

The Valley View

APRIL — JUNE

2007

THE VALUE OF WORK

After the creation of Adam God immediately placed him in the Garden of Eden “to cultivate and keep it”. This was work. Though we can argue and say that work is more difficult now because God has cursed the ground we cannot say that work has lost its value. It seems that year by year that the collective cultural mindset continues to devalue hard work. But for those who have mastered its secrets internal chaos subsides. You know what they say about idle hands. To the early church much value was put on work to the point that the Apostle Paul told the Thessalonians that “if anyone will not work, neither shall he eat”. Lazy freeloaders were not allowed. During the middle ages when chaos ruled Europe’s landscape many religious orders focused their entire day on two things: religious instruction and working with their hands. The Puritans in the 16th and 17th centuries also highly valued work and their ethic helped to lay the foundation of our own great society. Robert Frost, seeking to display the mindset of an earlier Puritan society said in a poem entitled *The Wood-Pile*, “Someone who lived in turning to fresh tasks could so forget his handiwork on which he spent himself, the labor of his ax, and leave it there far from a useful fireplace to warm the frozen swamp as best it could with the slow smokeless burning of decay.” Work was valued because it was work, not because it was useful or provided an end.

Many try to escape work by faith. Well, try as you may, you will not faith the weeds out of your garden. In your desire to be like Christ, remember His faith was carried out through his work. After all, He is the one who said in John 9:4, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me.” I think it is wonderful to learn new and innovative ways to work, not so we can rest more, but that we might work more.

Man’s first duty is to work. God chooses those times of cool evenings when He meets with us and He will not do so until He is ready. So rest in your spirit and expend your bodies on the Lord. He is beholding your work and its quality, but most importantly your motives.

**Whatever the Cost,
Pastor Scott**

“The receding thunder is a reminder that God both remembers mercy in judgment and that all ends are determined by Him.”

—Scott Bradley

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery &
Children’s Church

6:00 p.m.
Nursery

Wed: 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study
Teacher’s Class

Youth Group

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Class for Everyone

UPCOMING EVENTS

You can view a complete VVBC
Calendar of Events online at
www.valleyviewbaptistchurch.org

April

- **6:00 p.m. Revelation Study**
Every Sunday Evening
- **1st 7:15 p.m. Elder’s Meeting**
- **8th 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast**
7:15 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting
- **15th 12:0 p.m. Valley Girls**
7:15 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
- **20th Youth Camp-out**
- **22nd 7:15 p.m. Ministry Council**
- **29th 12:00 p.m. 5th Sunday**
Celebration

May

- **6th 7:15 p.m. Elder’s Meeting**
- **13th 7:15 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting**
- **20th 12:15 p.m. VG Meeting**
- **27th 7:15 p.m. Ministry Council**
Meeting

June

- **3rd 7:15 p.m. Elder’s Meeting**
- **10th 7:15 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting**
- **17th 12:15 p.m. VG Meeting**
- **24th 7:15 p.m. Ministry Council**
Meeting

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Imperial, MO 63052
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(located at 2010 Seckman Road)

Your Family Church in Seckman Valley

Electronic Drums are Here!!!

Finally!!! With the recent sale of the church bus on e-bay we were able to get our electronic drums much to the relief of Sandy Bradley and Robin Sherrill. The new drums allow for the adjustment of all instruments to a level that fits our sanctuary size. The results being a richer blend of harmony between the vocals and the instruments. Many in the congregation said they missed the old booming drums, but after a few tweaks most are enjoying the new sound.

While we are able to enjoy the new drums, they are not completely paid for. A loan in the amount of \$2,690.73 still needs to be covered. You may still contribute to the Drum Fund and it would be much appreciated. Just write on the memo part of your offering how much you would like to be allocated to the fund.



Drum Fund Update	
Cost:	\$5,475.46
Received:	\$2,784.73
Need:	\$2,690.73

Think on These Things

By Michael Pippin

JESUS: LORD, LIAR, OR LUNATIC

Jesus Christ is the central figure in human history, whether you believe He is the son of God or not. Our calendars are shaped around Him. Every major world religion accounts for Him. Muslims call Him a prophet, though not equal with Mohammed. Jews consider Him an imposter. Buddhists say He is one of many Buddha while Hindus say He is one of many Krishnas. Atheists will dismiss Him as legend, though some refer to Him as a great teacher. The problem is, none of these deal adequately with the words of Jesus Himself. C.S. Lewis pointed out that Jesus was a liar, lunatic, or Lord. In John 8:58, Jesus said "Before Abraham was, I Am". The Jews clearly

understood He was claiming deity and attempted to stone Him. Was Jesus stating something He knew to be false and should be considered a liar? Did He truly believe this, but was simply mistaken? What do you call a man who believes falsely that He is God? Lunatic seems a good title. How can a man be a liar or lunatic and yet be revered as such a great example for mankind, or a prophet? Jesus left no room for debate.

He is Lord, or He is not. What is He to you? If He is Lord, are you serving Him and worshipping Him as He deserves? If He is Lord, have you accepted the sacrifice He made for you on the cross? Have you accepted the statement He made in John 14:6? "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Daycare Update

It is so awesome to watch our daycare grow and be blessed. We now have 28 children enrolled and more coming. Some families wish to have their children here, but because they also have an infant have had to be turned away. Plans are in the making to add a second nursery upstairs where Pastor Scott's office is now.

Also, we are prayerfully considering upgrading and expanding the playground for the benefit of not only the daycare children but for our church children as well.

Attention WVBC Members!

MEMBER DIRECTORY - FAMILY PHOTO DAY -

SUN. APRIL 8, 2007

The "Valley Girls" are sponsoring the 1st ever Valley View Baptist Church Member Directory. Please plan to attend on this day and have your family photo taken either before or directly following church service. There is a card available for gathering family information (such as birthdays or an anniversary) to be used with the photo on your family's page as well. If you haven't already, please find one of these cards (usually located in a basket on the shelf in the foyer) and fill it out. Thanks!

Announcements

Welcome

The Duckworth Family!

SBA Men's Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual JBA Men's Golf Tournament is set for June 16th at Raintree Country Club. The tournament will be a "4-man best ball format" with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Registration deadline is May 13th, however only the first 18 teams to register will be allowed. The cost per golfer is \$30. If anyone is interested in forming a team, please see Renee Karl as soon as possible.

2007 Year to Date Budget	
Total Revenue	\$64,500.00
Total Exp.	\$59,316.00
2007 Year to Date Actual	
Total Revenue	\$43,207.12
Total Exp.	\$42,784.03
2007 Offerings	\$12,568.56

OTHER TIDBITS

- Come **BLOG** with us. You can purchase books and Logos Bible software, or blog, read the Baptist Catechism and daily devotions. **NEW!** Study Revelation info at www.gracethroughfaith.org.
- Have a question/prayer request for Pastor Scott? Send to pastor@valleyviewbaptistchurch.org