



First Baptist Church Green Valley

11402 Ridge Lane

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Choose the option that best fits you:

1) Worship in the sanctuary, 2) parking lot on Sunday, 87.9 FM or 3) view the streaming on Facebook (Sun.) with videos posted on fbcgv.com.

Help with the slides on Sunday - Simple job, training included. Just need a commitment to come early and practice with the worship team at 9 AM. See Dave Vario in sound booth.

Ladies Bible Study (Tues. nite) books on Galatians are \$10. See Wendy to get a copy or email her at wkrop1@protonmail.com if you want one.

Sunday, Feb. 11 - Church Meeting

Special Announcements

Valley Kids Needs:

A teacher is needed for our 2-4 year olds on the third Sunday of every month.

We are bringing back the floater position. This person will be downstairs during the 11 AM service to assist teachers with any student needs. Ideally, one person for each Sunday.

Please see Starr if you feel led to serve with these needs.

We are partnering with Soles4Souls from Jan.

- **Mar.** to make a positive impact in the lives of children in need. Every check in will help provide new shoes for children in need. Soles4Souls is an incredible organization that transforms shoes and clothing into educational and economic opportunities. Since 2006, they have distributed more than 94 million pairs of shoes and pieces of clothing, making a difference in 137 countries. #giveshoesgivelove

Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen

Minister? Contact Denise Biddinger, 301-788-9208 / mahjah88@gmail.com or Roger Vincent, roger_vincent@myactv.net.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- after family/friends have heard it; still need to talk
- after the funeral and you're flooded with emotion
- after your life switches to a new chapter.

Need an AFTER Person? Contact Iris Lehman, rlehman201@yahoo.com *There is no charge.*

From the Pastor...

Jet lag is an interesting phenomenon. When we arrived from the trip to Romania last Wednesday, I felt pretty good. And, I felt that way for the next two days. I thought something like this, "awesome, I won't have any jet lag effects from this trip!". Wrong. This past Sunday, I felt like I was in a fog and even this morning (Monday) I am still feeling a lingering foginess. This too shall pass.

Hopefully, by the time you read this note, we will be back to full strength and focus. From a church perspective, we have a few items that need our attention at the first of the year. In the coming weeks, we will have a church meeting to approve our roster of servants, a new budget, and some new organizational thoughts I have had recently (as you may know administration is not my strongest suit). We will also revisit the concept of adding a new building at Green Valley for ministry and community outreach. There is a lot happening and I am so thankful to watch God as He works through you (us).

Believe it or not, Easter comes early this year and accordingly we will soon begin practice on our Easter Cantata which will be presented on Easter Sunday morning (March 31, 2024). I hope you can join us as we prepare for this important service. The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus also brings thoughts of His suffering and sacrifice for every one of us. His love moved Him to lay down His own life for our sins that we might be born into His Kingdom. Jesus' love extends to you today. Will you receive this love?

This morning we will begin a study into the life of Moses. Of course, we all have our initial thoughts and concepts about Moses brought on by our own understanding of Scripture and also (perhaps) influenced by our culture and portrayals. We will use God's Word to investigate this important man and study the struggles and triumphs of his life. My hope is we will also identify parallels in our own lives and apply the lessons from his life to our own with the goal of inspiring our personal walk with the Lord. I appreciate your prayers as we begin this journey together and look forward to seeing how the Lord will inspire us to a closer walk with Him.

Don't forget to bring your soup items to be shared with the local food bank. It is Soup-er to share!

Grace and Peace,

Bro. Mike

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Meet our Missionary: CrossRoads

Check monthly newsletter posted in foyer for how lives are changing!



CrossRoads Freedom Center offers a Christ-centered recovery program for men struggling with addiction and life choices that have left them broken, hurt, and without hope. We offer a recovery program that **goes beyond** just maintaining sobriety. CrossRoads offers a **Christian discipleship program** that includes biblical study, recovery principles, employment support, financial guidance, and renewal of both mind and body. After several years leading Celebrate Recovery groups at churches and in jails, Joe and his wife Maria were finally able to purchase 16 acres in Ijamsville, Maryland to start CrossRoads Freedom Center. The property, formerly a restaurant and inn, has been restored for a new purpose of providing men a safe place to build their recovery, gain work skills, and learn to live in community again. CrossRoads continues its restoration hoping to expand its capacity in order to serve more people in need.

