



# Welcome

5/28/2023

**John 3:16**

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

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.

## Announcements

**Hymn #38 Blessed Be the Name**

**Greeting**

**Hymn #102 I Stand Amazed in the Presence**

**Hymn #13 Bow the Knee**

**Offering**

**Hymn #564 Count Your Blessings**

**Message**

**Hymn #481 Just As I Am**

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

## Missionary of the Month

### Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry

FOI was founded as a compassionate effort to meet the spiritual and physical needs of Jewish people whose lives were displaced and tragically affected by the Holocaust.

They continue to stand against every form of anti-Semitism and support the right of the Jewish people to live in their ancient homeland, Israel.

Additionally, FOI actively invests in the edification of Christians by teaching Scripture that exemplifies why loving the Jewish people and supporting Israel is integral to the Christian faith. Today, FOI's presence spans the globe with ministry workers serving Jewish people worldwide.

**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.**

**This Week:**  
  
**TONIGHT**  
**No Eve Service**  
  
**WEDNESDAY 7PM**  
Bible Study/Kid's Club  
  
**FRIDAY 7PM**  
Ladies Night @ the Cabin

## June

No Ladies Bible Study in June

6 - Dorcas Mtg.

11 - Pastor Wayne Johnson

12 - Chrissy Returning from Saipan

17 - Men's Breakfast

18 - No Eve. Service

19-24 - AGBC Teen Camp

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshiping 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./Sarah**

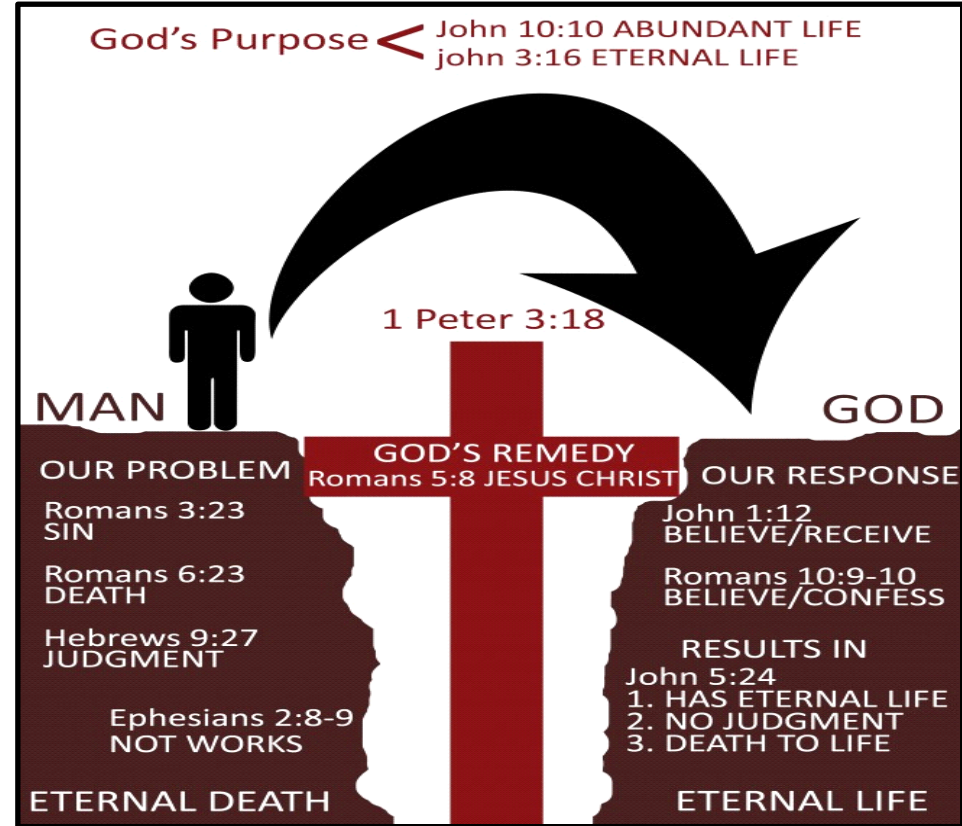
May 28, 2023

Pastor JJ Sexton

# Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus”



Sunday Morning Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Prayer Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Services available for all ages	

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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*

**Ministry Friendships (1)**  
**Romans 16:1–2**

Paul made an appeal to the Christians at Rome to join with him in his ministry.

Paul concludes his letter to the church at Rome in a personal way, by making note of certain individuals he served in ministry with.

*I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea,*

- Cenchrea was the port city for Corinth providing further proof that the epistle of Romans was written from Corinth on Paul's third missionary journey (Acts 18–21).
- Church is used four times (v. 1, 4, 5, 23) as a title for the assembly of the saints.
- Phoebe is said to serve the church in Cenchrea and not at Corinth or every "church" in general. This gives further support to a distinct recognized independent local church and a Christian's individual membership in a specific church.
- The name Phoebe was originally a pagan name meaning radiant or shining one.
- Phoebe was probably a Gentile convert of Paul's.
- Phoebe is called a sister which puts her in equal standing with the brethren.
- Phoebe was probably the carrier of Paul's letter to the church at Rome.
- Letters of recommendation are used to verify a Christian's character, or a Christian minister's qualifications, or a Christian ministry's reputation.
- Ignoring letters of recommendation can be dangerous - **3 John 1:9–10**
- Some consider Phoebe a deaconess.
- It would be an overreach to conclude this verse teaches that women can hold the office of deacon in the church.
- Phoebe being called a servant of the church describes who she was and what she did rather than a position she held.

*that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.*

- Paul recommends that the church give Phoebe full status as a member.
- Phoebe was a patron helper of Paul and the gospel ministry.
- A patron helper was the one who provided the means so that the client was free to pursue their work.
- Paul asks the church at Rome to provide Phoebe with whatever she needs.
- Phoebe was a capable and sacrificial and Paul recommended the church *turn her loose* and get behind whatever ministry work she did.

God calls some of the brothers and sisters to stand out from among the brethren in ministry. And he calls the rest of us to support them any way we can.