

GOOD NEWS

FOR A CHANGE

WELCOME TO VALLEY

MARCH 7 & 8

We are so glad you could celebrate with us today. If you are new to Valley, visit the atrium for a **Meet and Greet**. We'd love to meet you and give you a gift.

Good For All Conference *goodforall2020.com*

We're so excited to once again host the Good For All Conference at Valley Church! Join us October 1-3 as we hear from pastors, authors, and church innovators how to love our neighbors and share the good news winsomely and effectively. Tickets are on sale now, with the best price available to Valley Church attenders through March 17. Attending this conference could be a great bold faith move! Learn more in the atrium or at *goodforall2020.com*.

Phil Callaway (THIS SUNDAY at 6:30 pm)

LAUGH AGAIN! Join us for a family-friendly night of laughter and hope with Phil Callaway at Valley Church. Author of 25+ books, radio host, and humorist. And it's FREE!

Baptism on the Weekend of April 4 & 5!

Whether you've been a Christian for a couple of weeks or a couple of decades, baptism is your next step! To participate, attend a meeting in March. The class for students is March 8 at 9:30 am. Adult classes are Saturdays, March 7, 14, & 21 at 6:45 pm and Sundays, March 8, 15, & 22 after each worship gathering. Sign up on the community card, or visit *valley.church/baptism*.

Weekend to Remember

Calling all married couples! Family Life will be hosting a weekend retreat from March 20-22 at the Marriott in downtown Des Moines. This is a great spiritual growth opportunity to improve communication and increase your commitment in marriage. Register and save \$100 per couple by using the code "Claiborne." Email *tclaiborne@iowarealty.com* for more details!

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THRIVING IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

JOHN 17:6-26

What Jesus Wants for His People...

1. To _____ with Jesus and his mission.
2. To _____ us in the spiritual battle.
3. To _____ us by the truth of the Word.
4. To _____ us in God's love so others will believe.
5. God's glory and eternal life is _____ through the _____ of Jesus. (4)

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

SHARE

1. What's one thing you're looking forward to as the spring weather arrives?
2. What's the best team experience you've been a part of? What made it work well?

STUDY

3. Jesus spent some of his last hours before his arrest praying for his disciples and for you! What does it tell us about Jesus? What does this teach us about prayer?
4. Of the five points Pastor Quintin shared, which word—identify, fortify, sanctify, unify, and glorify—most encouraged you? Which most challenged you? Why?
5. Read John 17:11-16. In what area(s) do you sense you're in a spiritual battle and in need of God's protection? How does your perspective shift when you read Jesus is interceding for you to be guarded and protected?
6. Read John 17:14-19. In what way does Jesus and his Word sanctify us—set us apart from the world? Where do you feel the tension between staying in the world and being kept distinct from the world as Jesus prayed?
7. How does being unified serve as evidence that Jesus is real? How does disunity diminish that? (v. 20-23)

DIGGING DEEPER

8. Read Ephesians 4:1-6. What does it look like to live a life worthy of your calling? How does this worthy life relate to Jesus's desire for us to identify with him and his mission (John 17:6-8)?
9. What are the five characteristics of unity described in Ephesians 4:2-3? How common are these qualities in our culture today? How can your Life Group continue growing in these qualities together?
10. Paul uses the word "one" seven times in this passage. In what ways does emphasizing a singular focus on one body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, and Father God help create a unified body of believers?

SUPPORT

11. Spend some time responding to Jesus's prayer for you. Pray specifically for the unity of your Life Group and for the unity of our entire church family.

SERVE

If you'd like more information about these opportunities, email serve@valley.church.

- One meal still needed for Single Mom's Group
- Spring Break Volunteers needed at VCC
- Provide childcare for Single Parents Breaktime (Mar. 27)
- Chapel Ridge Food Pantry - Ongoing

COMMUNITY BRIDGES

Community Bridges Luncheon Second Sundays

THIS SUNDAY at 11am in Northpoint (lower level)

Do you have a passion you want to use to meet new people? No matter where you're at on your community bridges journey, this is for you!

- Meet our Community Bridges team and learn practical steps for starting small and growing your spiritual influence
- Develop ideas for how you can use a passion or interest to make connections with neighbors and coworkers
- Share a meal with other Valley Church attendees who have a heart for those who don't yet know God

You'll come away with an action plan and simple ways you can become a better bridge builder.

Valley Community Center Volunteers

Be part of the action at the Valley Community Center as we welcome our community to join us for free activities and classes throughout the week.

- **Spring Break week volunteers (March 16-20):** There are a lot of new visitors at the VCC during spring break week! We will need extra help that entire week greeting visitors, hosting activities and making our community feel welcome!

If you're interested, sign up on the community card or email Lisa at lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com.

DMARC Mobile Food Pantry

2nd and 4th Mondays from 4-6pm @ Chapel Ridge West Apartments
Volunteering at a DMARC Mobile Food Pantry is just like helping a friend shop for groceries! All you do is meet at the mobile site and assist clients in selecting their food items. You can sign up for one time slot and try it out. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/DMARCCRW