

**Esteeming Days**  
**Romans 14:5–6**

Weak Christians are not Christians that have strong convictions.

Strong Christians have strong convictions.

Weak Christians are Christians whose conscience condemns as unlawful something that is lawful and condemns others also.

Strong Christians believe that brothers and sisters may disagree about lawful things and do not judge another for practicing something they themselves may or may not practice.

*One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike.*

- This is referring to the Old Testament ceremonial calendar.
- This is not referring to keeping the Old Testament ceremonial calendar as a means of works to earn salvation - **Galatians 4:10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain; Colossians 2:16–17 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.**
- Some Christians determine to observe the O. T. calendar and the sabbath to honor the Lord and acknowledge their fulfillment in Christ - **Acts 21:17–26**
- Some Christians determine not to observe the O. T. calendar or the sabbath as necessary for the New Testament believer - **Acts 15:1–6, 19–21**

*Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.* - Every believer must base their convictions upon what they have understood the scriptures to teach.

Rightly esteeming the first day of the week.

- The gospels mark the first day of the week as significant - **Matthew 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn,**
- The Old Testament gives prophetic significance to a certain day - **Psalms 118:21–24**
- The first day of the week is significant because that is the day the Lord has made in which He did the marvelous work of raising Christ from the dead - **Acts 4:10–11**
- Acts establishes the first day of the week as the day the church gathered - **Acts 20:7**
- The epistles instruct the church to meet on the first day of the week - **1 Cor 16:1–2**
- Revelation designates the first day of the week as the Lord's Day - **Revelation 1:10**
- The Lord's Day is never called a sabbath day.

Does Romans 14:5–6 apply to the first day of the week?

- "To the Lord, I regard the first day of the week just like every other day."
- "To the Lord, I do not observe the first day of the week."

How would Romans 14:5–6 apply to the Lord's Day?

- Christians might differ on whether the Lord's Day is a sabbath.
- Christians might differ on how to observe the Lord's Day.

Brother and sister, sometimes God does not give a clear command for a particular issue in order to test our diligence to study His word and our love for brethren whom we disagree.

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W E L C O M E

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

## Announcements

Hymn #206 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Greeting

Hymn #197 Born in a Manger

Offering

Hymn #194 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn #211 There's a Song in the Air!

Message

Hymn #197 Born in a Manger

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—  
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

Cry room – Back of Sanctuary

Nursery 6 mo. – 3 yrs.

Debbie P/Amanda

### TONIGHT 6PM

*Prayer Service  
Adult Choir Practice*

### TUESDAY 7PM

*Ladies Christmas Party*

### WEDNESDAY 7PM

*Bible Study/Kids Club*

### SATURDAY 7:30AM

*Men's Breakfast*

**Christmas Program**  
**Next Sunday 6pm.**  
**Bring a finger food to share**

See  
**Display**  
*in back for*  
**Christmas Project**  
*info*

## Missionary of the Month

Gary and Sandy Parker

Gary is the Regional Coordinator of Word of Life in Northern Brazil. This includes a Training Institute to prepare pastors, missionaries, and church leaders, a camp for young people to be evangelized and challenged to live for Christ, a public-school outreach ministry, and a boat ministry throughout the Amazon River area to isolated villages and communities in order to evangelize, train, and plant churches.

They currently have over 80 full time missionaries; two campuses, over 500 students enrolled in training courses, over 5,000 kids attending camps, and are working to plant churches in over 100 river communities without churches!

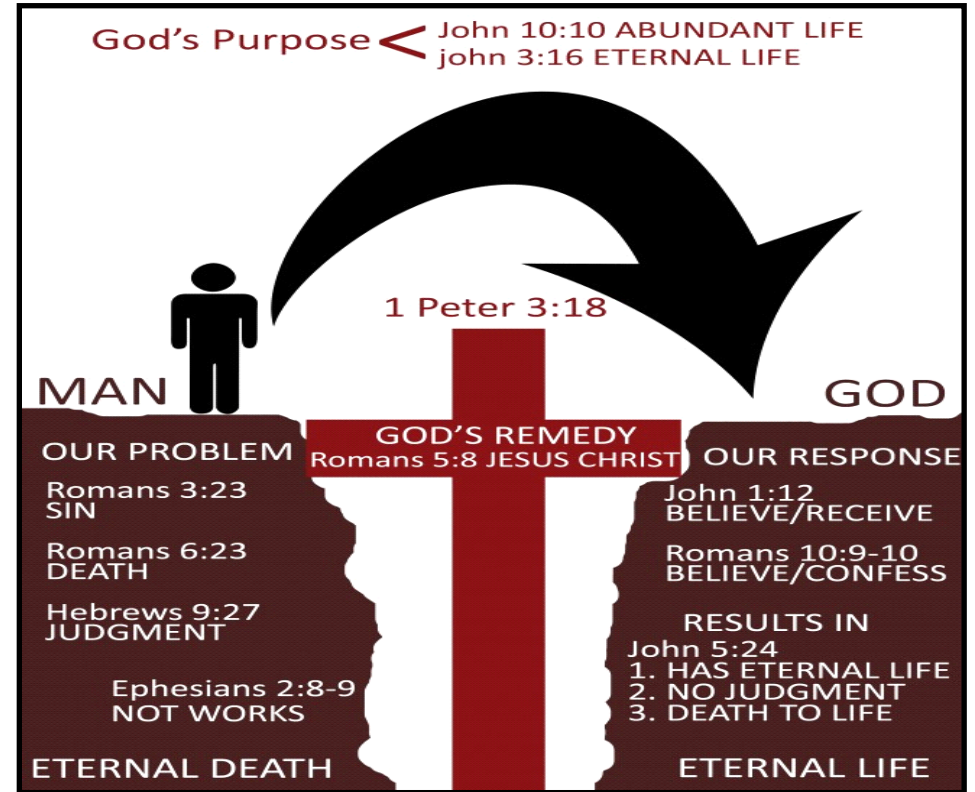
If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.

December 11, 2022

Pastor JJ Sexton

# Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People  
"that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus"



Sunday Morning Sunday School  
 Sunday Morning Worship Service  
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.  
 10:45 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have  
 everlasting life.” John 3:16*