



Mobilizing everyone's God-given potential to deeply love Christ and their neighbors.

WELCOME TO valley

APRIL 27 & 28

We are so glad you could celebrate with us today. If you are a newcomer, please visit Guest Services. We'd love to meet you and give you a gift. Quintin Stieff brings the message today.

Life Group Connecting Event (THIS SUNDAY at 11 am)
Want to experience what a life group is like? Join us THIS SUNDAY in Northpoint at 11 am to hear about life groups, visit with leaders, and have some fun. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided.

Trinity Weekend
Trinity University is a private, Christian institution in Deerfield, IL, and is directly affiliated with Evangelical Free churches. Your above-and-beyond gift today helps advance the kingdom through the university, its students, and its many initiatives.

NEXT 101 (Sunday, May 5, from 11 am-2 pm)
Want to discover how to get more involved at Valley Church? Become a member? NEXT is a four-week course to learn about our vision and values and find your purpose and place at Valley Church. Lunch and childcare are provided. Remaining sessions will be on May 12, 19, and 26 from 11 am-Noon. Sign up on the community card or at valley-church.com/next.

Valley KIDS Facebook Group
Find us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with Valley Children's Ministry news. It's also a place to talk with other parents and be able to learn and grow together.

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DUMB IDEAS SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE
5 DUMB IDEAS

1. Faith can _____.
2. _____ means _____.
3. Christians should _____.
4. Let your _____ be your _____.
5. A _____ means a _____.



SHARE

1. What's something unexpected that happened this past month?
2. If you could change one thing about your neighborhood, what would it be?

STUDY

3. Review the main points of Pastor Quintin's message.
4. Which idea was the most startling or groundbreaking for you? Why?
5. Which idea is the one you see having the most damage in your life or in our culture? Why?
6. Which idea is the one you most often find yourself falling for? Why?
7. How can we help each other overcome a "dumb idea" without demeaning people or minimizing their struggle?
8. How can avoiding dumb ideas authenticate your faith in Christ to outsiders?

Digging Deeper...

9. When have you (or someone you know) turned your (their) back on wisdom and foolishly followed your (their) own path?

10. Read Proverbs 2:1-5. Why do you think wisdom must be pursued and isn't always easy to come by?

11. Based on your experience, list three spiritual activities that have consistently helped you gain wisdom. What spiritual activity could you experiment with that you haven't done before?

12. How can increasing our knowledge about God (v. 5b) positively enhance our relationship with Him and our neighbor?

13. Why is living with integrity (v. 7-9) more rewarding and joyful than living a wayward life?

14. Why do some smart people wrongly think if they pursue God, their dark valley will immediately turn into a green pasture?

SUPPORT

15. Use this time to plan your group activity for Love You Des Moines Days and close with praying for its success.

SERVE

If you'd like more information about any of these opportunities to SERVE, send an email to serve@valley-church.com.

- Global Greens Farm
- Host a Neighborhood Block Party
- Meals from the Heartland

Take a look at upcoming opportunities for Valley Church to reach our community!

Love You Des Moines Days (June 8-16)

This summer we are excited to once again host Love You Des Moines Days! Over the course of 9 days, you'll get the opportunity to find out what's possible when we're all mobilized in fun, easy, and meaningful connection with our neighbors and community. We need you, your family, and your friends to join in as we put on over 100 community activities, plus celebrations in your own neighborhoods.

Valley Community Center Host

Connect with Valley Community Center guests, meet new friends, and serve through a variety of daily programs and services. Contact Jeremy to learn more at jeremyd@valleycommunitycenterdm.com.

Compassion Experience (May 17-20)

Ever wonder what life is really like around the world? What if you could experience it for yourself — without leaving Iowa?

The Compassion Experience will bring you as close to another country and culture as you can get without a passport. This interactive, immersive display allows you to step into the life of a child who has suffered under the crippling weight of poverty. But the journey does not end there!

Don't miss this life-changing event brought to you by Compassion International and Valley Church! Free and appropriate for all ages. Make a reservation at valley-church.com/compassion. Walk-ins are also welcome.