



The Valley Voice

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MVBC STAFF

Interim Pastor

Paul Damery

Worship Pastor

Seth Mason

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Wednesday

TeamKids (back this fall!)
SOX (back this fall!)
Adult Bible Study – 7:00 PM

A Message From Your Interim Pastor

What sort of books or magazines do you like to read? Over the years, I have been especially blessed by reading books that were written long before I was born. Of course, the Bible was written thousands of years before any of us were born, and it is a huge blessing to us!

Recently, I was challenged by a short excerpt from Oswald Chambers' book, "Called of God". Although his writing is of an older style than perhaps you are used to, I pray you will be blessed by his words of commentary on Acts 20:24, which says, "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the Gospel of God's grace." Mr. Chambers writes:

"It is easier to serve God without a vision, easier to work for God without a call, because then you are not bothered by what God requires; common sense is your guide, veneered over with Christian sentiment. You will be more prosperous and successful, more leisure-hearted, if you never realize the call of God. But once you receive a commission from Jesus Christ, the memory of what God wants will always come like a goad; you will no longer be able to work for Him on commonsense basis.

What do I really count dear? If I have not been gripped by Jesus Christ, I will count service dear, time given to God dear, my life dear unto myself. Paul says he counted his life dear only in order that he might fulfill the ministry he had received; he refused to use his energy for any other thing. Acts 20:24 states Paul's almost sublime annoyance at being asked to consider himself. He was absolutely indifferent to any consideration other than that of fulfilling the ministry he had received. Practical work may be a competitor against abandonment to God, because practical work is based on this argument – "Remember how useful you are here," or – "Think how much value you would be in that particular type of work." That attitude does not put Jesus Christ as the Guide to where we should go, but our judgment as to where we are of most use. Never consider whether you are of use; but ever consider that you are not your own but His."

Could this be true of you? Do you have a vision of what God has called you to do with your life? God deeply desires men, women, boys, and girls who will live out His calling. What does this mean for you? Perhaps it means changing jobs or pursuing more education. More likely than not, though, it just means sticking it out where you are and redeeming your time there by living the Gospel of God's grace among the community where you work, live, or go to school. Remember who you belong to!

It has been a great pleasure serving as your interim pastor over the last few months. I am excited about what God is up to in our midst.

To God be the Glory!
Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Business Meeting

We will be having our monthly business meeting on the second Sunday of the month (7/13). A pot-luck lunch will be held following the meeting, so please bring enough food to feed your own family.

Benevolence Offering

The Deacons at MVBC manage a benevolence fund, which allows them to provide for the needs of church members as they arise. This month's offering will be taken on June 15th.

TeamKID / SOX

TeamKID and SOX will both be taking a summer break from Wednesday evening activities. Watch for ongoing announcements about SOX events (which still occur throughout the summer). In August, TeamKID will start a new year with a new curriculum! Thanks to everyone who works with these ministries!

Thanks!

Thanks to Shane Sanderson for filling in for Paul while he was away recently. We appreciate you, Shane!

Small Group Bible Studies

Small groups continue to meet. If you're interested in participating in this ministry, contact John Sticklely.

Pastor Search Committee

Please continue to keep our Pastor Search Committee in prayer! Please also continue to pray for whomever God has planned to be our future pastor.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS 2008 is just around the corner!

Missouri Valley's VBS, "Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth", will take place on the evenings of July 30th through August 2nd. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board at church, or you can just contact Terri Matthews.

This year's theme verse is Psalm 86:11:

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."

TITHES & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
5/4	\$3,382.00	\$70.00	\$795.00
5/11	\$856.00	\$30.00	\$220.00
5/18	\$1,100.71	\$75.00	\$145.00
5/25	\$1,823.96	\$35.00	\$30.00

Missions offerings given in the months of June, July, and August go to the Rhuebin L. South Missions Fund, supporting missionaries serving in Missouri through the Missouri Baptist Convention.

