

BE GREAT

THE UNEXPECTED PATH TOWARD GREATNESS

WELCOME TO VALLEY NOVEMBER 16 & 17

We are so glad you could celebrate with us today. If you are new to Valley, visit the Welcome Center for refreshments and a **Meet and Greet**. We'd love to meet you and give you a gift.

Baptisms on the weekend of December 7 & 8

Whether you've been a Christian for a couple of weeks or a couple of decades, baptism is your next step! To participate, attend a meeting in November. Classes for students are held Sundays, November 17 & 24 at 10:45 am. Adult classes are Saturdays, November 16, & 23 at 6:45 pm and Sundays, November 17, & 24 after each worship gathering. Sign up on the community card, or visit valley.church/baptism.

Dedicate a Poinsettia

Sign up on the Community Card or at valley.church/flowers to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia to a loved one. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service. Dedication is \$20.

Celebration of Thanks (Sunday, November 24 | 6:30-8 pm)

Valley Church presents a special Thanksgiving Celebration event for the whole family. We will also be having baptisms for students 1st-5th grade. Bring your Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

Christmas Decorating (Sunday, November 24)

Help us decorate Valley Church from 12:45-2:30 pm and get in the Christmas spirit with Christmas music and lunch in Courtyard Hall. All ages are welcome. Sign up on the Community Card today!

MOBILIZING EVERYONE'S GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL TO DEEPLY LOVE CHRIST AND THEIR NEIGHBORS.

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ROMANS 12:1-8

1. Who _____ I? I will build _____ . (3)

2. Where do I _____? I will _____ with the _____ of Christ. (4-5)

3. What is my _____? I will _____ my _____ . (6-8)

- Prophesying –
- Serving –
- Teaching –
- Encouraging -
- Giving -
- Leading -
- Showing mercy -



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

SHARE

1. What are three things you're grateful for today?
2. Share a time when a minor injury caused a major annoyance (paper cut, broken toe, etc.).

STUDY

3. Think about someone who makes a big difference behind the scenes. What do you think about them and how they do their work?
4. Old Testament worship often involved animal sacrifice. What does Paul mean by "present your bodies as a living sacrifice" in Romans 12:1? (See also Romans 6:13-16, 1 Peter 1:14, and 1 John 2:15.) Why is it crucial that we view our offering through the lens of God's mercy (v. 1)?
5. Read Romans 12:2-3. In what way(s) is humility an important piece of growing in the area of self-awareness? How is your self-awareness impacted by renewing your mind and discerning God's will (v. 2)?
6. Brainstorm three results of good self-awareness and three results of poor self-awareness.

DIGGING DEEPER

7. Read Romans 12:4-5 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-20. We take for granted some parts of our physical bodies, not even noticing how essential they are. Give an example. Who are some unsung heroes of the local body of Christ, whom we sometimes overlook?

Community Bridges Luncheon (Free!)

December 8, 2019 in the Chapel

Would you like to have stronger connections with your neighbors and your community? Then join our Community Bridges Team for a luncheon on the second Sunday of every month at 11 am to discuss simple ways to reach the people around you and begin building bridges. Stop by the gathering (no registration required) or email Lisa at lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com.

Valley Community Center Volunteers

Connect with Valley Community Center guests and meet new friends as you serve! We're looking for volunteers to serve as welcome hosts in our entryway and baristas at the Maplenol Café (we'll provide the training). If you're interested, sign up on the community card or email Lisa at lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com.

8. Why is connecting with the local church an important part of growing in your faith? What challenges keep people from fully embracing their roles in the body of Christ?
9. How have you seen the church come together to create positive change? How has your life been personally affected by the local church?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-26. The body of Christ is diverse but dependent on each other. What are ways we can stay unified while honoring our differences?

SUPPORT

11. What is your role in our Life Group and at Valley Church? What were you uniquely created to do? Spend some time sharing and affirming one another's gifts.

SERVE

If you'd like more information about these opportunities, email serve@valley.church.

- Operation Christmas Child Packing Party – Sunday, November 23
- Christmas Dinner for Internationals – Sunday, December 15
- Single Parent Provision Gift Market - Saturday, December 21

Operation Christmas Child

Bring joy and the gospel message to a child in need by filling shoe box gifts. Pick up a box next week and/or attend the Valley Community Center Packing Party on Sunday, November 24, from 4:30-6:30 pm. For families and individuals with special needs, packing is from 3-4 pm. Everyone is invited to this free event!

Night to Shine (February 7, 2020)

We're excited to be hosting Night to Shine, for those 14+ with special needs! Registration is live for guests and volunteers, so sign up today at valley.church/nighttoshine.

Brussels Informational Meeting (December 1 at 11 am)

If you're interested in supporting our incredible partners in Brussels, join us in the chapel to learn about our upcoming Brussels short-term mission trip, which will be June 30-July 11.