



Holidays @LVBC

LOOKOUT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018

Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 PM

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."

Psalms 136:1

As the season of thanksgiving is upon us, we invite you and your family to join us on Sunday, November 18, at 6:00 pm, for our church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be an exciting evening of great food, and good fellowship.

Dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided by the church. We ask that you please bring a meat, side dish, and/or dessert to share.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Houts or Wade Casey.

Chili & Caroling

Join us on Wednesday, December 19, for our annual night of Chili and Caroling. Bring your favorite pot of chili or soup to share before we load up and go out caroling to our fellow church members. We will then return for dessert, coffee, and hot chocolate. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and caroling will follow shortly thereafter. Contact Wade Casey for more details.

Holiday Schedule

THANKSGIVING

November 21
No Evening Activities

November 22-23
Church Office Closed

CHRISTMAS

December 23
No Small Groups

December 24-25
Church Office Closed

December 26
No Evening Activities

December 30
No Small Groups

A Letter from Pastor Troy

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Dear Church Family,

One of the things we have always done with our children during Christmastime is load up in the van and drive around at night looking at all the Christmas lights. It's always fun to see how extravagant some folks get with their decorations. We always voice the obligatory "OOH" and "AAH!" As a child, one of the things that I loved to do was sit in our living room with all the lights off except the lights to the Christmas tree. I could spend hours just watching them twinkle, squinting my eyes and watching them blur and glow. For most of us as children, Christmas was a time of wonder and excitement.

Of course, the wonder and excitement of Christmas as a child usually had something to do with the GREAT EXPECTATIONS of the presents that would be occupying the space under the tree, and flowing out into the living room! But the promise and hope of Christmas is so much greater than gifts under a tree.

During the first four Sundays in December, I'll be preaching a series I've entitled GREAT EXPECTATIONS. Each of the four Sundays we'll consider each of the four gospel accounts of the incarnation of Jesus in order: Matthew (12/2), Mark (12/9), Luke (12/16), and John (12/23). With each account we'll consider how Jesus is the fulfillment of the long-awaited expectation of a Savior, and how that gives us hope today.

Expectant!

Pastor Troy



Church Events

NOVEMBER

3	New Member's Class
6	WMU Meeting
13	LV Senior Adult Meeting
14	Member's Meeting
	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party (Kingdom Kids)
8	Thanksgiving Dinner
21	No Evening Activities
22	Thanksgiving Day
22-23	Church Office Closed

DECEMBER

4	WMU Meeting
11	LV Senior Adult Meeting
12	Tacky Christmas Party (Youth)
19	Chili & Caroling
23	No Small Groups
24-25	Church Office Closed
25	Christmas Day
26	No Evening Activities
30	No Small Groups
31	New Year's Eve



Realm Connect

Connecting & Growing Together

We are excited to announce our church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution, called *Realm*! It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect to each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a community of believers.

Everyone in our church will have their own unique profile. Your profile contains everything you want people in our church to know about you, and enables you to join a small group, RSVP to events, track your giving, update your contact information, change family details, set notification preferences, or add a family photo.

By keeping your information current, you are helping our staff, group leaders, and our church family. Your profile includes: Contact Information (e.g. name, address, email, phone), Photo, Family Members, Personal Information (e.g. marital status, birthday, etc.), Connected Social Media Accounts. You can decide later what data you want to hide online by setting your privacy preferences. And feel free to enter your full birthday — the year and your age will not be displayed on your church directory profile. You have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information, and your contact information is never public or shareable on the internet. For safety reasons, sharing contact and personal information for children under 18 is limited, and parents have the option to determine whether or not to display their child's name in the online church directory. Also, children under 13 may not participate and will not be able to sign in.

Be on the lookout for your email invitation to join Realm or visit <https://onrealm.org/LookoutValley> to activate your profile!

Download The Connect App

Stay connected with our church family wherever you go with our Realm mobile app named *Connect* — *Our Church Community*. It is available for iPhone and Android devices. This free app enables our church staff to communicate with our members in a timely, manner engaged throughout the week. Although you are not required to use the app to participate as a member of our church family, it sure makes staying connected easier!

To download our app to your iPhone or Android, visit <http://onelink.to/connectapp> or by scanning the QR Code below.

Feel free to share this link with your family and friends in your small group!



ONLINE GIVING

Beginning December 1, we will transition our online giving service from *Simple Give* to *Realm*, and we will no longer accept one-time or recurring gifts through this tool. We ask you to cancel any reoccurring gifts you may have scheduled on *Simple Give* before this date.

If you would like to begin utilizing *Realm* immediately for your online giving needs, please visit the link listed in the above article and click the register now button.

*Use the Connect App
to Give Online!*

Welcome Home To Our New Members

During our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in September, our congregation voted to receive three new members into our church family! If you see one of our newest church members, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome them to LVBC!

