

# MOVING»» »»FORWARD With God



JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2024

## 2024 VISION MESSAGE SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

As we move into 2024, Pastor Troy will deliver his annual vision message, *Moving Forward*, on Sunday, January 7. During this message, Pastor Troy will introduce the heart of this year's theme and will also share the special emphases and objectives regarding where we believe God will be leading LVBC in the days ahead. Please make plans to join us!

## MOVING FORWARD WITH GOD: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Coinciding with our vision for 2024, we will be spending the year going verse-by-verse through the 40 chapters of the Book of Exodus. In this series, *Moving Forward With God*, we will explore God's power and might displayed in saving his special people from slavery and oppression. Each week, we'll consider how God's work in the children of Israel is a profound foreshadowing of Christ's saving work of his special people — the church! The same God that powerfully delivered Israel, parted the Red Sea, and miraculously sustained a wayward nation, is the God who leads us in conquest today. We hope you will join us each week for this exciting series.

## COMING IN 2024

GLOBAL IMPACT  
CELEBRATION  
*Sunday, March 3*

EASTER  
*Sunday, March 31*

STUDENT  
MINISTRY  
SUMMER CAMP  
*June 10-12*

VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
*July 7-11*





## GROW UNIVERSITY RESUMES JAN 17

Join us on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:30 pm, as we kick off a new semester of Grow University. More details on class offerings will be available in the coming weeks. Contact Pastor Wade Casey for more information.



## 2024 MISSION CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Sunday, March 3 for our annual Global Impact Celebration. This year's Missions Conference will only be one day, but it will be packed full of various opportunities to hear from special guest speakers, including some of our mission partners from around the world. You won't want to miss this exciting and important event in the life of our church as we focus on the Great Commission and spreading the gospel both locally and internationally. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day  
Church Office Closed
- 3 No Evening Activities
- 7 2023 Vision Message
- 9 Wise & Wonderful Meeting
- 10 Members Meeting  
Kingdom Kids Series Team  
Kid Resumes
- 17 Grow University Resumes
- 21 Kingdom Kids Begins Vol. 2  
of The Biggest Story Series

### FEBRUARY

- 10 New Member's Class
- 13 Wise & Wonderful Meeting
- 14 Children's Ministry Sew  
Much Love Party

# A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

## Moving Forward!

Just like the previous 16 Januarys, we'll begin this new year with a Vision Sunday on January 7! This first sermon of the New Year will set the stage for where we believe the Lord will be leading us to focus over the next 12 months – and beyond! The theme we've come around for 2024 is: ***Moving Forward***.

While I will be laying out the big picture priorities from a Biblical perspective on Vision Sunday, the following Wednesday (January 10) our **Long Range Planning Team** will be presenting more of the detailed infrastructure for how our church can be as effective as possible at fulfilling the Great Commission, both locally and around the world.

Over the last year, this team has put in many hours together evaluating where we've been, where we are, and where (by God's grace) we could be. We've taken an honest self-assessment to identify what we're doing well and what areas need to be improved. This has led to some clear plans, some of which have already begun to be implemented. These plans will be explained within these five categories:

- Moving *The Gospel* Forward
- Moving *Hurting People* Forward
- Moving *Families* Forward
- Moving *Our Neighbors* Forward
- Moving *Our LVBC Family* Forward

In addition to the presentation of our team at 6:30, I'll be serving some of my (not-so-famous-but-should-be) smoked **baby back ribs** at 5:45. I'll also smoke some chicken for the non-pork eaters. Supper is at 5:45, and we're planning on a FULL HOUSE!

Coinciding with this 2024 vision will be a new year-long, expositional sermon series through the 40 chapters of the Book of Exodus: *Moving Forward With God!* In this series we will explore God's power and might displayed in saving his special people from slavery and oppression. Each week we'll consider how God's work in the children of Israel is a profound foreshadowing of Christ's saving work of His special people - the Church! The same God that powerfully delivered Israel, parted the Red Sea, and miraculously sustained a wayward nation, is the God who leads us in conquest today.

As we trust His sovereign power we anticipate seeing Him work miracles in and through us in the days to come, for His glory alone.

