



Welcome

12/24/2023

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 #225 Angels We Have Heard on High

Greeting

Kids Choir

Offering

Hymn #190 Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn #232 Away in a Manger

Christmas Choir

Message

Hymn #205 Go Tell It on the Mountain

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

Missionary of the Month

Costel Cheptea and Emmanuel Baptist Church

BROTHER COSTEL IS PASTOR OF EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELTSY, MOLDOVA. MOLDOVA IS A SMALL COUNTRY BETWEEN ROMANIA AND UKRAINE. COSTEL GREW UP UNDER THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED BY THE SOVIET UNION. MOLDOVA GAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1991 AND HAS SINCE ALLOWED THE FREEDOM TO PREACH THE GOSPEL AND TO PLANT CHURCHES.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH HAS OVERSEEN THE DISCIPLESHIP AND TRAINING OF NUMEROUS PASTORS AND THE PLANTING OF SEVERAL CHURCHES. OUR SUPPORT GOES TO THIS TRAINING AND THE MANY EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN MOLDOVA.

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.

JANUARY:

**TONIGHT
NO SERVICE**

7 - Pastor Wayne Johnson
9 - Dorcas Meeting

**WEDNESDAY
NO SERVICE**

14 - Church Dinner
Theme: Soup/Sandwiches
20 - Men's Breakfast

28 - Annual Business Meeting

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.

Lyndzi/Sarah

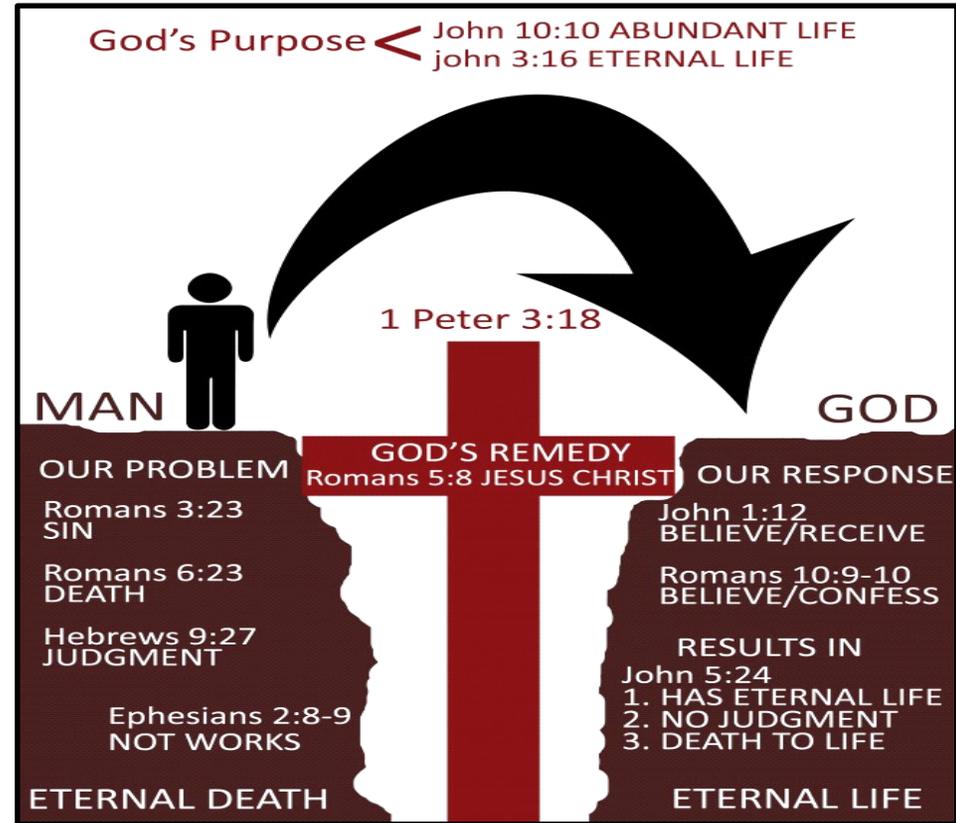
December 24, 2023

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

Announcing Good News
Luke 2:8–20

Announcing good news is a privilege and a blessing - **Proverbs 25:25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.**

1. The announcement of Christ's birth was given to shepherds - v. 8
 - a. These shepherds were most likely Levites keeping the sheep that would be sacrificed at the Temple. These sheep were kept year-round.
 - b. The Lord will come to Bethlehem (tower of the flock) and from the weakest of the defenses of Jerusalem (Ophel/hill/stronghold) would emerge the power and dominion of Christ's kingdom - **Micah 4:6–8**
 - c. The shepherds were common, unremarkable, simple folk.

2. The announcement of Christ's birth was given by angels - v. 9–14
 - a. An angel appeared supernaturally out of nowhere.
 - b. *The Shekinah* is the visible presence of the Lord and causes fear.
 - c. Only a word from the Lord can abate the fear of His presence.
 - d. The angel evangelized to the shepherds a mega joy!
 - e. The message is good news to the humble and surrendered of heart.
 - i. *born to you this day* - fulfillment of prophecy **Isaiah 7:14; 9:6–7**
 - ii. *city of David* - an unexpected and unworthy place - **Micah 5:2**
 - iii. *Savior* - God who saves from sin
 - iv. *Christ* - God's anointed
 - v. *Lord* - highest ruler of which all must bow to
 - f. The sign is His commonality (humanity) and lowliness (kenosis) - **Philippians 2:7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.**
 - g. Worship is offered to God by the Angels
 - i. *glory/peace* - peace can only come from glorifying God
 - ii. *heaven/earth* - earthly blessings come from a heavenly origin
 - iii. *God/men* - God initiates a relationship with mankind
 - iv. *goodwill toward men* - men with whom God is pleased

3. The announcement of Christ's birth was given a response - v. 15–20
 - a. The shepherds believed.
 - b. The shepherds proclaimed the good news!
 - c. The people who heard marveled.
 - d. Mary held dear and deeply thought about what had happened and what was said - **Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.**
 - e. The shepherds worshiped.

How will you and I respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ?