

Change Is In the Air: Our Commitment To Vision This Year

“Connecting People to the Life Changing Power of God”

We depend on the Holy Spirit to enable us to **connect to God** through worship and His Word, **connect to family** through friendship and ministry, and **connect to our world** through outreach and missions.

Throughout the recent series, *Nehemiah: a people on mission*, we have discussed being purposeful in everything we do. God’s purposes are of primary concern, so we are reviewing everything we do in light of how we fulfill those purposes. We summarize God’s purposes for us as the KVAG family as connecting to God, family, & the world. We will clarify, adjust, add, and subtract as necessary to more effectively accomplish this mission.

Connect to God...Our vision states “a relationship with Jesus Christ is our only hope.”

Our goal for Sunday mornings: positive and relevant services where the lost can find hope in Christ and the KVAG family can welcome friends and celebrate their hope in Christ. The service will be ordered to begin with celebration and end with worshipful reflection. The music will be current with a goal of transitioning to a worship band style. Guests will be welcomed and shown genuine interest by many. KVAG leaders and members will purposefully attempt to connect the unconnected, inviting them to join Growth groups and ministry teams. A majority of church resources for children’s ministry will be directed toward filling Sunday morning children’s church with multi reinforced Bible truths the children can apply to their lives. The service time will be filled with purposeful content, and members can consistently feel confident to invite family and friends to hear of hope in Christ.

Connect to Family...Our vision states “God provides healing and growth through relationships...” and “every member has a God given role to fill...”

Our goal for Growth Groups: groups will provide the context in which people may apply the truth of scripture to everyday life, experience life giving relationships, and become established in God’s faithful Word. Every opportunity, including Sunday school and Wednesday night service will be adjusted in time and format to become a time for Growth Groups to meet. Every willing person is asked to attend doctrine training groups beginning with 101 and continuing through 401. Beginning in February, the first class will begin Sunday mornings (*9:00 – 10:15) and Wednesday evenings (7:00 – 8:15). This will provide

opportunity for every person to be thoroughly trained in Bible truths and church vision. A variety of groups will occur at other times. A full listing of the groups is on page six.

**This is a change. In February, Sunday morning Growth Groups will replace Sunday school and the start time will move from 9:30 to 9:00.*

Our goal for Ministry Teams: these groups are filled according to individual abilities, experience, desire, and availability. There are various ministry teams. A complete listing is on page five. Helping to do the work of KVAG is vital for personal connection to KVAG. Each ministry plays an important role in the mission of KVAG.

Connect to the World...Our vision states “God desires to change lives, and our commission is to spread this news.”

Our goal for missions: KVAG families join together to support a number of missionaries financially, and consider it a privilege to be a part of work God is doing in other parts of America and the world. Additionally, some KVAG families provide monthly support to orphans, widows, and pastors through the ministry of Rev. Spurgeon Babu of India. The missions coordinator, Sheree Collins, can tell you more about our missions program. You may participate in the program by providing monthly support to one or more missionaries, or you may give to a general missions offering each month which is used when specific needs arise for our missionaries.

Our goal for our communities: involvement in community events is a primary goal for the coming year. Ideally, every Growth Group will perform a service project, and some Groups will be involved in community events. They can represent KVAG and connect with the community in a whole new way. Prayer walks, personal invitation, and general helpfulness are other ways to connect with our community. Community minded people are encouraged to get creative, and implement new ideas.

So, as part of the KVAG family, we hope you will make “connecting” a part of your mission as well. Let’s have a very “connected” 2010 together.



Growth Groups A Work In Progress

by Bill Bell

Let's take a look! The fall semester at KVAG found us focusing on small group studies, "Growth Groups." There were seven groups meeting, most meeting weekly with at least one group meeting twice a month.

"THE ALPHA COURSE" led by Marie Hilty met weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. The study is geared towards the new believer as well as the non believer looking for answers or seeking direction and for those seeking to know God at a new level. Leadership is using the Alpha workbook and basic group discussion and interaction along with Gods' Word during the study time. There were 3-4 adults along with 8-10 teens participating regularly! Marie shared that this has been a challenging group with participation well above all expectation! She shared some concern for the lack of attendance for the final session earlier this month, however the sharing between the students and the adults has been rewarding. As this groups last session is now finished Marie intends to start future Growth Groups with renewed focus and more discipline employing the newly learned principles and experiences from the original group.

"THE LOVE DARE MARRIAGE GROUP" led by Lisa and Bill Bell met at the Bell's home weekly on Fridays at 7pm with four couples attending including leadership. How to grow your marriage, fire proof it, and love your mate unconditionally, all the while seeking Gods purpose were the focal points during the study. A DVD study video along with work books were used along with prayer, personal sharing and homework "Life Application" assignments were also given weekly. The group completed its last session just before Christmas. A new group will begin in early February, possibly using the same curriculum if interest or the need dictates it, or we may offer a pre-marital counseling course curriculum yet to be decided upon by Lisa and Bill. The group leaders biggest burden is the life application of what our group has studied and learned, "it's all about the choices we make", quotes Lisa and Bill!

"BEING CHRISTIAN" a small group book and bible study being co-led by John Horneman and Bill Bell is being undertaken by the Men's Ministry Group. Meeting at John's home twice per month, on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month. Using a DVD teaching along with workbooks and the Bible this study addresses Christian life issues, questions and reactions to others for the very basic new believer to the deeper issues of the more mature believer as well, helping to connect any believer directly into relationship with God! There are from 6-10 men averaging in attendance and sharing has been open, honest, inspiring, and supportive. The biggest praise that leadership has is that the group went from initially meeting only once per month to now twice monthly at the request of the participants themselves. The study is still ongoing as previously noted.

"THE BIBLE IN 24 HOURS" led by Ron Gaillot meeting weekly on Thursdays at 7pm-9pm at the Gaillots' home has just completed The Pentateuch (1st 5 books of the Bible). A total of 5 sessions out of 24 have been completed thus far. Attendance has been

low with an average of 3, including at least one non church member (a praise!). The study concluded on December 17th, and will re-start again on January 7th. Other topics to be studied in this group Bible study include Darwin's dilemma and other creation video studies. Follow up studies in the future will be one of the following Bible books , Genesis, Mathew, or Ezekiel with 24 sessions each or Daniel with 16 sessions. Ron's deepest concern is the need for more attendees, so be in prayer.

"DRAWING NEAR" by John Bevere, led by Jamie Barclay with assistance from Pastor Todd Pugh has met weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the KVAG Church Sanctuary. This study uses a DVD video teaching along with workbooks. This group of around 10 through this study is seeking Intimacy of the Holy Spirit and is addressing the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has completed 12 sessions with many participants sharing of there own experiences with their Baptism the Holy Spirit. Jamie exclaims joy in the learning and sharing of the other believer's insights and ideas. The group will break after January 6th until February.

"THE TRUTH PROJECT" led by Sheree Collins met on Thursdays at 12 noon at the Collins' residence. This is a Focus On The Family DVD teaching for growing Christians. The focus is on the Truth of Gods Word and the reality of Gods actions in our world. The study also shows the flip side (truth) of Gods word in comparison to Darwinism, the lies of the devil, and the deceit of the world. It compares truths to lies such as creation vs. evolution and so on. The study is on-going through to the end of January and exclaims Sheree, "our home is filled to capacity with at least 10 participants each session!" Such a blessing, the curriculum is "awesome, an intense experience, a real eye opener," says Sheree. A book study on the Parables of Jesus will be offered next.

"A WOMANS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL" led by Tina Pugh, a weekly Bible study for women met weekly in Tina's home finished their study early in December. There were 10 women attending, studying Women of the Bible, their character attributes, their purpose, and how they relate to the Women of Faith today. Tina will offer a new monthly Growth Group for women discussing the book *Boundaries* in February.

So, there you have a synopsis of our "SMALL GROWTH GROUPS," people fellowshipping and breaking bread together just as they did when Jesus walked the earth some 2000 years ago. As the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 6:13, "As a fair exchange I speak as to my children – open wide your hearts also." I believe this is exactly what is and what will be happening in our Small Group studies as we learn and share and apply it to our lives, daily. For it truly is a fair and worthy exchange when we open our hearts to others.

Prayer Care Ministry by Diane Swank

And praying in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18 (NIV).

