



Welcome

9/7/2025

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 #303 Glory to His Name

Greeting

Offertory – Hannah Balman

Hymn #276 Jesus Paid It All

Lord's Supper

Hymn #365 There Is a Redeemer

Message

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

Missionary of the Month

STEVE & CAROL KEJR

Steve and Carol served in Liberia from 1970 until 1997. Steve was Services Director at ELWA Ministries Association. ELWA stands for "Eternal Love Winning Africa". Since retiring, Steve and Carol have lived in the United States and serve at the SIM home office. They continue to make trips to Liberia and support the work of ELWA. That work includes supporting the radio ministry, hospital, and a school for children. Steve grew up at Village Bible Church and we have supported them for their entire ministry career.

Special gifts to this ministry can be given in the offering plate marked accordingly or in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

This Week:

TONIGHT 6PM
Congregational Mtg

WEDNESDAY
7PM
Bible Study/Kids Club

Coming Up:

9/14 Church Dinner:
Kid's 8 and up Cook

9/20 Men's Breakfast

10/5 Picnic @ the
Nichols' Cabin

Interested in helping at the VBC booth Saturdays in October?

Salt & Light Homestead
PUMPKIN
PATCH

Please see Sarah Davis

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping 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.

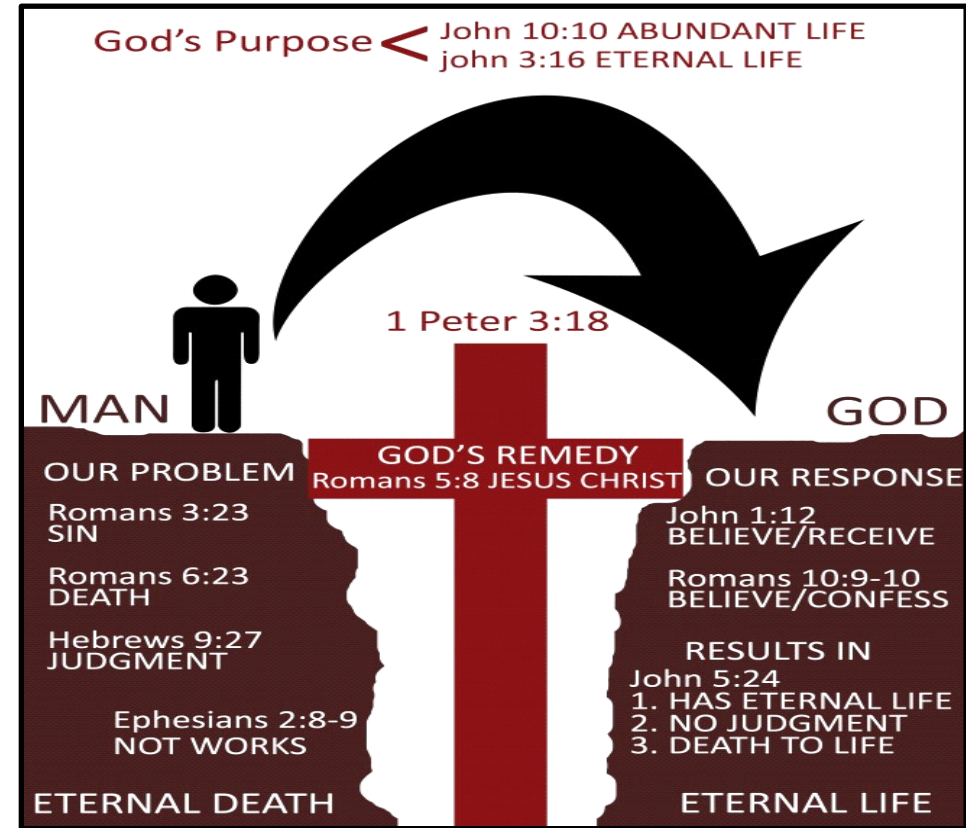
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September 7, 2025

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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Lists of the Names of the Twelve Apostles

