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THE VALLEY CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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Sundays at 10:30am

3836 S Madison Ave, Norwood, OH 45212

Mother's Day

Parents, we are preparing special Mother's Day gifts and would love to have a printable photo of your children (landscape layout). We got some taken during our Easter Photo Booth but missed a few of you. These can be emailed to: Chuck@thevalleychurch.cc by next Sunday.

Catalyst

Our next Catalyst (50+) gathering is on Sunday, May 7th right after church. Plan to bring a snack to share with the group. See Don or Debbie Haddix for more info.

Starting Point

Have you had interest in learning more about what it means to be a member of The Valley Church? Plan to join us on Sunday, May 7th after church for our next Starting Point Membership Class. Simply grab a connection card, write "membership class" on the bottom and add your name to the back of the card. These can be dropped off in today's offering. Lunch and childcare are provided.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING TOTAL:

\$3,509.64

EASTER GIVING TOTAL:

\$2,800.10

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Acts 25:1-12

Sin holds us captive as we become enslaved to the desires of the flesh. It's the gospel of Jesus that frees us from the bondage of sin. The gripping power of sin is found in our text today.

A few thoughts concerning our text:

1. The Greatest Enemy of Christianity is False Religion

- What type of people persecuted Jesus, Paul, and the early church?
- How is this on display in today's culture?
- Read John 15:18-25. How is this shown today?

2. Sin Enslaves You

- Read John 8:34 and 2nd Peter 2:19. Have you seen this in your life?
- What sins have you been enslaved to? How have they manifested themselves?
- Are there sins that you've been delivered from? Share that testimony.

3. We see at Work the Sovereignty of God in Acts 25

- Consider the story of Joseph in Genesis. How is God's sovereignty shown in Genesis 45:7-8?
- Do you see how God is at work in all human relations? How is He at work in yours?
- How is He at work in Acts 25?

4. Paul Demonstrates the Proper Relation to Government

- Read Romans 13:1-5. How does this play out today?
- Why is this challenging for believers today?