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Newsletter Update

Due to rising costs of postage and in an effort to reduce costs, beginning with our July issue we will begin distributing the newsletter during Sunday services the weekend it becomes available. We will make every effort to mail the newsletter to those who are not in attendance that day. Please contact Kim Hartman if you want to receive it electronically, or if you want to be removed from our mailing list.

Outdoor Play Area

Donations are currently being taken to develop an outdoor play area for the kids at church. Please give as you feel led to do!

Valley Food Kitchen

Each month, Sunday School classes from MVBC serve at the Food Kitchen on Valley Street. On June 30th, John Stickley's class will serve, and on July 30th, Rick Hartman's class is responsible.

New Website!

Be sure to check out our new website, missourivalleybaptist.com!

Co-Ed Softball!

The season continues, with the team seeing much success (only one loss so far!) Games are played at Heritage Park.

Upcoming schedule:

June 17th: 6:30 PM
 June 24th: 8:30 PM
 July 8th: 7:30 PM
 July 15th: 8:30 PM

MEET OUR MEMBERS!



Steffany Graves

Steffany is an energetic young woman. She just graduated from a one-year program at the Institute for Teen Evangelism in Wisconsin, and is looking forward to being part of the staff of Southside Youth Outreach here in St. Joseph, ministering to teenagers in the South End. She is most grateful to SYO for all of the love, support, knowledge, and encouragement she has received from their leaders.

Summer is Steffany's favorite season. She enjoys hanging out with friends, going on mission trips, playing volleyball, and serving the Lord.

Steffany resides in St. Joseph with her parents (Steve and Cindy), two brothers (Chad and Craig), and her sister (Sydney).

One of Steffany's most memorable trips was to Israel, where she was blessed to go with Southside Youth Outreach. It was incredible!

On August 20th, Randy and Mary Rogers will celebrate their 14th anniversary. They met while Mary was still in High School, but it took nearly 25 years for them to realize that God intended for them to be together.



Randy & Mary Rogers

Their hobbies include tending to their flowers, cats, and classic cars. Both are involved in Midland Ministries KRATOS Restoration and various youth events at MVBC. They also love spending time with their grandchildren.

Randy works at Belt Rent-All, and Mary works at Hazelwood Industrial Sewing. They have three sons and eight grandchildren.

They both believe strongly in the need for discipleship, both for the future of our children and the future of the church. Randy and Mary spend every morning and evening in prayer together.

NURSERY SCHEDULES

<u>Week of...</u>	<u>Nursery (S.S.)</u>	<u>Nursery (Worship)</u>	<u>Nursery (Wed.)</u>
6/1	Jala Damery	Kirk & Kim Hartman	Sheila Kovac
6/8	Kim Hartman	Mike & Kelley Wertin	Mary Rogers
6/15	Mary Rogers	John & Nancy Stickley	Ona Hartman
6/22	Brenda Moran	Shirley J. & Joyce Anders	Kim Hartman
6/29	Mona Parsons	Josh & Angie Springs	Brenda Moran
7/6	Mandi Griffin	Jeff & Brenda Moran	Mona Parsons
7/13	Kim Hartman	Jason & Mandi Griffin	Sheila Kovac



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June 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 6:30p – Atchison Senior Home	2	3	4	5 6:30p – Janecek SG	6	7
8 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Bus. Mtg. / Carry-In Lunch	9	10 7:30p – Softball at Heritage Park	11 7:00p – Bible Study	12 6:30p – Janecek SG	13	14
15 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	16	17 6:30p – Softball at Heritage Park	18 7:00p – Bible Study	19 6:30p – Janecek SG	20	21
22 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	23	24 8:30p – Softball at Heritage Park	25 7:00p – Bible Study	26 6:30p – Janecek SG	27	28
29 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	30 5:00p – Valley Food Kitchen (John's Sunday School Class)	1 No softball this week	2 7:00p – Bible Study	3 6:30p – Janecek SG	4	5