Members Meeting

Wednesday, November 14

On Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Prior to our meeting, we invite you to join us as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner (see November's bulletin for cost and menu). Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm. Following the Fellowship Dinner, our Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will welcome new members, discuss membership issues, vote on the 2019 budget, elect and affirm new church elders, and hear about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.



Brittany Bowman



Mike & Penny Raymer

ALL^{IN} THE FAMILY

New Study Series on Jonah

Begins Sunday, November 4

Jonah is easily one of the most recognizable stories in the Bible. But it is perhaps one of the most misunderstood. We teach our children about the runaway prophet who was thrown overboard into the sea only to be saved by being swallowed by a great fish. Countless retellings in sermons, bible studies, cartoons, and even vegetable forms have brought us great familiarity with this fishy tale, often obscuring its deeper and more theological message. The tragedy of this familiarity is that we have replaced some of the most sublime revelations of God and his purposes with a whale.

Over the four weeks in November, we are going to explore this short and fascinating book of a reluctant servant who disobeyed and fled from the Sovereign God. On Sunday mornings, we will zoom our lens in, exploring the book from the surface, wading verse by verse, at times word by word, through these four short chapters examining, interpreting, and applying the text during our sermon series.

But to fully appreciate and understand the message of Jonah, we must also view the book from the air. When we take our lens and zoom out from the book, we will be able to appreciate its greater contribution to the canon of Scripture. During our small group time, we will examine the book's overall themes, topics, and theological threads that are interwoven into the whole redemption story.

By taking these two complementary views of the book, we will be able to observe and gain greater understanding of who God is, how he is working in our world today to bring salvation to every corner of the globe, and how he uses rebellious, apathetic, and indifferent people to further his Kingdom on earth.

We will discover that Jonah is no hero – even after surviving three days in the belly of a great fish and bringing about one of the greatest revival awakenings in the ancient world. Truthfully, Jonah is one of the worst prophets and servants of God in the entire Bible. Yet Jonah reveals to us the True Hero of the Bible. His ordeal in a watery grave prepares us for the coming Messiah – the one who embraces death on our behalf and raises to life again three days later.

Through the prophet Jonah, the Lord reveals much about his sovereign and compassionate character and displays for us his willingness and ability to save both the prodigal and the profane.

The book will also challenge us to examine our own hearts to see if we really understand who God is and what his plans are in this world. We will face questions that will reveal our own heart's attitude toward the character and actions of God. But most importantly, we will see a shadow of the Savior who voluntarily dove into the depths of the grave on our behalf and who was raised to life, conquering death and leading captives free, and then unbelievably giving them a commission and responsibility to serve and work on His behalf.

So, please, join us for this four-week preaching series and study as we explore the story of the Reluctant Servant Jonah of the Merciful Sovereign God!

THE RELUCTANT SERVANT **JONAH** OF A MERCIFUL SOVEREIGN GOD



Children's Ministry

SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Wednesday, November 14 | 6:30 PM

On Wednesday, November 14, from 6:30-7:30 pm, is our Kingdom Kids' annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party! Children are asked to bring gender and age specific items to help fill our shoeboxes. Monetary donations are also welcomed, and our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison, will match all money raised up to \$50! Please be sure to place any monies in the black buckets upstairs in the Kingdom Kids Large Group Room. Each shoebox costs \$9 to ship.

Shoebox Age Groups: 2-4 yrs., 5-9 yrs., 10-14 yrs.

Suggested Shoe Box Items: *(New Items Only)*

- **Toys & Activities:** doll, stuffed animal, small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder), coloring books, craft kits (no liquid glue), building blocks, etc.
- **Personal Care Items:** comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, non-liquid lip balm, bar soap, adhesive bandages, compact mirror
- **Other Items:** plastic cup or bowl, a new outfit, blanket, school supplies



Kingdom Kids



Packing Party!

Upcoming Events

Senior Adult Meetings

Join the Seniors of Lookout Valley as they meet on the second Tuesday of every month for a time of good fellowship and good food.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

Thanksgiving Meal — November 13

Cost is \$5.00 per person. If you have yet to reserve your spot, please contact Virginia Cavin. Also, be sure to bring canned food for the needy. All canned items will be donated to HACOBIA.

Christmas Meal— December 11

This year's annual Christmas Dinner location has yet to be determined. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Please contact Virginia Cavin to make your reservations.



Coming In The New Year

2019 Missions Conference
Sunday, March 31–Wednesday, April 3

VBS 2019
Sunday, July 14–Thursday, July 18



Youth Events

Tacky Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 12

Christmas is fast approaching and that can only mean one thing! It's time for the LVBC Youth's Tacky Christmas Party! All youth are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 pm, for a fun filled evening. Please be sure to wear your tacky Christmas attire and bring a pair of tacky socks for our Tacky Sock Swap! There will be hot chocolate, games, and prizes for the best dressed. See Christina Wilson for more information.





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