

The Valley Voice

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MVBC STAFF

Pastor

Rodney Kenagy

Interim Worship Pastor

Kyle Kormeier

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship Service – 10:45 AM

Wednesday

TeamKids – Dinner 6:30 PM
SOX – Dinner 6:30 PM
Adult Bible Study – 7:00 PM

A Message From Your Pastor

Hello everyone. I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year. As you probably already know, we didn't get the December newsletter out as hoped. So what I had written still applies for this month, all I needed to do was to change a couple of things. You know we all should have taken the time to think about what God has been doing in our lives over this past year. Dina and I made a list of some of the things that God has done and I made me sit back and think, WOW! God is so awesome and we all have so many things to be thankful for, even those things that at first might not seem so good. But as time passes, we can usually look back and see that God has been there all the time. Sometimes He even allows us to see how He has taken those not so good things and used them in a way that has changed us, blessed us, or used them to accomplish His will. There are also those things that we will never know, but I know God well enough that I will trust Him no matter what is happening.

December came and the busyness of life always seems to pick up a few more paces. My prayer is that you didn't allow things to get so out of control that you lost the focus of what this time was all about in the first place. Jesus... enough said! He is the reason we are even here in the first place. Praise Him, worship Him, trust Him, put your faith in Him, and most importantly, if you never have, ask Him to forgive you and to be your Lord and Savior.

If you remember last time, I spoke with you about the incomprehensibility of God. I also mentioned briefly that God is also knowable. Although God can never be completely understood, he can be known personally. God is personal and He wants us to have a personal relationship with Him. He has revealed Himself to us so that we can know Him. Our knowledge of God and His Son Jesus should be the greatest delight that we have. God will never be known fully, but we can know things about him that are absolutely the truth. So much so that we would be willing to live and die for those beliefs. As we continue to use the Spiritual Disciplines and become more and more understanding of who God is, we should have a desire to continue to die to self and give him more and more of ourselves. The result being a more fruitful and obedient life. A life that shines brightly in this dark world in which we live. A life that is ready to give the hope that we have to those who don't know what the "good news" is and how it is available to everyone. A life that continues to love Him more and more as the days pass by.

Hopefully, this past month you were determined not to lose sight of the reason for our celebration. As this new year lies ahead of us, let it be a time to reflect on what God has been doing in your life over this past year and look for ways to come to know Him more fully in this year ahead. As this new year begins, I want to challenge all of you to get to know our Lord and Savior more than you did last year. I also want to challenge each of you to let others know what He has done for you and is willing to do for those that don't know Him. Look around at your life and see who it is God has placed around you, invite them to come and worship with you... we all need to share the "Good News".

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I look to this year ahead with excitement to see what God has in store for us. May His will be done at MVBC!

Lookin' Up.
Rodney

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January 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January

Business Meeting

We will be having our monthly business meeting on the second Sunday of the month (1/11). A pot-luck lunch will be held following the meeting. Every family should bring some sort of meat and a side dish.

FUSION Project

Our thoughts and prayers go with Seth Mason as he serves the Lord through the FUSION project as part of his education at Midwestern Baptist Theological College. We'll miss you over the next six months!

Welcome Kyle!

We are happy to welcome Kyle Kormeier as our interim worship leader. Kyle is a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological College, and will be leading worship while Seth is serving through the FUSION program. Be sure to introduce yourself and extend a warm welcome to Kyle and his wife Chelsie!

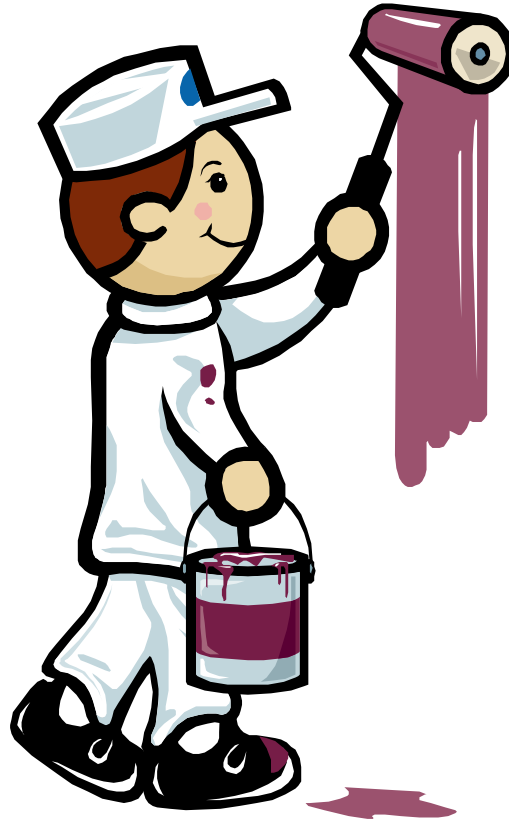
Newsletter Help?

If you're interested in helping with the newsletter, we've certainly got a place of service for you. Please let Kim Hartman, John Stickley, or Pastor Rodney know!

Small Group Bible Studies

Small groups continue to meet. If you're interested in participating in this discipleship / fellowship opportunity, please contact John Stickley.

