sundays.



Kurt Dampf of The Gideons International



Col. George Miller



Rev. Hilda Pecoraro



Pastor Christopher Wall

Notes from the Session



A heartfelt Thank You! to everyone who volunteered throughout the summer to help our Sunday mornings run smoothly. As we begin a new season together, we invite everyone to consider lending a hand. Whether you are the liturgist, greeter, take the offering, sing in the choir, serve coffee and snacks, or take on one of the other Sunday morning tasks, every helping hand makes a difference!



The Dust Has Settled!

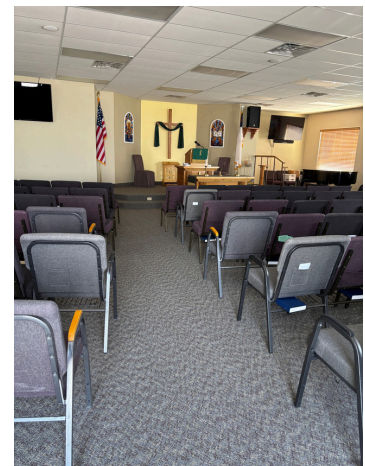
The work is finished, the disruption is behind us, and our beautiful new carpet is finally in place! Thank you to everyone for your patience while the project was underway. Donations toward the cost of the new carpet are still gratefully accepted and will help cover the cost.



Before



During



After

A Joyous Celebration



On August 29, Valley Presbyterian Church was filled with love, laughter, and joy as Greg and Elza Larson celebrated their wedding. Elza's sisters joined many members of the congregation in sharing this beautiful and memorable occasion. Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple!



Congregation Corner



Watch this space for news, views and interesting items submitted by members of our congregation.

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome time in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

—Anonymous



Submitted by
Penny Prapotnik

A painter was hired to paint the exterior of a church. His practice was to thin the paint so that he could make a larger profit.

As he was painting the church, torrential rain began to fall, and it washed all of the paint off. As quickly as the rain began, it ended, and the sun came out. The painter gazed skyward, and a voice from above said, "Repaint, and go and thin no more."



Letters from our Community

From Mesquite Christian Academy

Mesquite Christian Academy is already beginning the second month of the new school year. We have many things planned this year, including field trips, two big fund-raisers, two concerts and three graduations at the end of the year! Our first annual fall fundraiser/benefit/silent auction, "The Harvest of Hope Benefit," will be held on October 22 at the Holiday Inn Resort. Please visit our website at: mesquitechristianacademy.org to get more information or to sign up.

Our K-5th grade students went across the street, on a field trip to Virgin Valley Veterinary Hospital, and were able to go back to where the Veterinary doctors do their thing. Not only did they have fun, they learned many things and met some pets as well.

You are all invited to join us at our Christmas Concert at River Valley Bible Church on Hafen Lane, on December 10th at 6:00 p.m. The students are already learning their songs.

We have so many wonderful donors that help support our school. Wendie Black donated many "God Save America" t-shirts to our school, thank you!

We appreciate and thank you Valley Presbyterian Church, that so much of our great support comes from your people! The Lord continues to bless us through you.

Come visit our school anytime and if you would like to volunteer, let us know.

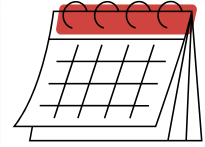
Sue Lapple (Ells), Principal
Mesquite Christian Academy

Visit Our Website:

www.mesquitechristianacademy.org



Activities at a Glance



- Sunday Service is 9:30 a.m. each week with coffee, snacks and fellowship afterward. All are welcome.
- Communion Service is the 1st Sunday of each month.
- Food bank donations should be put in Carol Peters' car on the 1st Sunday of each month or left in the vestibule anytime. Cash donations are always welcome.
- The Men's Mission Group will meet monthly for lunch starting again this fall. The first meeting will be Monday Oct. 12, 11:30 at Wedgies.
- The Session meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 at church.
- Women's Mission Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 at church.
- Submission deadline for the next newsletter is November 15th.

Bible Study Opportunities

Weekly Bible studies are planned for this fall. Dates, times and other details will be announced soon. All are welcome!



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- Turn right onto W Pioneer Blvd.
- Turn left at the first light
- Turn left at the third roadway
- Turn right at the 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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- Mary Bowers – Piano
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