



# Welcome

07/02/2023

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 #140 Lead On, O King Eternal**

**Greeting**

**Independence Day Presentation**

**Hymn #696 The Star-Spangled Banner**

**Offering**

**Hymn #284 Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**Lord's Supper**

**Hymn #365 There Is a Redeemer**

**Message**

**Hymn #365 There Is a Redeemer**

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

## Missionary of the Mo

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.

**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 6PM:**  
Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY 7PM**  
Bible Study/Kids Club

### July:

9 - Church Dinner

Theme - Kid Friendly

10 - 15 Junior Camp@AGBC

22 - Men's Breakfast

### 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.

Amanda/Debbie P

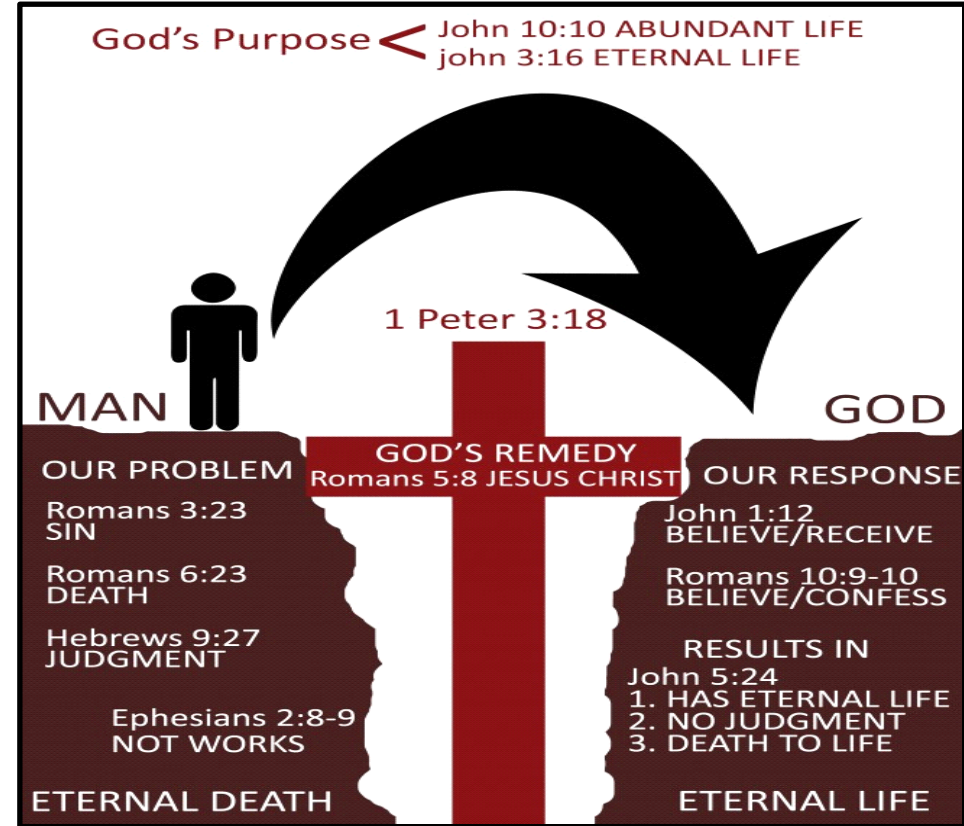
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Pastor JJ Sexton

# 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*

**Paul's Co-Laborers**  
**Romans 16:21–24**

Paul's co-laborers demonstrate to us close relationships that form when serving Christ.

Paul is leading a delegation of the Gentile churches to Jerusalem as a demonstration of the saving power of the world-wide gospel - **Romans 16:25–26**

*Timothy, my fellow worker,*

- Timothy joined Paul during his second missionary journey - **Acts 16:1–5**
- Timothy worked together in unison with Paul in the ministry - **1 Corinthians 16:10** **And if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do.**
- Paul's closest friend in ministry was Timothy - **Philippians 2:19–23**

*and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.*

- These were certainly Hebrew men and possibly men of the tribe of Benjamin.
- It's possible that this is Lucius of Cyrene from Paul's home church of Antioch (Acts 13:1).
- This is probably Jason from Thessalonica who housed Paul and Silas - **Acts 17:1–9**
- Sosipater is the long name for Sopater of Berea - **Acts 19:21; 20:1–4**

*I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord.*

- Tertius was Paul's amanuensis.
- Tertius must have been careful to write down exactly what Paul dictated to him.
- The Greek is written: *Greet you, I Tertius, the one writing the epistle in the Lord.*

*Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you.*

- There are four men named Gaius: Gaius from Macedonia (Acts 19:29), Gaius of Derbe in Lyconia (Acts 20:4), Gaius to whom John wrote his third epistle, and Gaius of Corinth.
- This is the Gaius Paul baptized - **1 Corinthians 1:13–17**
- Gaius used his wealth and possessions to bless the church with hospitality - **1 Peter 4:9** **Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.**

*Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you,*

- He is possibly the same Erastus of Corinth of which a stone inscription states that he financed the paving of the square with his own money.
- There are few noble and high-ranking people who come to Christ - **1 Corinthians 1:26** **For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.**

*and Quartus, a brother.*

- Roman slaves were sometimes given names according to rank: *Primus, Secundus, Tertius.*
- Even as a slave ranked fourth, Quartus was a brother serving together with Paul.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

The grace of God brings each us ordinary people together to do an extraordinary work, to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in the gospel ministry.