



Welcome

12/31/2023

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 #212 Who Is He in Yonder Stall?

Greeting

Hymn #194 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn #218 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Offering

Hymn #227 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Message

Hymn #231 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*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:

- 7 - Pastor Wayne Johnson
- 9 - Dorcas Meeting
- 13 - W.O.W. Conference (RSVP by Jan 10)
- 14 - Church Dinner
- Theme: Soup/Sandwiches
- 20 - Men's Breakfast
- 28 - Annual Business Meeting

**TONIGHT
NO SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY 7PM
*Bible Study/Kids
Club*

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.

Kandi/Lyndzi

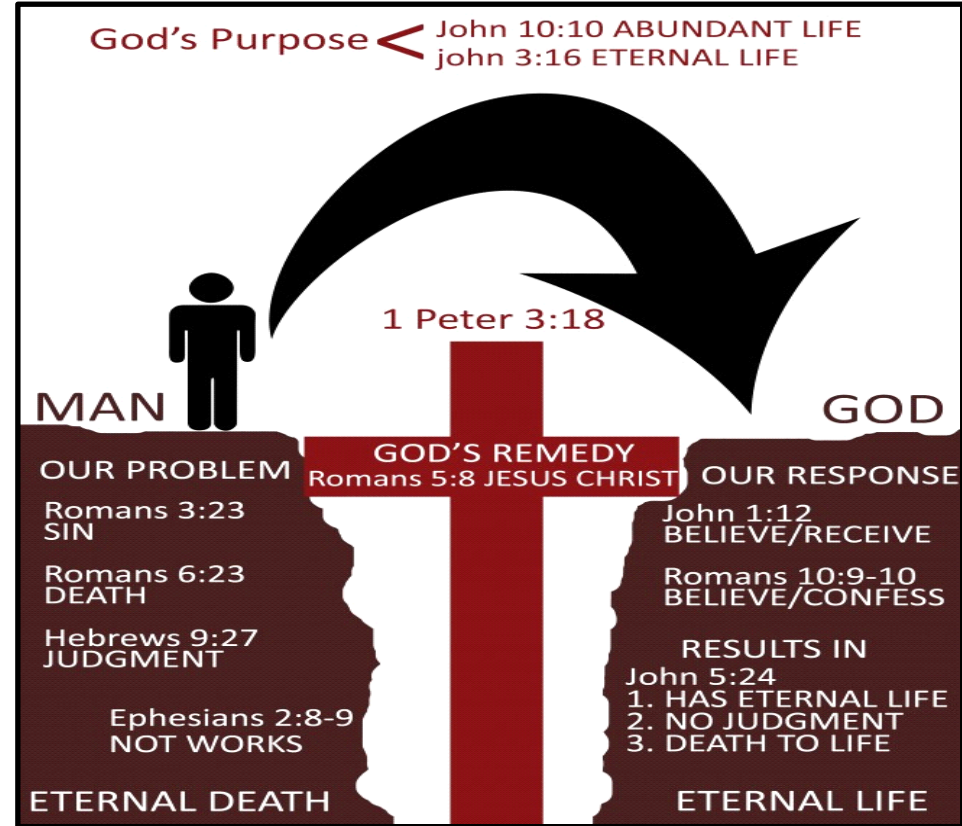
December 31, 2023

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
 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

The Lord's Day
Hebrews 10:23–25

Our church's meeting on the first day of the week is no accident, it's not mere convenience, and it's not simply a tradition. We meet on the first day of the week because that is the designated day the church is to gather.

1. The first day of the week is the prophetic day of salvation - **Psalm 118:22–24**
 - a. Jesus declared that He was the stone the builders rejected (Mat 21:42; Mar 12:10–11; Luk 20:17).
 - b. Jesus became the chief cornerstone when He was resurrected.
 - c. We are to rejoice and be glad in it—the day Jesus was resurrected!
2. The first day of the week is the day Jesus arose from the dead.
 - a. **Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1–2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1**
 - b. Every gospel explicitly states the exact day of the resurrection.
 - c. The narrative is intended to set a date marker for the resurrection.
3. The first day of the week is the day the early church gathered together.
 - a. The first day of the week was the first time Jesus showed Himself alive to all the gathered disciples - **John 20:19, 26**
 - b. The Holy Spirit descended and began the church age on the day of Pentecost which is 50 days after the first Sabbath after Passover, which was the first day of the week - **Acts 2:1**
 - c. The apostle Paul met with the church which regularly met for worship on the first day of the week - **Acts 20:7**
4. The first day of the week is the day the church is commanded to meet.
 - a. The pattern of meeting on the first day of the week was well established when Paul commanded the Corinthians to take up the offerings on that day - **1 Corinthians 16:1–2**
 - b. Paul wanted to avoid the appearance of soliciting money for himself therefore, he ordered the money be collected during the regular meeting of the church on the first day of the week.
 - c. When should we collect our offerings? At our regular Sunday gatherings.
5. The first day of the week is called the Lord's Day.
 - a. The apostle John was in the Spirit and received the revelation of Jesus Christ for the church on a specific day - **Revelation 1:9–10**
 - b. This is a day belonging to the Lord just as we observe a supper that belongs to Him (the Lord's Supper; 1 Cor 11:20).
 - c. Sunday is the Lord's Day—it is the day that belongs to Him.

Brother and sister, we must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together on the Lord's Day!