Things aren't going well, you are feeling alone, you wonder if the Lord even hears your prayers. Please know there is a dedicated group at KVAG who are committed to praying for everyone in the church directory. Ideally, we all pray for our church family, but this dedicated group will be praying regularly. They may choose to call or visit as well, but know you are in the prayers of several people who have made a commitment to pray just for you on a regular basis. If you would like to be an official participant, please see Tina Pugh.

Change is Personal by Tina Pugh

Considering personal change is refreshing and thrilling, but the process is hard, and frankly, we change much less and much slower than we would like. We've all learned by now that good intentions get us nowhere. Change requires us to actually do new and different things. Our hope lies in the assurance that it is God who works in us to will and to act according to His good purposes. God desires growth for us and growth requires change, so let's explore it.

Usually, being confronted by truth and a certain level of pain prompts the process of change to begin. Our mental or physical health may suffer from our destructive patterns or we recognize our attitudes or behaviors are hurting our relationships. First, we confront the truth. One meaning of confront is to "face" something. Truth will do that for us. When we see how things ought to be, especially through scripture, the contrasting truth about us makes us confront ourselves. This happened to me in high school when I discovered the scripture "be anxious for nothing..." during an anxious time. It happened to me as a young wife when I discovered the scripture "godliness with contentment is great gain..." while I was particularly dissatisfied (a selfish snot, actually). This year, I considered Mary and Martha and disturbingly took Martha's side. How can this change? God's work, His truth, and His grace are the answers. Grace is unmerited favor, yes, but more than that, it is the power to

live a transformed life. More often than not, this grace-powered transformation happens in the midst of connection and sharing.

This concept is new to the way many of us think. We accept responsibility to pray harder, read the Scriptures more, and try harder, but we rarely bring our need to the context of connection where there is mutuality and the practical applications of grace. Sometimes grace is extended to us by people helping us in ways we can't help ourselves. Consider Weight Watchers. You may not have the self discipline to control your eating, but understanding friends sharing a common struggle, along with a weekly weigh-in, will greatly improve your chances. Consider flylady.net, an internet support group of sorts for those overwhelmed by home care and management. This group gives stressed out people a plan to succeed and has been life changing for many. I have considered calling my Growth Group "Marthas Anonymous." God's saving and transforming grace is awesome, but He also extends grace through people and we do well to seek and share it.

You see, our vision "connecting people to the life changing power of God" is very personal. Knowing God, seeking God, and being His church will affect our lives. God desires to leave no one behind, and all of us need growth. We desperately need to welcome God's work of truth and grace; and I pray you'll personally join the journey.

Advertisements!

- Faithgirlz Growth Group is requesting donations of gently used living room furniture. Call the church office if you have some to donate.
- The website has a new look & increasing functionality. Our goal is to make it so useful, it can be your homepage. Please go there soon and check it out at www.kiskivalleyag.org. It will get better and better...to include vital information for members and newcomers. It's easy to use and we have heard of many in and outside of KVAG making use of it.
- Have you seen the youth room since it was remodeled? If not, check it out soon. Also, it will soon have a coffee bar. It will be a good gathering place for the teens as well as other growth groups, small events, and classes.

Praise and Blessings

by Bernice Wolfe

- Did you praise the Lord today? He blessed us. He gave us a wonderful nation to live in. Did you thank Him? Are you asking Him to protect it?
- Tammy Koeller is thanking and praising Him. She has been granted custody of her youngest daughter.
- Cora Zubal is praising Him. Her gall bladder operation was successful and her recovery was fast.
- I thank Him. My heart doctor said I no longer have to take heart medicine, he was very pleased. I praise God every day for life and His blessings. He is so wonderful. He covets our praise (Romans 11:33).
- Praise is the expression of your admiration of God. The garment of praise is your weapon against the spirit of heaviness. Never take it off. Expect Him to answer your prayers! As a child of God you have access to His every blessing. Tell others of your blessing so we can all praise Him for it. You are a member of a royal priesthood (Malachi 3:10). Expect and allow Him to do it for you.



