

CONNECTING @ VLCC

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

We're glad you're here **TODAY!**

New Sermon Series

Introduction & Overview— Acts 1-6:7 Book 1

If you are a guest with us today, please come over and visit our **Welcome Table**. We have a special gift for you!



K.R.E.W (Kids Radically Experiencing Worship) Toddlers-5th grade
The children stay for the worship service during the summer months.
Make sure you get a "kids" bulletin located in the Lobby!

KREW TEAM MEMBERS— Meeting Sunday, August 30th, 10:00 am.
Kids meet your teachers & helpers, 10:30 am. You're invited to join Ms. Dawn and her team members out on the patio for some games, snacks and fun!



STAY CONNECTED! Download the Valley Life church app or our website www.vlccidaho.org! Click on **GET CONNECTED** features include ESV bible (audio available), sermons, events, pod cast, request prayer and online giving. Check us out!



PRAYER ZONE - You are invited to have someone pray with you after the service for any need. Come to the **Prayer Zone** located at the front, left of the stage with your praises or concerns.



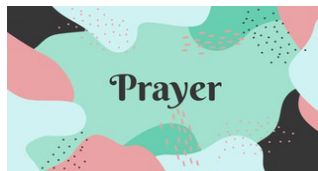
GROWING @ VLCC



COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS & HOST. Want to learn more? Pastor Vinnie & Sherri leading this 6 week class beginning Sunday, August 23, 4 pm, (4034 N. Breeze Creek Pl., Meridian 83646). Sign up TODAY in the Lobby!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FRIDAY MORNING, 8/21, 6 AM

Join us at **Lucky Perk (Eagle Rd. & Overland)** OR zoom on your smartphone or cpu www.zoom.us, member id 702-752-720 to discuss Pastor Vinnie's sermon. For more information contact David Folk (208) 856-0324, davidwfolk@gmail.com.



CONGREGATION CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Prayer for our **Community and State leaders.**

Mayor Lauren McLean, **Council** members Elaine Clegg, Holli Woodings, TJ Thomson, Patrick Bageant, Jimmy Hallyburton and Lisa Sanchez. **Senator** Chuck Winder, **Representatives** Joe Palmer & James Holtzclaw and **Governor** Brad Little.

Prayer for our **MISSION Partners, Jon & Charrise Mathew & family** (Church Plant, Compton Ca), **Billy Mogensen & family** (CRU-Boise State), and **Boise Rescue Mission.**

Pray for Our Military:

- *Mike Austin (Jim Jasper's cousin) California
- *Amber Martin (Jason's sister-in-law) Ft. Lewis
- *John Reber (Bernice Reber's son) Georgia



EVENTS & SERVING @ VLCC

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR NIGHT!" Join us as we create cards & pictures for **PROJECT ISAIAH**. This **FRIDAY, August 21st, 6-8 PM** @ VLCC. Pizza dinner, **ALL** ages welcome, materials will be provided. The cards & pictures we create will be sent to a nursing home in Twin Falls & to our VLCC members that have chosen to stay at home. Invite a friend, co-worker or neighbor for this community event. Social distancing protocols will be followed. For more information please contact the church office (208-939-7557).



If you call VLCC your home church, we encourage you to join a ministry team. Much of what we do here happens through the work of volunteers. Take some time to consider the opportunities.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE? Would you like to help children find the path of following Jesus? **K.R.E.W** needs **TEAM MEMBERS**, 3 Leaders & 3 Helpers. 3 Nursery & Toddler members for a 6-8 week rotation. Please contact Miss Dawn for more information, (208-899-7452).



GENERAL FUND	Given	Budget
August 9	5,035	\$4,050
August 2020	7,491	\$20,200
Fiscal Year (July-Dec)	23,698	105,000

THOSE SERVING US...		
Service	Today 8/16	Next Week 8/23
Greeters	Matt & Sara O'Connor	Troy & Mel Forbis
Coffee Set-up	Sharon Becton	Brian Dixon
Offering Counters	Jim Jasper Micah Crawford	Troy Forbis Brad Cox
Sound	Carl Alberda	Jackie Cox
Multi-Media	Nick Bernard	Chaleen Schuch
Announcements	Dan Schuch	Becky Folk
Welcome Table	Phyllis Crist	David Whitehead

WELCOME TO VLCC!

