



Welcome

9/21/2025

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 #79 To God Be the Glory

Greeting

Hymn #13 Bow the Knee

Offertory – Craig and Tyler Bourne

Hymn #414 All I Need

Message

Hymn #488 Jesus, I Come

*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
Church Dinner
Kids Cook

WEDNESDAY 7PM
Bible Study/Kids Club

Coming Up:

9/28
Congregational Mtg.

10/5
Baptism Sunday

2PM 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 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.

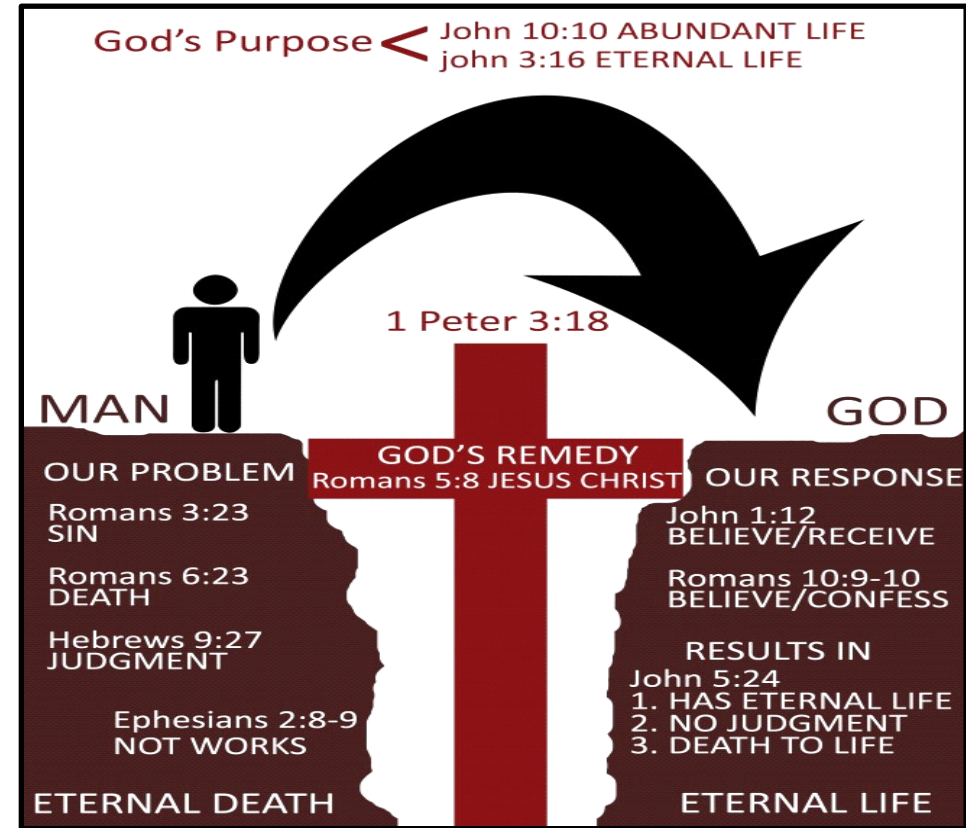
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September 21, 2025

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	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Prayer Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Services available for all ages	

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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."*

John 3:16

Blessed Character of Kingdom Citizens

Luke 6:20–26

A beatitude is a pronouncement of blessing.

The blessing from God is divine joy or happiness.

The blessing from God is His favor - **Psalm 1**

Jesus contrasted the character of kingdom citizens with those who are not.

Jesus contrasted four beatitudes along with four woes.

The woes are exactly parallel with the blessings.

The woes are a description the misery of those who do not belong to the kingdom of God.

The woes are a warning of the judgment of being excluded from the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God

But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation.

- Letting go of earthly riches and self-aggrandizement. To have nothing but Christ.
- To reckon the kingdom of God of more value than anything this world has to offer.

Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled.

Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger.

- Living without the attachments of this world. To give up everything for Christ.
- To reckon the reward of the kingdom of God is worth more than anything in this world.

Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.

Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep.

- Accepting whatever loss and sacrifice of this life. To suffer for Christ.
- To reckon the eternal joy of the kingdom is greater than any passing earthly pleasures.

Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

- Willing to be made someone's enemy, rejected, put down, and kick out. To be persecuted for believing Jesus is your Lord and Savior and following Him.
- To rejoice in the reward given by God and count as nothing the applause, acceptance and approval of men.

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Hebrews 5:7–8 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Luke 9:22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."