



valley presbyterian church
MINISTRY BROCHURE
september-december 2016

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WELCOME TO THE FALL MINISTRY BROCHURE!

VPC is excited to join you this fall as we build relationships, grow in our faith, and serve our community. Here you'll find every program, class, and event our ministries are planning.

A COMMUNITY WHERE JESUS CHRIST TRANSFORMS LIVES

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Chapel, 8 & 11:45AM

The Chapel affords an intimate and acoustically exceptional worship experience. Seating is close to the pastors and musicians, and the 360 degree "Light of the Universe" stained glass surrounds the building.

Landes Center, 10:30AM

Worship in the Landes Center tends to be less formal with a powerful drive. Music is led by the VPC Praise Band, which plays current popular worship music in a visual-driven setting with set pieces and screens.

Sanctuary, 9AM

The Sanctuary offers a soaring ceiling and a soaring time of worship through traditional elements of organ and choir. The largest building at VPC houses children and the elderly, long-time members and first-time visitors, those who were raised with organ and classical music, and those who are drawn to the presence of God.

Children's Message 9 & 10:30AM worship services

Prior to Sunday School children worship for a time with their family and listen to a message specifically for them. It is an opportunity for kids to hear the music, prayer, and message in the worship services.

CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, & NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24
3, 5:30, & 8PM, Sanctuary
10:30PM, Chapel

Celebrate the night that changed the world as we remember the birth of the Christ child at any of our four services.

Christmas Morning

Sunday, December 25
9:30AM, Sanctuary

The presents under the tree can wait! Join us for a morning of song and community.

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2017
Worship times TBA

Get 2017 off to a great start by taking time to worship at VPC on the first day of the new year!

MUSIC MINISTRY

VPC's Music Ministry is dedicated to glorifying and serving God through different expressions of music. If you love music and creativity, join us! You'll find a Christian community of fellow music lovers.

Chancel Choir

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 7:30PM, Choir Room
Sings most Sundays at the 9AM Worship Service
Jennifer Hamm: jenniferh@vpc.church

The Chancel Choir is a traditional four-part men's and women's ensemble. We sing everything from classical to 20th Century. The Chancel Choir is open to all skill levels; if you love to sing in a choir, this is the place for you!

Womens' Ensemble

Coming this Fall
Sing at various times in various services
Jennifer Hamm: jenniferh@vpc.church

Ladies, we would love you to join us as we launch a great opportunity to sing and celebrate creatively.

Praise Band

Rehearsal: Sundays, 8:30AM, Landes Center
Plays most Sundays at the 10:30AM Worship Service
Travis Kingma: travisk@vpc.church

The Praise Band is made up of vocalists, keyboard, bass, electric and acoustic guitar, and drums. We often add violin and cello, as well. This group is eager to glorify God through powerful and driving worship music. If you have or want more experience in a band setting and would like to share your gifts, let us know.

Valley Ringers Handbell Choir

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30PM, Choir Room
Plays at various times at the 9AM Worship Service
Jennifer Hamm: jenniferh@vpc.church

The Valley Ringers make a unique and joyful noise to the Lord! This group is for anyone with an interest in a different way of making music. Handbells are easy to learn and difficult to master, come give them a try!

FALL 2016 CONCERT SERIES

Hyunmi Lee, Pianist in Residence Recital

Sunday, November 13, 4PM, Chapel

Sanctuary organ and piano player Hyunmi Lee will be giving a recital featuring great works by some of your favorite composers.

Chancel Choir presents *Mostly Messiah*

Monday, December 12, 7PM, Sanctuary

A concert with selections from the Messiah and other wonderful Christmas music with members of the Phoenix Symphony.

HIGHLIGHTED FALL EVENTS

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**Together for Tomorrow:
60th Celebration Sunday
Sunday, November 6**

Worship at 9:30AM, Sanctuary
Reception & Party at 10:45AM
South Parking Lot

Be still.
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 2016

SEPTEMBER 17
ORANGE TREE GOLF RESORT

So that you may show to others how God called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

-1 Peter 2:9

**day of
discipleship**

YOUR STORY, GOD'S GLORY
september 24

**A NEW PERSPECTIVE
MEN'S RETREAT
2016**

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2
PRESCOTT PINES CAMP

Hands Across the City

Cooks' Tour

Arms Around the World

Cooks' Tour 2016: for Mission and Charity
Friday, November 4, 9AM

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 4PM
VPC SOUTH PARKING LOT

A CONVERSATION WITH
JERRY COLANGELO
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 8:30AM
VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Buy tickets, learn more about
Encore University, and register
for the fall term:

encoreuniv.org

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DISCIPLESHIP

Wednesday night classes beginning in September

The Marriage Course*

Facilitators: Kelly & Mike Nieto

September 7–October 12, 6–8:00PM, Calvin Center, Cost: \$30

Email Kelly for availability: kellyn@vpc.church

The Marriage Course is a part of Alpha Ministries and is designed to strengthen marriages at all stages (engaged, newlywed, parents with young or older children, longtime married!). The evening includes a meal served to the couple, a DVD lesson and manuals on different topics of married life, and a time for the couple to privately discuss the topic. Each couple sits at an individual table and there is no public discussion of the topic unless the couple would like to talk with our “mentor couple” during dessert time. The course is based on biblical principles of marriage, but is also helpful for couples from non-religious background.

