



## A Word From Our Senior Pastors

Welcome to Valley Family Church! We are so glad you're here today! We trust the Lord will encourage all of you today as we start a brand new series, The Talk: Dating and Relating. Whether you're single, have single friends, are widowed, divorced, a parent or a grandparent, the Lord has a word for you! We hope you'll make yourself at home today. Feel free to stay around after church and hang out in the Café.

With love,  
Pastors Jeff and Beth Jones



## Place of Honor

**Mar 13/14 | Following Services | North Atrium**  
If you are 65 or older we want to honor you! Join us every second weekend of the month in the north end of the Atrium at the "Place of Honor." Hang out with others who are 65 and older while enjoying some free refreshments.

**EPIC Commission Ignite Weekend**  
**April 16-18 | Student Auditorium**  
EPIC Commission is a full-time discipleship program that empowers college students ages 18-24 to be the leaders and world changers of this generation. EC is a mix of four core elements: encounters with God, personal mentorship, intern experience, and college courses. Want to get the EPIC Commission experience and meet the staff and current students? Register for EPIC Commission's Ignite Weekend, April 16-18, online or at an Info Center by April 1!



## Events

### Adults

#### Mom to Mom Sale

**Sat Mar 27 | 9am-1pm | Valley Family Community Center**

Attention, moms! Sell all those clothes, toys, bikes and strollers your kids have outgrown and make some cash. Contact [vfcc@valleyfamilychurch.org](mailto:vfcc@valleyfamilychurch.org) to secure a table at the sale. Rent a 6' table (\$20) or an 8' table (\$26) to display your items. Display larger items (strollers, baby furniture, bikes) in a separate room for just \$1 each. Free up some space in your home and get paid for doing it! All table rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis.

### College Age

#### Threshold Wings Etc. Event

**Thu Mar 11 | 7pm | Wings Etc. on Westnedge**

All students ages 18-24 are invited to Wings Etc. There will be no Threshold service that night, so join us for a good time with friends and a delicious plate of wings!

#### Threshold March Madness Party

**Thu Mar 18 | 6:30 | Hovenkamps' Home**

Join Threshold peeps for a March Madness party! We will have the big games on the screen, food, and fun as we hang out together. There is a cover charge of \$3 at the door for food. You can get directions to the Hovenkamps' at the next Threshold service or on the Threshold Facebook page. This party will be in place of service that night.

### High School & Middle School

#### en fuego Student Ministry Encounter Spring Conference

**Mar 18-20 | Student Auditorium**

Parents and students 6th-12th grades should mark your calendars for the annual Encounter Conference, an event that changed the lives of 600 teens last year. Plan to come and find your calling. This year's conference will feature national Christian rap artist Lil Dre. The nonrefundable \$79 fee covers all conference expenses. Sign up online or at the Info Centers in the Atrium.

### Elementary

#### Family K-Wings Game

**Fri Mar 19 | 7pm | Meet at Wings Stadium Main Entrance**

Mr. Joe, Mr. Tim and volunteers from Kidamazoo Live invite all Kidamazoo families out for a K-Wings game. Ticket cost for adults is \$11, students under 12 is \$6, and children under age two are admitted free. Mark your calendars now and sign up online or at the Info Center today. Purchasing your ticket through VFC will be available through March 4. Those who purchase tickets directly through Wings Stadium will not be seated with VFC's group. Join us for an action packed night on the ice!

### Preschool

#### Joy City Community Preschool Now Enrolling!

Now is the time to enroll your 2 1/2-, 3- or 4-year-old in Joy City Community Preschool for 2010-2011! Your child will make friends, gain kindergarten readiness skills, and learn more about the Bible in a loving environment. Register at [valleyfamilychurch.org](http://valleyfamilychurch.org) or pick up a brochure at the Info Centers.

## Coming in May: "The Experiment"

It's sure is an exciting season at VFC! We are hearing so many awesome testimonies of life change: people are getting saved, filled with the Spirit, loaded with the Word and coming into a whole new dimension in their walk with the Lord. It's such a blessing to see what God is doing here!