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CHECK WITH LEADERS TO SEE IF THEY ARE MEETING.

Men's Life Group: Pancakes, Bible study and prayer. The group meets at the church on Sundays, 8 AM in the room by the kitchen. Led by Ed Taylor / Pastor Mike.

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Life Group: This group will be meeting on Thursdays @ 6:30 PM. Led by Nick Krop / Pastor Mike

Play Group is led by Robin Murphy. The group meets on Tuesdays @ 10 AM. Contact Robin for the location of the week: 301.788.2316 or Robinlmurphy63gmail.com

Ladies Bible Study Tuesdays, 7-9 PM. Our new Bible study is on Galatians and starts Tuesday, January 16, led by Stephanie Krop. Books are \$10. See Wendy to get a copy or email her at wkrop1@protonmail.com to let her know you want a book. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Krop, slkrop@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry classes are offered throughout the year at Brook Hill. See Roger Vincent or Denise Biddinger if you are interested.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

If you would like more info about this ministry, contact Denise Biddinger (Mahjah88@gmail.com).



AWANA, Wed., 6:30 - 8 PM
We will need listeners for all our clubbers.

A teacher is needed for our 2-4 year olds on the third Sunday of every month. Also a floater is needed - see details on front page. **Please see Starr if you feel led to serve.**

PARENTS: Please make sure your child(ren) is registered on **KidCheck** If they are already registered, make sure the info is up to date.

Schedule

Infant Nursery (10 & 11 AM):

- 01.28** Katie Thang / Hilary Proffitt / Angela Vicere
02.04 Robin Murphy / Louisa Mondoia
02.11 Lauree Pierce / Morgan McGrady
02.18 Jen Bickish / Terri Ponton

Valley Kids at 10 AM

Singing & Prayer Time at 10:45 AM

Sunday School at 11 AM

Toddler / Pre-K Nursery (11 AM):

- 01.28** Dale Herndon
02.04 Starr Thurman
02.11 Adam Pierce
02.18 Bridget and Terri Tabler

4 yrs - 1st Grade:

- 01.28** Joy Semelsberger
02.04 Alexa West
02.11 Joy Semelsberger
02.18 Kelly Escalante

*On the 5th Sunday of a month, this class will attend the worship service with their families in the sanctuary.

2nd - 5th Grade:

- Jan:** Sunny Combs
Feb: Mark Ponton
Mar: Flo and Roger Vincent

*On the 5th Sunday of a month, this class will attend the worship service with their families in the sanctuary.

Valley Kids Parents: We use the KidCheck program which requires you to register your child(ren) at <https://go.kidcheck.com/signin.aspx?action=register>



Take your child downstairs and then pickup them up there after service.

Safety Announcement

No church-provided supervision for children before or after services.



...exists to expose students to God's love, to encourage them to honor God with their lives and to get involved in ministry.

SMYDEK is for students 6th-12th grade.
(meets in the portable building)

Sunday School hours: 10-10:45 AM

SMYDEK meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 PM Students 6th-12th grades are welcome.

Text SMYDEK to (855) 538-1120 to receive updates and information for everything SMYDEK related!



"Souper-bowl" collection for The Greater Urbana food bank. We'll be collecting canned soups, stews, chili's and soup fixings (broths, beans, spices, soup noodles, etc.) for the food bank. Please place your donations in the Outreach bins in the lobby. **Due by Sunday, February 11.**

ITK - Interesting To Know

A Christian counselor, Lori Ochs, uses our church as a meeting place for her clients. She offers her services to our church family at half her normal rate. Contact Lori @ 301.302.0020 or send her an email from her website: www.frederickchristiancounselor.com

To schedule events held at the church: Please contact Robin Murphy at 301.788.2316

Newsletter items due to Diana Krop (jdkrop@aol.com) by noon on Wed.

Services

Sunday:

Men's Bible Study 7:45 AM (breakfast)
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship & Valley Kids 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)
SMYDEK (Youth) 6:30 PM (Aug-May)
AWANA (Children) 6:30-8 PM (Sept-April)

Friday:

The Lunch Bunch 11:00 AM (1st Fri/month @ Golden Corral)



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