We Bear Witness: A Trial Attorney Examines Testimony of the New Testament*

Facilitator: Ed Glady

September 7–October 12, 6:30–7:30PM, Room 409

No cost/No registration required

Some view the New Testament as a collection of “nice” stories and letters on par with a Dickens novel or a Hemmingway story – perhaps interesting, at times informative, but in the end more fiction than reality. Yet, the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and the letters by Paul, Peter, John and others powerfully testify to the truth of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Spend six weeks with a trial attorney (at no charge) as we examine the testimony of those who authored the components of the New Testament in ways that will highlight how and why we can rely on the content of the words and memories found in the New Testament to guide us closer to Christ and the life he wants us to lead in His name.

Wednesday night class beginning in October

Alpha*

Facilitators: Kelsey Woodruff, Kelly & Mike Nieto

Wednesdays, October 19–December 14, 6–8PM, Calvin Center

No cost, Registration required by October 10

The Alpha Course is an opportunity to explore the basic beliefs of Christianity for believers and seekers. For believers, this is an exciting time of renewing and deepening your understanding of core Christian doctrines. For seekers, this is a comfortable and safe place to learn more about Christianity and ask questions. The evening includes a meal, a DVD lesson, and small group time to discuss the evening’s topic.

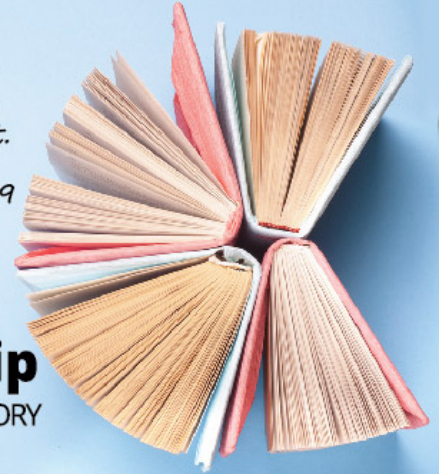
So that you may show to others how God called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

–1 Peter 2:9

day of discipleship

YOUR STORY, GOD'S GLORY

september 24



Day of Discipleship 2016: “My Story, God’s Glory”*

Facilitators: Kelly & Mike Nieto, Ed Glady

Saturday, September 24, 9AM–12 noon, Landes Center

No cost/No registration required

God is at work in your life! Have you felt and seen His presence? He has crafted you from the start; you are a unique story of God’s glory. Join us for a special, one-day event to see God’s presence in our lives. Hear Pastor Joynt speak about how God has shaped our lives for His glory and listen to world-class speaker Chris Simnings tell his story of God’s miraculous work in his life. We will offer workshops on various related topics, like finding God’s fingerprints in your life, creating a life map of God’s presence in your life, living out your faith in daily life, and sharing your story with others. Free breakfast, free lunch, and free childcare!

Schedule:

8:30AM:	Breakfast and Fellowship
9AM:	Session One: “What is Discipleship?”
9:30AM:	Session Two: Chris Simning
10AM:	Break
10:30AM:	Break-Out Session One (Two Options)- “Finding your Story” or “Creating your Story”
11:10AM:	Break
11:20:	Break-Out Session Two (Two Options)- “Living your Story” or “Telling your Story”
Noon:	Lunch and Fellowship

*-Childcare available by registration. Email: nursery@vpc.church

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vpc.church/classes

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Valley Presbyterian Church is a place where students, their families, teachers, and volunteers can experience and share Christ's redeeming love for us! Together we are growing and learning what Jesus taught us-God loves you!



Nursery & Toddler Room

Infant - Two years old

Here infants and toddlers are introduced to their church home. We provide them with a safe and enjoyable environment, giving you peace of mind while you to participate in church activities.

Sunday School

Three years old - fifth grade

No class September 4, December 25, & January 1, 2017

Our focus this year is fostering a STICKY faith for our children. Each week children participate in lessons designed to make the message of the cross STICKY. They will play games, hear stories, make crafts, build relationships and have fun with each lesson.

Take it Home Events

10:30AM, Room 415 & 416

Fostering a STICKY faith in our children takes teamwork. Children's ministry wants to partner with parents to provide age-appropriate ways to incorporate faith into everyday activities. Join us for the opportunity for your child's age group. This is a great way to connect with other parents in your child's age group.

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| August 28 | 3 year olds- Welcome to Sunday School |
| September 11 | Kindergarten families- Family Prayer |
| September 25 | 3 rd grade families- Read your Bible |
| October 23 | Presentation of 3 rd grade Bibles &
4 year olds- Nightly Blessing |

EXPLORERS!

Tuesdays starting September 13, 4-5:30PM, Calvin Center

Kids K-5th grade

Final Performance: December 6

EXPLORERS! provides children with a safe and fun environment to learn about the world in creative ways. Kids spend time singing, acting, playing music, and learning about God. Music and theater are large components of each week, but no experience is necessary. Register or volunteer online: vpc.church/explorers

Children at VPC

At VPC our primary goal is to provide safe, fun, and nurturing environments that allow you and your kids to worship, learn, and grow. Opportunities for children differ based on age and type of event. Our team believes parents are the best spiritual leaders for their children, and including older children in some church experiences allows them to grow more comfortable.

