

# The Valley Voice

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## MVBC STAFF

### Pastor

Rodney Kenagy

### Worship Pastor

Seth Mason

## 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

God's blessings to all of you. November is here and I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. For this month's newsletter I wanted to share a few things with you that I have been studying. It goes right along with the sermons I have been preaching on the Spiritual Disciplines. I have been reading and studying about what it means to really know God. The reasons we even practice the disciplines are to ultimately know God better. Because when we grow in our knowledge of Him we will be changed. But we have to come to the understanding that God is both incomprehensible and He is also knowable. Sounds a little weird, doesn't it? Over the next month, I am going to try and explain what I mean.

Scripture teaches us we can have a true and personal knowledge of God. But it also teaches us we will never understand Him totally. Psalm 145:3 says "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable." Isaiah 55:8-9 says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts your thoughts." One more, "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?" (Romans 11:34)

There are other verses as well that speak to this same thing, but these verses teach us that God is incomprehensible. Even His attributes are as well, like His power, wisdom, judgments are so far beyond our understanding. We need to understand that we will never know everything there is to know about God, and get this, we can never know everything there is to know about even one aspect of His character.

Why is that? The main reason is God is infinite and we are finite. He is without limitations in every aspect of His character, yet we are dependent on Him for even our own existence. There is also the effects of sin in our lives that limit our ability to know Him fully. Another reason, God has chosen not to reveal everything to us. Check out Deuteronomy 29:29.

One thing we can look forward to in heaven is the effects of sin to limit our understanding will be lessened and we will be able to know Him more than we do now.

I just want all of you to understand as well, as we grow in our understanding of Him through our practice of the spiritual disciplines, we should find ourselves humbled and in awe of the wonders and greatness of our Father.

Even though we can never fully know Him, we can fully trust Him and the truths that He has given us. I just want to continue to encourage you to practice the disciplines to know Him better than you do now. My prayers are that you continue to fall more and more in love with Him everyday.

Next month I will talk about the ways we can know Him.

Lookin' Up.  
Rodney

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### November Business Meeting

We will be having our monthly business meeting on the second Sunday of the month (11/9). A pot-luck lunch will be held following the meeting. Every family should bring some sort of meat and a side dish.



### Work Weekend

The weekend of November 7, 8, and 9 has been set aside for a work weekend at MVBC. We have a LOT of work to do, and there are projects for those with all levels of expertise. We'd love to have your help, so please contact Jeff Moran for more details!

### Ladies Craft Retreat

Nancy Stickley and Jala Damery will be hosting a ladies' scrapbooking / craft retreat on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Nancy's home. More details, including a sign-up sheet will be available soon, but feel free to talk to Nancy or Jala if you have questions. It should be a great time!

### Small Group Bible Studies

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

## CHIZ RIDER IN CONCERT



One of America's foremost professional trumpeters, touring and recording artist Chiz Rider will be appearing in concert at Missouri Valley Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 7:00 pm.

His unique sound in contemporary Christian music has been thrilling standing-room-only crowds at concerts, professional sporting events, and Christian revivals. Using large screen videos, lighting, sound and pyrotechnics, Chiz is reaching out to people of all ages with the message of Jesus Christ.

At 29, Chiz has recently released his sixth album titled, "A Big Band Christmas". Chiz is touring with a newly designed concert that incorporates a high-impact light show along with large screen video enhancement. This is a concert experience that people of all ages will enjoy. While entertaining and professionally done, its focus is to glorify Christ, to present the gospel, and encourage believers.

Don't miss this great opportunity!

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
10/5	\$1,731.98	\$60.00	\$175.00
10/12	\$1,295.43	\$10.00	\$420.00
10/19	\$ 710.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10/26	\$2,489.06	\$86.00	\$560.00

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Valley Food Kitchen

Each month, Sunday School classes from MVBC serve at the Food Kitchen on Valley Street. On December 30<sup>th</sup>, SOX Youth Group will serve. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, K-6 will serve. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Senior Men and Women will serve.

### Adult Christmas Party

The Adult Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm, at the home of Jim and Shirley Janecek, 1050 SW Keck Lane. A gift exchange game will be played; each person attending should bring a gift valued at approximately \$5.00. Please also bring a snack-type dish. Contact Shirley at 238-5858 for more information.

Child care will NOT be provided, although some of the youth may be available to come to your home. See Jodi Brager or Angie Springs to get contact information for the youth.

### Our Website

For the latest details on MVBC happenings, be sure to check out our website, [missourivalleybaptist.com](http://missourivalleybaptist.com)!

We try to keep it as up to date as possible!

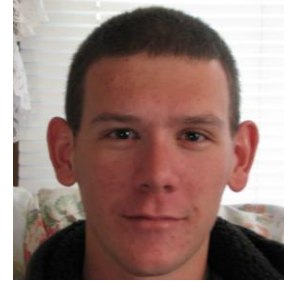
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## MEET OUR MEMBERS!

Jared is the 19-year-old son of Mike and Kelley Wertin, and is brother to Emily.

Currently, Jared is enrolled at Missouri Western State University, but starting in January, will attend the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. He plans to obtain a degree in electrical engineering, and feels that God may be leading him to use his education in some fashion in the mission field.



**Jared Wertin**

When he isn't studying, Jared enjoys fishing, playing on the computer, and playing drums and guitar. His job of mowing lawns has kept him very busy in recent summers. As odd as it may sound to many of us, Jared likes to work on math problems! He'll surely make a fine engineer someday.



**John, Nancy, Jeffrey,  
Jenna & Allison Stickley**

The Stickley family have been members of Missouri Valley for about three years now, joining us in late 2005, not long after moving to the area for John's work.

They live in St. Joseph, where Nancy is a busy stay-at-home mom with Jenna and Allison, and where Jeffrey attends St. Joseph Christian school as a kindergartener. John works at N.W. Electric Power Cooperative in Cameron, where he manages the transmission department. In his position, he is

responsible for ensuring that the electrical power grid in rural areas of NW Missouri is built, maintained, and operated to keep the lights .

As a family, the Stickleys enjoy an interesting hobby... geocaching. A form of modern day treasure hunting, geocaching, put humorously, is basically "using mult-billion dollar satellite systems to find Tupperware containers in the woods".

Nancy is an avid scrapbooker (when she can find time!), and John thoroughly enjoys fishing, photography, computers, and playing guitar (Nancy says he has too many hobbies!). Jeffrey is a car nut, Jenna loves animals and movies, and Allison loves playing with her baby dolls.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

<u>Week of...</u>	<u>Nursery (S.S.)</u>	<u>Nursery (Worship)</u>	<u>Nursery (Wed.)</u>
11/9	Kim Hartman	Paul & Jala Damery	Mona Parsons
11/16	Mary Rogers	Kirk & Kim Hartman	Mary Rogers
11/23	Brenda Moran	Mike & Kelley Wertin	Dina Kenagy
11/30	Mona Parsons	Jeff & Brenda Moran	Ona Hartman
12/7	Mandi Griffin	John & Nancy Stickley	Kim Hartman
12/14	Kim Hartman	Josh & Angie Springs	Brenda Moran
12/21	Mary Rogers	Shirley J. and Joyce A.	Mona Parsons
12/28	Brenda Moran	Jason & Mandi Griffin	Mary Rogers



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2 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 6:30 – Atchison Sr. Village	3	4	5 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	6 6:30p – Janecek SG	7	8
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