Keep Moving Forward,

*Pastor Troy*



# FELLOWSHIP DINNER & MEMBER'S MEETING

On Wednesday, January 10, 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. 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 hear a detailed presentation from our Long Range Planning Team.

Menu: Smoked Baby Back Ribs, Smoked Chicken, Slaw, Baked Beans & Chips. Cost is \$2 per person.



# WELCOME HOME

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

During our bi-monthly November Member's Meeting, our congregation voted to receive seven new members (listed below) 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!

- Ethan Goebert
- James & Tracy Morrow
- Jon & HannahLea White
- Terry & Tammy Woody

## NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

Have you recently become a member of LVBC? Do you have a desire to join our church fellowship? If the answer is yes, then please make plans to attend our New Member's Class on Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. During this class, you will have the opportunity to hear from our staff and elders about our church's theological foundations, why church membership matters, and how we live life together at LVBC.

This class is required for all new members who desire to join our church fellowship. If you would like to attend this quarter's New Member's Class, please contact Pastor Wade Casey ([wade@lookoutvalley.org](mailto:wade@lookoutvalley.org)) or call the church office (423-825-5335).



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## Team Kids Series Resumes January 10

Our kids will be diving back into their Team Kid series this semester, answering questions like, *Who am I in Christ? What is my purpose?* and *How is God continuing to transform me?*. We invite your children to join us each Wednesday night at 6:30 pm for a fun time of activities, games and discussion on what the Bible says about us and how we can lead a life that gives glory to God. We hope to see you there!

## The Biggest Story Resumes January 21

We are exciting to announce that we will be starting volume 2 of *The Biggest Story* on Sunday, January 21. We hope your children will join us each Sunday, at 10:45 am, as we help kids understand the story of the Bible from Joshua to Esther, including the wall of Jericho, Samson & Delilah, and David & Goliath.

## SEW MUCH LOVE

Your children are invited to join us for a Valentine's party with lots of love and yummy treats! Join us on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30 pm, as we sew items for our Salvation Army. This event is open to all age groups and now sewing experience is required. Snacks & drinks will be provided. We are in need of a few extra hands to help guide the children on the sewing machines, as well as pillow stuffing and fabric. If you would like to participate or can donate supplies, please contact Chantelle Bedrin.

*We have a lot of exciting opportunities for you get involved in our Children's Ministry!  
If you would like more information about how you can help serve and minister to children here at LVBC,*



# THE WISE & WONDERFUL SENIOR ADULTS

## Happy New Year from the Wise & Wonderful Senior Adult Group!

As I was thinking forward to 2024, I began reminiscing about happenings from this past year. We have loved, laughed, sang praises to God, prayed for others, and heard wonderful messages of God's Word from pastors, missionaries, and many different organizations. We've had picnics and chili contests. We've celebrated a 100th Birthday and two 90th Birthdays! We gave to the local Lions Club, The Salvation Army and HACOBA, in addition to sending a monthly Missions Offering to Sarah & Casper. We also collected a "wagon full" of much needed school supplies for our local elementary school. Most importantly, we ministered to local people by taking a meal and a MUCH NEEDED visit. We have taken numerous meals to shut-ins and in some cases, just lonesome people. What a wonderful opportunity to share the love of God with people that don't live in this "high-tech" world that has become a way of life for most of us. Birthday cards, phone calls, and most importantly, our prayers — these are all a vital part of this ministry to let people know that we care for them. My prayer is that each of these "events" have shown glory to God and impacted the lives of many.

We are looking forward to another exciting and fruitful year. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, (except for July) at 10:30 am and if you would like to join this God-Centered Group, we invite you to join us!

Wishing you a happy and blessed new year,

**Jennifer Smiley, Director**

*Wise & Wonderful Senior Group*

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Tuesday, January 10

Our first meeting of 2024 will be an exciting one as Pastor Troy Walliser shares a message and Paul & Charlsie Jones lead us in a time of praise and worship.

Lunch is a potluck of Soups & Sandwiches. Please bring enough to share, as well a side dish and/or dessert.

### Tuesday, February 13

Join us for our Valentine's themed meeting, as Darryl Smiley brings a special message.

Lunch is a total potluck, so we eat what you bring! Rolls and drinks will be provided, so please bring a dish we all can share (meats, veggies, side dishes and desserts). Also, be sure to invite a friend to join us!