If you ever have any questions regarding childcare at VPC, don't hesitate to email Children's Ministry Director Tina Gilbreath.

tinag@vpc.church, marieb@vpc.church

vpc.church/children

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Special Family Events

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30, 4:30PM, VPC South Parking Lot

Join other VPC families, wear your best costume, decorate your car's trunk, and get ready for a great time!

ADVENT-ure

Saturday, November 27, 4:30-6:30PM, Landes Center

The Advent Wreath/Luminaria Party is a great way to help your family start the Advent season with a Christ-centered focus. Join other members of our VPC family for fellowship, food, and fun!

Children's Ministry Volunteer

Email Tina: tinag@vpc.church or Marie: marieb@vpc.church

Not only will you feel engaged, you'll also help children take the first steps of the most important journey in their lives. We ask each Sunday School family to prayerfully consider helping out a few times each semester. You can choose from the list below, and some things can be done at home

- **Sunday School Teacher/Co-Teacher**
- **Nursery Volunteer**
- **Substitute Teacher**
- **Greeter**
- **EXPLORERS! Music Program**

Valley Day School

Weekdays, August 15-December 16, 9AM-noon

Daily schedules vary by age

Julie Johnson, Director: juliej@vpc.church

At Valley Day School, we learn through play every day! We provide an environment for children where active bodies grow strong and curious minds learn about the world around them.

The emphasis of the Day School is learning through experiences with art, music, dance, blocks, stories, climbing, conversation, carpentry and gardening. Equal emphasis is placed on developing social, emotional, physical, cognitive and pre-academic skills.

Early Bird drop-off, 8-9AM

Lunch Bunch, noon-2:30PM

Eligibility

Open to children ages 2-5 years old

Must be 2 years old by Aug 31

Children 3 years and older must be toilet trained

Tuition is paid over a 10-month period (August-May)

Save the date: Nativity Pageant

Rehearsal: Saturday, December 17

Pageant: Sunday, December 18

9 & 10:30AM Worship services

The tradition of the VPC Nativity Pageant continues! The children of VPC will retell the Nativity in a way that connects children to the past of a timeless story. If your child would like to participate they need to attend rehearsal December 17.

Contact Tina for more information.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Study God's Word, build relationships, serve others, and grow in your faith. Community Groups are age-related and open to people in any stage of life. We invite you to connect with the group that's right for you!

If you are new to VPC, or looking for an easy way to get involved, Community Groups are an excellent way to meet new people and begin finding ways to apply faith in Christ to your everyday life.

20-30s

Thursdays, 6:30PM

Chris Woodard: chrisw@vpc.church

We seek to be an authentic group of believers searching for God's will in our lives!

30-40s

Various classes throughout the Fall

Tina Gilbreath: tinag@vpc.church

We know time is a precious resource for those who may be establishing their career or starting a family. With that in mind, the 30-40s Community Group encourages people to connect through the great educational opportunities offered this fall, especially Alpha and The Marriage Course (see page 5 for details).

Get Connected: Dinner for 8

Get to know your church community better through food, fun, and fellowship.

Dinner for 8 connects four couples to share four meals on four occasions throughout the year. It's a great way to get to know others and eat some great food! Look for more details coming soon!

40-50s

Sunday Mornings, Aug. 28-Nov. 20
9-10AM, Room 409

David Turner: davidt@vpc.church

Social and Service Opportunities

Make sure to check the website for changes and additions.

Fall Kickoff BBQ & Potluck Sunday, September 3, 6PM

Hillman's home

Feed My Starving Children

Friday, October 21, 8:30-10PM

Bring a friend, we have room for 20 people.

Wine Tasting Event

Saturday, November 12 or 18, TBA

Contact Christy Miller if you're interested!

MentorKids Christmas Party Gift Wrapping December, time & date TBA

We'll be wrapping presents donated to VPC for this great event!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

We're excited to present this RightNow Media Bible Study this fall:

The Book of James with Francis Chan Sundays, August 28-November 20, 9-10AM, Room 409

True faith produces fruit. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that comes from an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God.

COMMUNITY GROUPS



50-60s

Sundays, Sept. 18-Nov. 13
10:25-11:25AM, Fireside Room

Sarah Burnette:
sarahswiggins@gmail.com

The "Boomer" Community Group has much to offer! Check it out:

"Classes, Coffee & Confections"

All The Places To Go- How Will You Know? By John Ortberg
Sundays, September 18-November 13, 10:25AM, Fireside Room
Facilitators: Gloria Gabler & Robbie Peterson

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "stay." He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the lives we will lead and the people we will become.

Movie Party

Saturday, October 15, Burnette Residence

See the movie of the month on your own, then come to the party for hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, and a lively discussion!