CHURCH PROJECTS UPDATE



Big thanks are in order for everyone who has recently helped with projects around the church!

The work weekend was a huge success. The new paint, countertops, lighting, and sink in the kitchen are wonderful! The difference is astounding! The new door, storm door, and handicapped ramp are also great, and everything else that was done is appreciated!

Special thanks go to Jason Griffin, Jeff Moran, and Mike Wertin for their hard work in installing a new baptistry. It's amazing!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
12/7	\$1,787.66	\$97.00	\$170.00
12/14	\$2,612.20	\$165.00	\$50.00
12/21	\$1,055.12	\$250.00	\$80.00
12/28	\$2,140.04	\$158.00	\$2,165.00
1/4	\$1,473.38	\$65.00	\$100.00

Missions offerings given in the months of September, October, November, and December go to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, supporting missionaries serving through the International Mission Board. Offerings in January, February, March, and April go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to support North American missions.

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Valley Food Kitchen
Each month, Sunday School classes from MVBC serve at the Food Kitchen on Valley Street. On January 30th, K-6th grade will serve. On March 30th, Senior Men and Women will serve.

New Members!

We welcome the following new members to Missouri Valley: Rodney, Dina, Colton & Seth Kenagy; Cindy, Craig, & Sydney Graves; AJ Goforth; Jake Griffin; and Lysie Petersen. We're so glad to have you as part of our fellowship!

Baptisms!

Join us in praising God for working in the lives of many in our fellowship, as they have followed our Lord in Baptism: Ray & Debi Finley, Morgan Parsons, Heather Brown, Tisha Branstetter, Lysie Petersen, Mariah McBane, Makayla Roberts, Ben Cantrell-Deal, and Jake Griffin.

Our Website

For the latest details on MVBC happenings, be sure to check out our website, missourivalleybaptist.com!

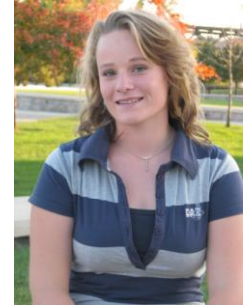
We try to keep it as up to date as possible! If you'd like to help with it, please let John Stickley know.

Contact Information For Pastor Rodney

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MEET OUR EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

Nicolette Mak is an exchange student from Wognam, Netherlands, attending DeKalb High School. She is the 18-year old daughter of Aad and Bep Mak and has two brothers (Wilco and Arien) and two sisters (Bettina and Marielle). She is staying with Kirk and Kim Hartman in DeKalb.



Nicolette Mak

Nicolette participates in school activities such as band, softball, and basketball, and spends her spare time playing sports, watching movies, and hanging out. She has adjusted to life here in the U.S. well, but does miss her friends and family in the Netherlands. She thoroughly enjoys ice cream at Dairy Queen, and has made it a goal to try every kind of Blizzard before returning home!

Nicolette has found MVBC to be quite a bit different than the Catholic Church that she attends in her home city. She enjoys the fact that MVBC is really free and relaxed in its worship style, and that everyone seems very close with each other.

In the future, she plans to attend college back home in the Netherlands, with hopes of being a Physical Therapist. She also hopes to marry and have children some day.



Christin Selke

Christin Selke is an exchange student from Ricsa, Germany, attending Benton High School. She is the 16-year old daughter of Cornelia and Jurgen Selke, and has a sister named Denise. She is staying with the Birkinsha family.

Christin is active at school in volleyball, basketball, and debate, and enjoys hanging out with family and friends and playing sports. She has enjoyed her time in the U.S. despite missing her friends and family in Germany, and likes how many things are done here. She is particularly amazed at how many fast food restaurants we have!

Church attendance is new for Christin, but she has found that the youth group makes it fun and interesting. She likes how the church draws people closer to each other.

Christin's future plans include finishing school in Germany, working and travelling, and eventually university. She hopes to one day have a family and children.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

<u>Week of...</u>	<u>Nursery (S.S.)</u>	<u>Nursery (Worship)</u>	<u>Nursery (Wed.)</u>
1/11	Kim Hartman	Kenny & Ona Hartman	Dina Kenagy
1/18	Mary Rogers	Ronnie & Gwen Sampson	Ona Hartman
1/25	Brenda Moran	Josh & Angie Springs	Kim Hartman
2/1	Mandi Griffin	Sheila W. & Rick Hartman	Brenda Moran
2/8	Kim Hartman	Jeff & Brenda Moran	Mona Parsons
2/15	Mary Rogers	John & Nancy Stickley	Mary Rogers
2/22	Brenda Moran	Kim & Kirk Hartman	Dina Kenagy



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	5	6 6:00p – Stickley SG	7 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	8 6:30p – Janecek SG	9	10
11 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Bus. Mtg.	12	13 6:00p – Stickley SG	14 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	15 6:30p – Janecek SG	16	17
18 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	19	20 6:00p – Stickley SG	21 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	22 6:30p – Janecek SG	23	24
25 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	26	27 6:00p – Stickley SG	28 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	29 6:30p – Janecek SG	30	31
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