Our weekend services have been about 80% full for the past month. We surveyed the congregation regarding options for adding additional services. Here's what we learned:

- The overwhelming majority preferred an additional service at 2500 Vincent rather than at 995 Romance.
- Preference for services on specific days and times was evenly split among all options.

In light of your input and after seeking the Lord and wise counsel from our staff and key leaders, we have decided to launch "THE EXPERIMENT," a third service on Monday nights! In the coming months, you'll be hearing more, but for now we want you to know the new third service on Monday nights will be 7-8:15pm and it will be exactly like the weekend services. We will offer the exact same sermon message; the same anointed, power-filled praise and worship and the same great preschool, Kidamazoo and the en fuego Middle School ministries. "THE EXPERIMENT" will be conducted for four months, May 1 - August 31.

We believe "THE EXPERIMENT" has the potential to really help us reach more people with the gospel of Jesus! By offering a Monday night service, we accomplish several things:

- Monday nights will give our weekend attendees another option for attending and, in doing so, they will free up seats on the weekend for visitors!
- The Monday night option will give those who work or are out of town on the weekends an opportunity to attend church on Monday nights.
- Monday night church will give VFCers another convenient service to invite their family and friends to attend.

Stay tuned for more details to come!

## Ministry Spotlight



## Administration & Security Department

**Division director:** Aaron Johnson

**Division overview:** The Administration Division includes Finance, Human Resources, Facilities, Security, as well as the Valley Family Community Center. We ensure the operational and security needs of the various ministries at VFC are met and that we are being good stewards of the church's human and financial resources.

**Division volunteer needs:**

**Financial data entry volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to assist with receipt entry during the week. Individuals must possess some basic computer skills and be very detail-oriented.

**Security Team members:** This team provides security for the congregation, volunteers, staff and facility during weekend services and special events. They must possess the ability recognize security concerns and must be able to maintain focus in a busy environment.

**Facilities/Maintenance volunteers:** Special projects require individuals willing to assist with a wide range of tasks such as setting up chairs, painting, assembling equipment, and so on.

**Next step:** If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please e-mail [valleyteam@valleyfamilychurch.org](mailto:valleyteam@valleyfamilychurch.org) or complete and return a volunteer application form, available at the Info Centers in the Atrium. Because of the sensitive nature of some of these roles, there is a brief screening process before approval to join Financial and Security Teams.

Be they kings, or poets, or Farmers,  
they come young and old to enjoy the CaFe,  
tryin' our new **Irish cream latte** and  
a good ol' shamrock cookie, bringin'  
a bit o' heaven here to earth.



Save some **green**  
in the CaFe during the  
month of March,  
when all drinks  
are 25% off!

## Open Mic Event

**Fri Mar 19 | 7-9pm | VFC Cafe**

Open Mic Night at the Cafe is here! Sign up online or at the Info Center by March 14 to perform five minutes of music, comedy, poetry, rap, or just about anything else appropriate for a church setting. Entries are subject to approval. Come to participate or to hang out, sip coffee and have a chillin' good time.



## Get a Grip on the Basics

**Starts Wed Mar 3 | 6-9pm | Kidamazoo Auditorium**

Join us for a special seven-week, accelerated Grip Basics class held on Wednesday nights. It will be a unique version of this popular course using both live teaching and video from Pastor Beth's recent Grip Basics class. Learn or get refreshed as we cover topics such as developing a relationship with God, praying, hearing from God, and experiencing God's love and forgiveness. It is an excellent class for those new to VFC and new in their faith as well as those who have been walking with the Lord for many years. For more information or to sign up, go to the Info Center or [valleyfamilychurch.org](http://valleyfamilychurch.org).

**Save the Date!**



Students entering 6th grade through graduating seniors will want to mark their calendars for en fuego

**United Summer Camp**  
Jul 26-31  
Center Lake Bible Camp  
\$299/camper  
More information coming soon!

**Save the Date!**

Kids entering 3rd-6th grades, mark your calendars as well!

**Kidamazoo Kids Camp**  
June 20-25  
Center Lake Bible Camp  
\$299/camper  
More information coming soon!