Out and About Activities

Check the website for updated information

November 13- Scottsdale Museum of the West, 11:30AM

December 11- Christmas Party @ the Sayre residence, 4PM

To receive announcements & invitations, email Gloria Gabler:
gigabler@gmail.com

60-70s

Fellowship and Luncheon:
First Thursdays, 12:30-1:30PM, Various

Bible Study and Discussion:
Second Thursday of the month,
1-2:30PM, Crossing 104

Judith Robins: judithrobins4386@msn.com

70s+

Sundays, 10:30-11:30AM, Calvin Center

Lunch Bunch Third Thursday Fellowship
11:30AM, Camelback Golf Club

Second Thursday Fellowship
3PM, Fireside Room

Wandie Hulick: 602-316-3372, wild4uofa@aol.com

We meet throughout the month for fun activities, delicious food, and faithful fellowship. We would love to have you join us!

Weekly Class

Sundays, 10:30-11:30AM, Calvin Center

Lunch Bunch Third Thursday Fellowship

11:30AM, Camelback Golf Club, Call Wandie to RSVP

September 15

November 17

October 20

December 15

Second Thursday Fellowship

Mexican Train, 3PM, Fireside Room

Mexican Train is a fun and easy domino game. We teach you how to play. Mexican Train starts at 3PM with dinner at 5PM.

Dinner, 5PM, Fireside Room

October 13-

Oktoberfest

November 10-

Pork Loin & Root Veggies

December 8-

Holiday Dinner

Card Making Classes

3PM, Fireside, Call Wandie to RSVP

September 29

November 17

October 27

December 22

Sanctuary & Chapel Cleanup and Dinner Service Project

Thursday, October 6, 3PM Cleanup, 5PM Dinner

Night at the Phoenix Theatre

Billy Elliott

Thursday, December 1, 7:30PM

Phoenix Theatre, Call Wandie to RSVP

MISSION

As Christians we have hope in Christ that our future is secured and our God is constantly providing for our daily needs. At Valley Presbyterian Church we want to extend this hope into our neighborhoods, cities, country, and world. We do this by advocating for the marginalized, providing basic necessities of life for the forgotten, and proclaiming the Good News to the lost. God uses His church in amazing ways; below are some of the ways He is using VPC.



COOKS' TOUR 2016

Friday, November 4, 2016, 9AM-3PM
Co-chairs: Wandie Hulick, 602-316-3372
Jeanne Campo: 480-994-4116

Annual event benefiting our community and the world. If interested in getting involved, supporting or learning more about this one-day event contact either co-chair. There are so many ways to be involved in this great tradition! Volunteer help is always appreciated setting up the day of, or by helping prepare weeks in advance.

There is nothing quite the like the spirit of community and fun you find at this event. You can complete all your upcoming Christmas shopping in one place while helping numerous charities around the world. We look forward to seeing you there!

Crafters

Tuesdays, 9AM, Calvin Center, Margaret: 480-483-2609
We are working on items to sell at Cooks' Tour 2016.

Donations Needed-drop off

Saturdays, 9-11AM, Cooks' Tour shed
Kay Koeb: 480-946-2624

White Elephant: Gently used clothing, linens, housewares, watches, jewelry etc. Give your treasures a second chance!

Silent Auction: Gift baskets, sporting event tickets, restaurant certificates, china, crystal, and antiques.

Kitchen Treasures

Kathy Arner: 480-739-4291
Provide your special touch by making delicious homemade foods to sell at Cooks' Tour 2016.

PREVENTING HUNGRY AND HOMELESS FAMILIES

Family Promise of Greater Phoenix

September 11-17, December 25-31

Family Promise rescues primarily first time homeless families from the streets and provides emergency shelter and basic needs in a 60 day program designed to assist their return to self-sufficiency. Our shelter includes a sanctuary for the family pet, the first such program in Arizona. Family Promise partners with VPC to provide safe overnight shelter, food, and compassion to families in crisis.

Website: familypromiseaz.org/

Program location: 7221 E. Belleview St., Scottsdale, AZ 85257

ICM Food & Clothing Bank

ICM provides immediate response to basic human needs for 100 - 150 families and individuals each day. This can include:

- A food box
- A change of clothes
- Shampoo, soap and other toiletries
- Food stamp sign-up
- Nutrition bags for small children
- Free medical care on-site

Website: icmaz.org

Program location: First Pentecostal Church Community Center, 2709 E. Marguerite Ave., Phoenix.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

First Presbyterian Church, Tuba City, Navajo Reservation

The Native American Ministry provides the opportunity to experience a short-term mission trip working with our brothers and sisters in Christ on the Navajo Reservation. Together we build relationships and understanding. Work groups help renovate facilities, lead vacation bible school-type programs and participate in community life.

Church location: PO Box 368, Tuba City, AZ 86045-0368

The Spring

Sundays, 5PM

711 W. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281

The Spring is a Christian church community in Tempe near Arizona State University that strives to develop strong ties to Christ, the community, and the world. After the service, members share a free community meal. Volunteers from VPC cook and serve dinner at The Spring several times throughout the year.

Website: springpeople.org/

BUILDING SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Ministry of Hope- Malawi, Africa

In 1999 Malawians established the Ministry of Hope (MOH) as a local, community-based response to meet physical and spiritual needs of orphaned and vulnerable children. Using crisis nurseries, community centers, scholarships, and mobile medical clinic programs, Malawi fights for its existence. Valley Presbyterian Church has helped provide support to thousands of orphaned children and widows in the 11 years since the MOH opened.