Luke 6:14–165	Matthew 10:2–4	Mark 3:16–19	Acts 1:13
1. Simon Peter	1. Simon Peter	1. Simon Peter	1. Simon Peter
2. Andrew	2. Andrew	3. James son of Zebedee	4. John
3. James	3. James son of Zebedee	4. John	3. James
4. John	4. John	2. Andrew	2. Andrew
5. Philip	5. Philip	5. Philip	5. Philip
6. Bartholomew (Nathaniel in John)	6. Bartholomew	6. Bartholomew	8. Thomas
7. Matthew (Levi)	8. Thomas	7. Matthew (Levi son of Alphaeus)	6. Bartholomew
8. Thomas	7. Matthew (Levi)	8. Thomas	7. Matthew (Levi)
9. James son of Alphaeus	9. James son of Alphaeus	9. James son of Alphaeus	9. James son of Alphaeus
10. Simon the Zealot	11. Lebbaeus whose surname was Thaddaeus (Judas son of James)	11. Thaddaeus (Judas son of James)	10. Simon the Zealot
11. Judas son of James	10. Simon the Canaanite (Aramaic for Zealot)	10. Simon the Canaanite (Aramaic for Zealot)	11. Judas son of James
12. Judas Iscariot	12. Judas Iscariot	12. Judas Iscariot	
The Apostles cast lots to replace Judas God chose an apostle to replace Judas that was unexpected			Matthias (Act 1:26) Paul (1Cor 15:8–9)

Who Were the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ? gotquestion.org

The original twelve disciples/apostles are listed in Matthew 10:2–4, “These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.” The Bible also lists the twelve disciples/apostles in Mark 3:16–19 and Luke 6:13–16. A comparison of the three passages shows a couple of minor differences in the names. It seems that Thaddaeus was also known as “Judas, son of James” (Luke 6:16) and Lebbaeus (Matthew 10:3). Simon the Zealot was also known as Simon the Canaanite (Mark 3:18). The Gospel of John uses the name “Nathanael” instead of “Bartholomew,” but Nathanael and Bartholomew were undoubtedly the same person. Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus, was replaced as one of the twelve apostles by Matthias (see Acts 1:20–26). Some Bible teachers view Matthias as an “invalid” apostle and believe that Paul was God’s choice to replace Judas Iscariot as the twelfth apostle.

The twelve disciples/apostles were ordinary men whom God used in an extraordinary manner. Among the twelve were fishermen, a tax collector, and a revolutionary. The Gospels record the constant failings, struggles, and doubts of these twelve men who followed Jesus Christ. After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into heaven, the Holy Spirit transformed the disciples/apostles into powerful men of God who turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). What made the change? The twelve apostles/disciples had “been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13). May the same be said of us!

**Choosing the Twelve Apostles
Luke 6:12–16**

Jesus responded to rejection with prayer - **Philippians 4:6–7** **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Jesus certainly prayed for those who rejected Him - **Luke 6:27–28**
Jesus prayed for God will - **Luke 11:1–2**

- The Father chose the twelve - **John 17:6**
- Jesus chose the twelve - **John 6:70–71**

The religious leaders of Israel rejected Jesus. Jesus rejected the religious leaders of Israel. Jesus chose twelve apostles after His own heart to be the religious leaders for His people.

Jesus chose the twelve apostles from a crowd of many disciples.

- The apostles were ordinary men. Nothing in their lives, prior to Jesus, would have qualified them for being apostles.
- The apostles were a diverse group of men. Nothing about the apostles, prior to Jesus, would have prepared them for being apostles.
- The apostles were flawed men. Everything about the apostles identified them as weak, flawed, and sinful men.

Jesus chose twelve apostles to be the leaders of His people.

- Jesus taught and trained the apostles specifically (Joh 14:26; Act 1:2).
- The apostles began and established the church (Eph 2:20; Act 2:42).
- The founded upon the apostle’s teaching - **2 Peter 3:1–2; 2 Thessalonians 2:15**
- The apostles will have a place of rule in Christ’s kingdom (Mat 19:28; Rev 21:12–14).

Jesus chose to set His apostles as leaders of one another.

- The apostles were sorted into three groups.
- Christ granted some apostles more privilege and closeness (Luk 9:28; Joh 21:20).
- Among the apostles, James (brother of our Lord), Peter, and John were considered pillars in the church (Gal 2:9).
- Christ put Peter in as the first among equals for the apostles (Mat 16:19).

Jesus chose the apostles to be examples of the Christian life.

- The apostles had a greater knowledge of Christ and His teaching.
- The apostles had a more personal experience with Christ and His ministry.
- The apostles were given authority by Christ to accomplish the His work.
- The apostles possessed a transformed character by Christ to be imitated.

2 Peter 1:13–15 **Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover, I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.**