



Welcome

1/18/2026

John 3:16

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

Announcements

Hymn #35 Worship the Lord

Greeting

Hymn #I'd Rather Have Jesus

Offertory - Hannah Balman

Hymn #428 I Want to Be Faithful

Message

Hymn #399 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

Missionary of the Month

Pregnancy Service Center

PSC is a Christ centered pregnancy resource center encouraging life, healing and purity.

They are passionately committed to upholding the sanctity of human life and sharing the light and unconditional love of Jesus Christ with all who enter our center and those reached in the community. We humbly seek to inspire spiritual growth, develop Godly character and promote life-honoring choices that create positive lasting differences in the lives of individuals and their families.

If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.

This Week:

TONIGHT 6PM
Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY 7PM
Bible Study/Kids Club

SATURDAY 10AM-2PM
Women of the Word
Ladies Conference

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Please let Debbie Know if you would like to carpool. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:40 AM

Annual Business Meeting

SUNDAY NIGHT Jan. 25
If you would like to bring a *homemade pie*, please see Kandi.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshiping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

Cry room - Back of Sanctuary
Nursery 6 mo. - 3 yrs.

SS.-Lyndzi/Kandi Worship - Debbie/Ava

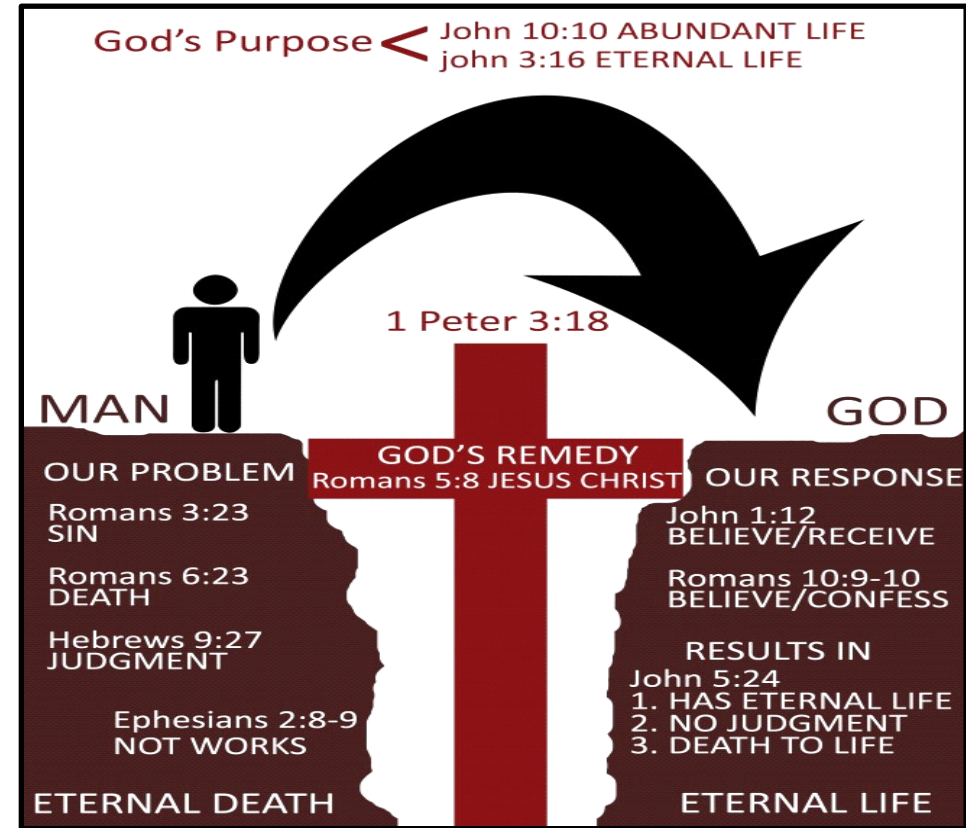
Wed. night - Kaitlin Pe./Kaitlin Pi.

January 18, 2026

Pastor JJ Sexton

Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People
“that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus”



Sunday Morning Sunday School
 Sunday Morning Worship Service
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

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“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

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Having Ears to Hear
Luke 8:1–10

Jesus explained that there would be a variety of responses to Him.
He taught that not everyone who heard His message would receive it.

Jesus reached the peak of His popularity.

- The twelve followed Him.
- A number of women followed Him (Mark 15:40–41).
- Mary Magdalen was the faithful disciple that was first to see Jesus resurrected.
- Joanna must have sacrificed much to follow Jesus and was faithful to the end.
- Susanna remains unknown in detail except for her attachment to Jesus.
- These women stand out in their example of faith and devotion.

Jesus taught the Parable of the Sower to a great multitude of people - v. 4–8

- A parable is a comparison or to place ideas side by side.
- The parables of Jesus take simple stories to illustrate and teach real spiritual truths.
- The parable is about a Sower who cast seed to be planted.
- The same seeds fell on different kinds of ground.
- Only one kind of ground produced a harvest.
- The last scenario is the only one that achieved the intended purpose—a harvest.

And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

- Anyone can hear (in one form or another) the word.
- Everyone has the responsibility to understand the word.
- Jesus often punctuated His teaching with the exhortation to understand.

v. 9–10 - The disciples wanted to understand Jesus.

- A mystery of God is not simply the unknowns about God (Incomprehensibility).
- A mystery of God is a hidden truth that cannot be discovered until God reveals it.
- A mystery of God means that God keeps some things secret and reveals those things whenever, however, and to whomever He chooses.
- Jesus revealed truths about the kingdom that had not been previously revealed.
- Jesus' parables reveal truth to His disciples and conceal truth to those who are not.
- Jesus said that God's judicial hardening upon Israel was prophetic - **Isaiah 6:8–10**
- The kingdom of God will be rejected because God will harden hearts - **John 12:36–43**
- God does not promise that every person will receive an equal opportunity.
- There will be many who will not be capable of responding to the gospel - **Luke 8:12**
- How will you respond to the hearing of the word - **Isaiah 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

Do you have the capacity to hear and understand? Then you are responsible to respond.

If your heart will respond then you are not like the hard ground, rocky ground, or the thorn infested ground. Responding by faith means you're the good ground.