Website: ministryofhope.org

Program location: Plot 47/2/129, Box X64, Post Dot Net, Crossroads Complex, Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa

Villages in Partnership- Malawi, Africa

Villages in Partnership is a community of people and organizations who are devoted to sharing God's love and blessings with the poorest of the poor in the impoverished nation of Malawi, Africa.

VIP has several strategic areas of development:

- Water
- Food security
- Education
- Health Care
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development

Website: villagesinpartnership.org/

ENSURING STUDENT SUCCESS

MentorKids USA

Mondays, 3-5PM, meet at the church

MentorKids USA is a Christian ministry that recruits, trains and supports mentors who empower young people facing tough life challenges to reach their God-given potential and become transformative members of their families and communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

MentorKids volunteers help come alongside and tutor students in specific areas, build relationships, and provide stability that may not be present in kids' homes.

Website: mentorkidsusa.org

Program location: 15300 N. 90th St. #200
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Navajo Elementary School

VPC participates in the Healthy Packs program, which provides food packs over the weekend for children who are at risk of not receiving adequate nutrition.

VPC also provides school supplies for each classroom and creates and maintains interactive learning spaces for students and teachers.

Website: concrete.susd.org/index.php/schools/navajo/

School location: 4525 N. Granite Reef Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

STUDENT MINISTRY

Students in 6th grade through high school: **we welcome you!** We accept you as the person you are when you come to VPC. When Jesus did ministry He understood and accepted people for who they were. At VPC Student Ministry, we design our programs to do exactly the same- meet you where you are. Contact us anytime, our doors are always open.

Sunday Mornings

THE GATHERING

Junior High & High School Students
Sundays, 9AM, Landes Center Basement
Come for the friends, fun, and learn about a life of faith.

Midweek

HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesdays, 7-9PM, Landes Center

JUNIOR HIGH

Mondays, 6-8PM, Landes Center

Fall Special Events

Junior High Color War

September 19, 6-7:30PM, Kiva Field

Be sure to wear white!

High School Color War

September 21, 7-8:30PM, Kiva Field

Also, you know, wear white!

Cardboard City

October 15-16, Scottsdale Stadium
Cost: \$20 (scholarships available)

Join us as we spend the night at Scottsdale Stadium to raise awareness for Homelessness in the Phoenix Metro area. Meet at VPC Saturday at 4PM, returning Sunday morning at 9AM.

High School Winter Camp

(Junior High Winter Camp in January)
December 2-4, UCYC Camp, Prescott
Cost: \$150 (scholarships available)

Join us for an incredible weekend at UCYC in Prescott, AZ for Winter Camp with 300 other high school students from across the state!

Boy Scout Troop 441

Tuesdays, 7:30PM, Landes Center

Boys ages 12 to 17 are welcome to join us at any time. Monthly hikes, campouts and other activities are planned throughout the school year.

For more information visit the Troop 441 website: troop441.net or email Scott Wareing: scott@pwbonds.com

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vpc.church/students



ENCORE UNIVERSITY

Encore University mission:

Build new relationships, foster a sense of community, study scripture, participate in 'Adventures in Lifelong Learning,' and experience enriched lives and faith via action.

As Encore Community continues to grow, we strive to make a difference in the lives of others through intellectual and personal enrichment. Continue your life story at Encore University!

FALL TERM

October 11-November 17

Register for Encore

Registration fee: \$15 per term
Courses: \$20-\$35, Lectures: \$10

Register online: encoreuniv.org

Register by mail, or stop by the Encore office

Volunteer for Encore

Teach a class

Work in the cafe'

Become a Classroom Ambassador

We have a place for you to plug in!

New offerings this fall include: *Time of Your Life* Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Kelsey Woodruff, *Writers' Workshop* with Kiki Swanson, or explore mysterious and little know countries of Central Asia with Art Humble.

We look forward to new experiences, new pursuits, and new relationships. Enroll this fall and keep on learning.

Back to School Party

Tuesday, October 4, 5:30-7:30PM

Fireside Room & Fountain Patio, Cost: Free

Art Show, Food Truck, Live Jazz, Course registration

Curious about Encore University?

Grab a Course Catalog! In it you'll find:

- Detailed course descriptions
- Comprehensive course schedule
- Bios for many of our instructors



SATURDAY MORNING SPEAKER SERIES

Pat McMahon

October 22, 8:30AM

Landes Center, Cost: \$25

Purchase tickets: encoreuniv.org/speakerseries

Come hear from this well-known Phoenix TV and radio personality.

Breakfast buffet, open to all!

Jerry Colangelo

November 19, 8:30AM

Landes Center, Cost: \$25

Purchase tickets: encoreuniv.org/speakerseries

Jerry Colangelo brought professional basketball and baseball to Phoenix, shaped the landscape of Downtown Phoenix and the state, and is the head of USA Basketball. You're invited to meet and see one of the most influential businessmen in the country. Breakfast buffet, open to all!

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MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Retreat: A New Perspective

Led by Rev. Bryan Fergus, Teaching Pastor at Calvary Community Church, past VPC class instructor
September 30-October 2, Prescott Pines Camp, Prescott, AZ
Cost: \$90, register online: vpc.church/men

What we see and experience impacts how we live, but often our field of vision is less than perfect. What would it be like if our vision for Christ was brought into sharp focus? If you're interested in seeing Christ better, the Men's Retreat is for you! We will look at new perspectives for how Jesus calls us to live through his teaching on the Sermon on the Mount. Our weekend will be a chance to relax and enjoy an array of recreational activities, including indoor basketball, rock wall, a high ropes course, horse shoes, swimming pool, miles of hiking trails, and much more.

