



# Welcome

7/28/2024

**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 #32 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

## Greeting

**Hymn #297 Are you Washed in the Blood**

**Hymn #352 Now I Belong to Jesus**

**Offertory – Hannah Balman**

**Hymn #353 Victory in Jesus**

## Message

**Hymn #488 Jesus, I Come**

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

## Missionary of the Month

Carl & Lois Sexton

The Sextons have served as church planting missionaries for over 30 years with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism Inc. The Sextons' first missionary assignment was in the country of Argentina where they served as church planters for 15 years. They have a great burden for assisting new Hispanic church plants and helping them to be effective in evangelism, discipleship and catching burden for assisting new Hispanic church plants and helping them to be effective in the vision for continued church planting. They train churches in Haiti, Latin America, and the U.S. in evangelism using the Good Soil Evangelism and Discipleship program.

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

### Coming soon:

**8-9 Parenting classes begin**  
**8-10 Men's Breakfast**  
**8-10 Photo sessions offered**  
see Sarah Davis  
**8-11 Church Dinner**  
**8-13 Dorcas Meeting**  
**8-17 Photo sessions offered**  
see Sarah Davis  
**8-18 Guest Speaker**  
Kent Holcomb

### 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.

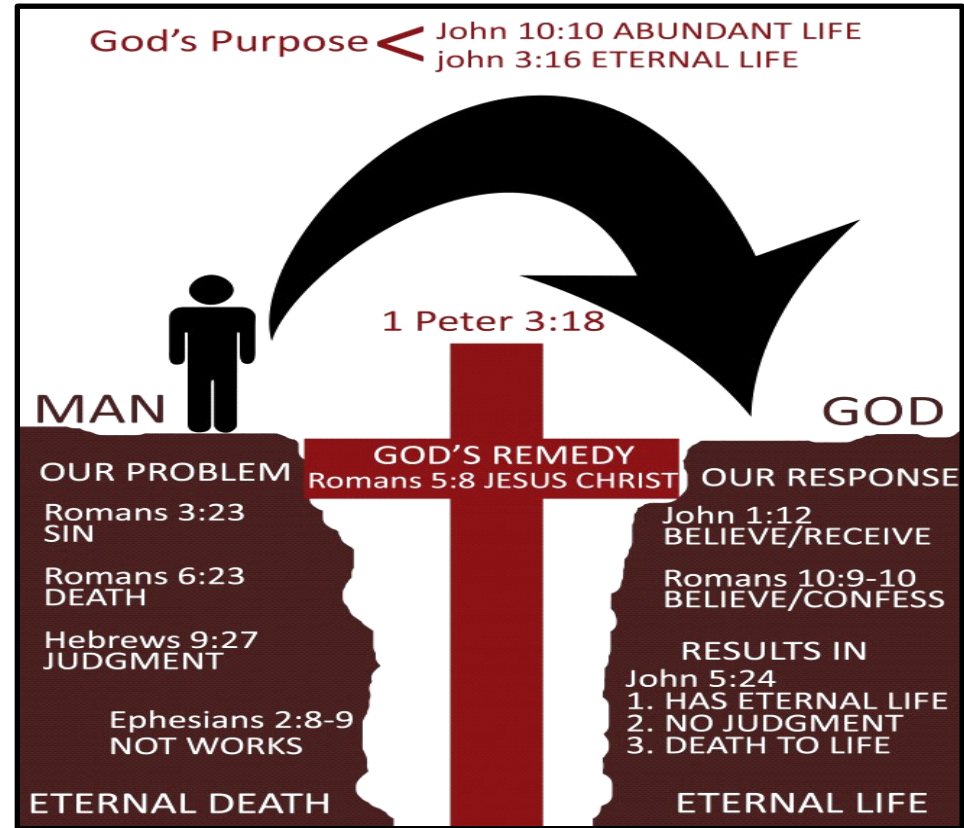
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Pastor JJ Sexton

# 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*

**David's Kindness to Mephibosheth**  
**2 Samuel 9:1–13**

v. 1–4a - David sought for a descendant of Saul.

- David sought to keep his covenant with Jonathan (1Sa 18:3; 20:15).
- Ziba appeared to want to serve David and to help Mephibosheth.
- David wanted to show God's lovingkindness and mercy (*hesed*) to a descendant of Saul just as God had showed him - **2 Samuel 7:15; Psalm 25:6–7 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.**

v. 4b–8 - David found Mephibosheth.

- Mephibosheth was crippled and unable to provide for himself - **2 Samuel 4:4**
- Mephibosheth was in exile on the other side of the Jordan River in *a place where there is no pasture*.
- His given name was probably Merib-Baal (1Ch 8:34) meaning *Baal Contends*. His name is changed to Mephibosheth meaning *from the mouth of shamefulness*.
- David called him by name, but Mephibosheth answered as a subordinate.
- David assured Mephibosheth that he would not destroy him for Saul's sake but would show him mercy for Jonathan's sake.
- Mephibosheth humbled himself as unworthy and undeserving of David's lovingkindness, mercy, and grace.

v. 9–13 - David blessed Mephibosheth.

- David restored to Mephibosheth all that Saul had lost.
- David gave Mephibosheth a place at his table for provision and fellowship.
- David provided Mephibosheth a permanent home in Jerusalem.

David's kindness to Mephibosheth typifies Christ's kindness to sinners.

- It is Christ who seeks the sinner - **Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."**
- It is Christ who saves a crippled sinner from a barren unproductive life - **2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**
- It is Christ who brings unworthy and undeserving sinners into fellowship with Himself - **Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**
- It is Christ who is faithful to honor His covenant relationship with us.

**But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4–7**