by Tenelle Peterman

- 'Tis the season for sharing Gods' love. Although we should do this all year long, it is especially important during the holidays. And that is just what the Kids Club at KVAG is doing!
- This year, they are sending the message of Jesus around the world through Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse.
- Started in 1993 by Franklin Graham, Operation Christmas Child has been providing gifts of love, hope and the message of Jesus Christ to children in the world's most impoverished nations.
- "A goal of the project is to equip local churches and ministry partners to offer children the opportunity to participate in the discipleship program, 'The Greatest Journey,' and to offer as many graduates as possible a New Testament in their local language." (www.samiritanspurse.org)
- On Wednesday, November 11, 2009, the Kid's Club at KVAG were excited and eager to fill their shoeboxes.
- First, Kids Club teacher, Vicki Peterman, showed the children a video about OCC and the kids that would be receiving the shoeboxes. Next, they were given instructions to pick an age group and gender of the child that they wanted to make a box for. Once that was finished, each child was taken around a table topped with gifts, candy and hygiene products, and each stuffed their boxes full of gifts.
- After all of their shoeboxes were filled, they completed questionnaires to be included, with a picture, in their box. This gives the child who receives the box an opportunity to write back to them.
- "The kids were very excited to be a part of this outreach. They really enjoyed choosing what would go into each box," said Vicki.

2010 Dates to Remember

January	Month of Prayer & Fasting
January 10 th	Fellowship Lunch
January 17 th	Winter/Spring Growth Group Sign Up Day
February 1 st	Winter/Spring Growth Groups Begin
February 14 th	Valentine's Day Fellowship Lunch
February 21 st	Growth Group Leaders Lunch Meeting
February 27 th	Meal Ministry Prep Day (tentative date)
March 14 th	Fellowship Lunch
April 4 th	Easter Breakfast
April 18 th	Growth Group Leaders' Lunch Meeting
May 2 nd	Friendship Sunday Lunch
May 22 nd	Ladies' Tea (tentative date)
June 6 th	Summer Growth Groups Sign-Ups & Groups begin
June 27 th	Growth Group Leaders' Lunch Meeting
July 19-23	Vacation Bible School
July 25 th	Church Family & VBS Picnic
August 8 th	Growth Group Leaders Lunch Meeting
August 22 nd	End of Summer Picnic at the Park
Sept 12 th	Fellowship Lunch
	Fall Growth Groups Sign-Ups & Groups begin
October	Mission Month
October 10 th	Fiesta Friendship Lunch
October 17 th	Growth Group Leaders' Lunch Meeting
November 14 th	Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch
December 12 th	Church Family Christmas Dinner Party
December 18 th	Growth Groups Fall Semester Ends
December 24 th	Christmas Eve Service
Men's Group	1 st Sunday & 3 rd Saturday
Women of Purpose	3 rd Monday



Ministry Teams

Building & Grounds	Newsletter	Ushers & Greeters
Children's Church	Nursery	Visitation
Growth Group Leaders	Offering Recorders	Women of Purpose
Adults	Prayer Care	Worship
Children	Prayer Chain	Youth Ministry
Meal Ministry		
Men's Ministry	Sound Booth	

Winter-Spring Growth Groups
Beginning in February

Sunday Morning Growth Groups: 9:00-10:15
 Christianity "101"
 Children's Bible Class, age 5-11
 B.T.W. Group, 12 yrs – 12th grade

Wednesday Evening Growth Groups: 7:00 – 8:15
 Christianity "101"
 Faithgirlz (age 8-12)

Young Men's Spiritual Growth Group, 7th – 12th
 Tuesday's after school @ the church

Marriage/Pre-Marital Group
 Friday, 7-9 p.m., Bill & Lisa Bell's
"Imagine Life God's Way" John Ortberg
 Thursday, noon - 2 p.m., Jack & Sheree Collins'
In-depth Bible Study
 Thursday, 7-9 p.m., Ron & Cheryl Gaillot's

Women's Book Group – "Boundaries" Cloud/Townsend
 First Sunday, 6:00 – 8:00 @ Tina Pugh's
Men's group- "Every Day Matters" John Maxwell
 First Sunday & Third Saturday, 6:30-8:30 @
 John Horneman's

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.-noon
 Nursery Provided (birth – 3)
 Children's Church (ages 4 – 12)

Youth Service 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Growth Groups:

Sundays 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
 Home Groups As Scheduled

Sign Up Day January 17th

1st Sunday of Every Month:

Communion Sunday

2nd Sunday of Every Month (September – April):

Fellowship Dinner
 Benevolence Offering – Used to help those within the church
 body or those referred.

Third Monday of Every Month:

Women of Purpose Meeting

Last Sunday of Every Month:

Missions Sunday



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