Save the date: 2017 Men's Breakfast

Coming in February!

Saturday, February 11, join other men at Gainey Ranch for our annual breakfast!
It is always a great experience.

Men's Bible Study: *The Good and Beautiful God**

Led by Pastor David Turner
Thursdays starting October 13-November 15, 6:30-8PM
(no meeting Thanksgiving Day)
Book: \$13 at many online retailers (\$10 on Kindle)
Questions? Email David: davidt@vpc.church

Do you long to know more about the character of God and move into a deeper relationship with our awesome God? Do you ever want to explore what the kingdom of God is all about? Do you ever want to discover how you can experience the presence of God in your everyday life? How do you live out Jesus' kingdom vision in your family? What impact will your life with God have on your life at work? How can you, a follower of Jesus, change the world you live in?

This book discussion will be offered as part of a three-part series over the next year. "The Good and Beautiful God" challenges misconceptions we have of who God is and gives us new insights from Jesus' teachings about God. The continuation of this study can be followed later with a study on "The Good and Beautiful Life" and "The Good and Beautiful Community."

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)*

Fridays, twice a month starting August 26, Calvin Center
Meghan Gottfredson: nursery@vpc.church

So much about being a new mom is exciting, joyous, and rewarding. But it's also messy, mundane, and sometimes lonely. MOPS at VPC celebrates the highs and lows of motherhood. Taking time out every other week, we come together to share and learn how to be better moms, wives, and women. If you are expecting or have children age six and younger, we invite you to join us! You'll meet new people while your kids play.

Women's Bible Study: *Pulling the Thread- Unraveling Your View of God's Calling* by Jen Hatmaker

Begins September 1 & 2

Thursday, 6:30PM, Room 415/416

Friday, 9AM, Room 415/416

Kelsey Woodruff: kelseyw@vpc.church

Women have been lulled into comfort and complacency as we build our lives, making sure we fit in and follow the rules. But God has invited His people to answer a unique call, a call offering redemption and rescue. In this challenging video series, Jen Hatmaker provides a Biblical basis for a more visionary, gospel-centered life. Join us as we explore the call God has on our lives and how we will answer it. This Bible study is open to women of all ages, from VPC and the wider community.

Jen Hatmaker is a speaker, church leader, and author of *For the Love and 7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess*. She and her husband Brandon planted Austin New Church, in Austin, Texas. They have five children, the youngest two of whom were adopted from Ethiopia.

Be Still: 2016 Women's Breakfast

Speaker: Jeannie McCoy

September 17, 7:30AM-noon, Orange Tree Golf Resort

Cost: \$30/Students \$15, Kelly Nieto: kellyn@vpc.church

Registration: vpc.church/2016-womens-breakfast

Our Women's Breakfast is a morning of fellowship, food, and connection. This year's guest speaker, Jeannie McCoy, will lead us through a worship and teaching experience around our theme. Come enjoy a renewing time, hear our Lord's voice in new ways, connect with other women, and make some new friends!

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) is a national organization of more than 300,000 women within the Presbyterian Church. Presbyterian Women welcomes women for a variety of activities that include fellowship, Bible study, worship, community service and prayer.

Circles

Esther

Second Wednesday of the month, 9:30AM, Members' homes

Sandra Gonzales: 602-616-0458, whiskchop@gmail.com

Sharon Vincent: 480-947-5492, sharvin39@cox.net

Mary*

Second Tuesday of the month, 9:30AM

Westminster Village, 12000 N. 90th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Jeanne Campo: 480-994-4416, rjcampo@cox.net

Barbara McCreary: 480-451-2233, asuboa@aol.com

Rachel/Rebekah

Second Wednesday of the month, 9:30AM, Calvin Center

Lara Robinson: 602-493-9064, lurobinson@cox.net

Carlene Lawrence: 480-338-3304, jeter@forbin.net

Ruth/Naomi

Second Wednesday of the month

Naomi: 11AM, Chapel Conf. Room

Ruth/Naomi: 12PM, Room 409

Alice Paige: 602-404-5508, kelfield@cox.net

Bettie Ringle: 480-251-8384, bettiergle@aol.com

*Only Mary Circle is meeting in December

Luncheon and Speaker Series

Monthly Wednesdays, 11:30AM, Landes Center

Cost: \$10, RSVP: 480-991-6424, church@vpc.church

Enjoy lunch, fellowship and inspiring speakers!

September 28- Dr. Mark Harris, Medical Benevolence Foundation

October 26- Phoenix Theatre

November 16- Ken & Doreen Duncan, *Apache Traditions*

December 14- Coronado High School Advanced Choral Ensemble

*-Childcare available by registration. Email: nursery@vpc.church

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CARE AND HELP

There are times where the events in our lives can leave us feeling hurt and broken. From individual counseling to group settings, prayer requests to recovery groups, there are several ways we can tend to your needs.

House of Prayer

Kelly Nieto: kellyn@vpc.church
Year-round

Would you like to volunteer to pray for members of our congregation throughout the year? VPC is a faith community that believes in the power of prayer. We strive to be a church where every member is prayed for every day. As we commit ourselves to communion with God, we trust the world will change, and our Heavenly Father will bring the kingdom in us and around us.

Prayer

Tammy Milne: 480-991-6424 x163, prayers@vpc.church
We welcome requests confidentially for you or someone else.
Please have permission of the individual before placing your request.

DEACON MINISTRIES

Deacon ministries are run by the Deacons of the church, who are nominated and chosen to serve three-year terms. The effect is expansive and they provide vital services to church members and our community. Deacon ministries are always in need of volunteers.

David Turner: 480-991-6424 x121, davidt@vpc.church

Baby Welcome

Make contact with parents of new babies in the church and arrange for food delivery and support.

Care Packages

Make and send care packages to college students and veterans.

Communion Preparation

Prepare communion elements for Sunday worship services.

Deacon Fund

Disburse funds for the deacon ministries and those who face a one-time financial crisis.

Flower Distribution

Break large Sunday morning flower arrangements into smaller arrangements to be taken to sick and at-home members.

Flower Donation

Donate flowers for Sunday worship services to honor loved ones.

Handyperson Ministry

Fix small items in members' homes.

Home Communion

Serve communion to at-home individuals three times annually.

Homebound Visitation

Visit at-home members twice each month.

Lay Hospital Chaplain

Make daily visits to hospitalized members of the church.

Memorial Receptions

Prepare and host memorial receptions at the church.

Staff Appreciation

Bless the church staff with birthday cards, flowers, and tokens of appreciation at random times throughout the year.

Tasty Spoon

Provide meals to those suffering from illness, bereavement, or temporary financial hardship. It's a simple way to show we care.

Telephone Hospitality

Perform reception duties at the front desk on Sunday mornings.

Transportation Ministry

Transport members who need rides to church on Sunday mornings.

CARE AND HELP

RECOVERY

Divorce Recovery

Mondays, September 26-November 7, 6:15-7:30PM, Room 409
Tammy Milne: 480-991-6424 x163, tammym@vpc.church
Registration: vpc.church/drcare

Where do you turn when hope seems distant? For many going through separation or divorce, feelings of hurt mix with anger and confusion about how to move forward.

We want to encourage you and give you the tools to thrive. VPC is offering a new seven-week Divorce Recovery program designed for men and women at any stage of the divorce process. Each week covers a different topic and is followed by group discussion. Meeting others on the same journey, gaining insights for healing, is vital for moving forward.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Fridays, 8:15-9:15PM, Landes Center
Tammy Milne: 480-991-6424 x163, tammym@vpc.church

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. AA is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, does not engage in controversies, and neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT

Stephen Ministry

Tom Van Arsdale: 480-235-3196
Karen Annis: 480-510-5385
No Fee

Need a Christian friend to talk to? Need to discuss a private, confidential matter? VPC has Stephen Ministers trained to be compassionate, confidential listeners. Stephen Ministers are men and women identified by the church as good listeners, grounded in the teachings of the Christian faith, and demonstrate the ability to carefully guard confidences.

Stephen Ministers become mentors, coaches, and supportive friends. You meet with your Stephen Minister once a week for one hour, and may meet with someone a few times or for several years. Meetings can take place anywhere.

Grief Ministry

Wednesdays, October 12-November 16, 1-3PM
Tammy Milne: 480-991-6424 x163, tammym@vpc.church
No Fee

If you have lost a spouse, parent, child, or close friend recently, VPC has a tradition assisting people going through grief. The VPC Grief Ministry Leadership Team has gone through a series of training experiences in order to work effectively with grieving people. They keep current with the latest academic knowledge of the grief process and possess the skills to lead groups of grieving people through a process of recovery.

Pet Pause Therapy Dog Ministry

Interested in having one of our Pet Pause visitors bring some cheer and a wagging tail to your home? Contact Tammy Milne. Visits begin in September. Our furry friends are waiting for your call!

Mental Health Ministry

Elizabeth Weiss: 480-699-2982, esweiss1231@gmail.com
24-hour crisis line: 602-222-9444
AZ Teen Lifeline: 602-248-8336, teenlifeline.org

VPC's Mental Health Ministry endeavors to suggest mental health resources to families and individuals dealing with mental illness. Our contacts include education, awareness and support programs. Our message to those in need is, "You Are Not Alone." There are people who can help navigate your current situation.

Mental Health Ministry Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 11, 6-7:30PM, Fireside Room
Elizabeth Weiss: 480-699-2982, esweiss1231@gmail.com

In the best-selling book, *A Common Struggle*, Patrick Kennedy details his personal and political battle with mental illness and addiction, exploring mental health care's history in the country alongside his and every family's private struggles. Please join us as we discuss Kennedy's thoughtful and honest look at how shame and stigma kept his family from receiving the help they needed to overcome some of life's most devastating illnesses. The book is available at local libraries, at Amazon.com, and most local bookstores.

2016 NAMI 5k Walk

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
October 15, State Capital, 8AM check-in, 9:15AM start

Join members of Valley's Mental Health Ministry for this 5K walk, and help support mental health awareness in the Valley. Even Fido can join the team! Sign up on the patio Sunday, September 25 and October 9. Learn more: namiwalks.org



LIFE EVENTS

Valley Presbyterian Church is a place where people can mark significant points in their lives. At VPC you can celebrate new lives together through marriage, commit individuals into the community of faith through baptism, and remember those who have left us through funerals and memorial services.

Weddings

Jeannie Wright: 480-991-6242 x146, jeanniew@vpc.church

VPC has several venues available for weddings. If you're interested in holding your special and sacred event on campus, please contact us early in the planning process. Celebrate your special day with us!

Baptisms

Tammy Milne: 480-991-6424 x163, tammym@vpc.church

When we baptize someone, we witness an individual being brought into the worldwide community of faith and specifically recognized as a unique creation. Baptism also tasks the congregation to come alongside the individual.

Funerals and Memorial Services

Tammy Milne: 480-991-6424 x163, tammym@vpc.church

VPC's staff is here to help support families and loved ones through this difficult times of transition. Services can be held in the Chapel or Sanctuary. Memorial receptions can also be arranged on campus.

Interment and Memorial Garden

Tammy Milne: 480-991-6424 x163, tammym@vpc.church

VPC has dedicated a Memorial Garden for the cremains of its community and their families. One section of the Garden has a Memorial Wall. Plaques may be placed on the Memorial Wall in memory of a loved one interred or buried elsewhere.



FOUNDATION

Formed in 1976, Valley Presbyterian Foundation is the permanent endowment of Valley Presbyterian Church; earned income from the VPF's investments support capital needs and mission ministries of VPC.

Become a part of VPF today!

**Support one of the many funds administered by VPF or include VPC or the Foundation in your will or estate plan
Questions? Email Kris Bahr: krisb@vpc.church**

Some thoughts from Legacy Society members:

George Bosworth: "As long-time members of Valley Legacy Society starting, with Rev. Kilgore, we have many friends made through the church. It is very satisfying to know we will be aligned with VPC forever."

Larry Glenn: "First of all it is a privilege to be a Valley Legacy member. Becoming a member gives one insight as to how funds are raised and more important, where the money goes and how it helps so many causes. The foresight of the founding members is truly a blessing."

Linda May Bucher: "I get a wonderful feeling knowing that at the end of my life I will be helping to extend the life of my beloved church and for the generation that follows."

Charles Kurz II: "I have experienced great joy over the past decade since becoming a Valley Legacy Society member; I am glad to know that other VPC families and ministries will benefit in the future from...Valley Presbyterian Foundation. You too can make a difference as a Valley Legacy Society member."

Pastor David Joynt: "Life is generational! Previous generations invested in our lives and faith. Now it is our turn to write the future on the hearts of the next generation. Let's leave a legacy in Jesus' name."

SPORTS MINISTRY

VPC hosts or offers several active options that combine faith, fitness, and fellowship. Find the opportunity that's right for you!

Men's Adult Basketball

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30AM, Landes Center, year round, no fee
Mike Bitticks: michael.bitticks@gmail.com

Looking for a way to begin your day with some great fun and exercise? Then our morning Men's Basketball program is for you. Join us for a quick game before you head off to work. Showers and lockers available.

Pickleball

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30-6:30PM, year round, no fee
Jack Thomas: 602-418-2439, pickleballdude@gmail.com

Fantastic and fun game played on a badminton court with a lower net, perforated plastic ball, and lightweight paddles. It's easy to learn but can develop into a quick, fast-paced competitive game for experienced players. Once you start playing, you can't stop! Learn more about Pickleball at the USA Pickleball Association website: usapa.org

Grandmaster Han's Martial Arts of Arizona

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30PM, Calvin Center, year round, \$45/month
Jeff or Lori Jordan: 480-326-3755, info@younwha-az.com

Youn Wha Ryu - Christian-based martial arts for physical fitness and self-defense. Our Training Principles:

- Be Polite
- Be Patient
- Be Alert
- Be Brave
- Do Your Best
- Respect Yourself and Others

Sportball

Wednesdays, 2:15-3:15PM, Landes Center
September 7-December 14, Ages 3-5, \$198 per child
Derek Morrison: 480-245-6818, derekm@sportball.us
Register online: sportball.us/phoenix

This multi-sport program introduces children to the concepts and skills involved in sports. Focusing on teamwork and skill development, rather than the importance of winning, allows children to gain confidence and develop important social skills.

Youth Basketball

Sundays, Landes Center, 1-3PM, Landes Center
Year round, \$15 per daily clinic
Wendy Woudenberg: 602-397-0165, wjwoudenberg@gmail.com

Join us for Dynamic Basketball Clinics to learn and improve skills through hard work, dedication and discipline while having fun! Through these clinics, we demonstrate how basketball can have a positive impact in everyday life! All skill levels welcome.

Adult Line Dance

Fridays, 10AM-noon, Landes Center
Year round, \$60 for eight classes

Linda Purkapile: 480-483-8899, purkapile@cox.net

Do you want a fun, low-impact aerobic exercise that gives you a physical and mental workout? Line dancing may be just what you are looking for! Classes are led by Jerry Villaire, a national and local coach for all levels of dance.



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