Thank you for joining us today!

Here at Valley Life, you're part of a family. We've made it easy for you to get connected with the Valley Life family through Connecting Events, Community Groups, Adult Classes, K.R.E.W., and Youth Group. These opportunities and many others are awesome ways to build great relationships and grow in faith. So, join us. We invite you to discover the adventure and celebrate your life in Jesus!

FOR OUR SERVICE TODAY:

- The **PRAYER ZONE** is located at the front SW corner of the sanctuary. If you need prayer or have any questions, please seek out a volunteer in that area after the service.
- Our **COMMUNICATION CARD** is a way for us to welcome our visitors, hear from our regular attenders with any change of address, phone, email, etc. Please visit our **Welcome Table** in the Lobby.

CHURCH BOARD

Elders			Deacons		
*Carl Alberda VP	Q-T	208-340-2507	Micah Crawford-Secy		208-908-3290
*Brian Codol	Youth	714-299-2998	Troy Forbis		559-329-2835
*Steve McCandless	C-D	208-880-6592	Jim Jasper		208-921-1163
*Kevin Whipple	E-H	406-217-3567	Jon Wester - Chrm/Trea		208-999-7028
Brandon Torres	I-K	714-305-5093			
Jim Evenhouse	U-Z	208-468-7870	24/7 Phone line		208-204-4115
Jason Martin	A-B	208-949-8014	text or call		
Nick Duncan	L-M	208-891-1833			
David Whitehead	N-P	208-801-3642			

If you need spiritual care, prayer, counsel or have concerns or questions please call your care elder (see above).

* Current elders and previous elders have stepped up to help with our congregation care.

Plugging in at Valley Life Community Church

Our walk with God is a lifelong journey and we don't get there overnight. Our mission at VLCC is to make this journey together. Though each person's steps are going to be different, the basics remain the same:

- ▶ **CONNECTING with God.** It all starts with a relationship with God. We strive to keep connecting with God and other believers through our weekly worship celebration and other opportunities for godly fellowship.
- ▶ **GROWING in Christ.** Once we connect with Him, we will want to grow to be like Him. Community Groups are the best way to grow at VLCC. We also offer classes on Sunday mornings and evening.
- ▶ **SERVING Others.** With Christ as our role model, serving flows as the next natural step. Serving displays our gratitude for what God has done for us. Joining a ministry team is a great way to serve here at VLCC.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Meals Coordinator	Karen Crawford	208-440-6560/cell
Men's Bible Study	David Folk	208-856-0324/cell
Prayer Ministry Coordinator	Rebecca Martin	208-880-8563/cell
Sound/Media	Nick Bernard	208-615-7720/cell
Student Discipleship	Brian Codol	714-299-2998/cell
Student Discipleship	Jason Martin	208-949-8014/cell
Welcome Table/Coffee Set Up	Phyllis Crist	208-939-7557/office



Welcome to our
Worship Celebration!

Welcome & Announcements

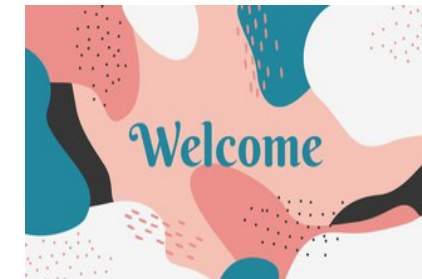
Songs of Praise

Message: Pastor Vinnie

Parting Blessing

WEEKLY CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
SUN 08/16	YOUTH RETREAT WORSHIP CELEBRATION DRIVE UP SERVICE / 88.5 FM	New Meadows Worship Center Parking Lot	10:00 AM 10:00 AM
MON 8/17			
TUES 8/18			
WED 8/19			
THUR 8/20	PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL	Worship Center	6:30 PM
FRI 8/21	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR NIGHT	Online/LuckyPerk Worship Center	6:00 AM 6-8:00 PM
SAT 8/22			
SUN 8/23	WORSHIP CELEBRATION DRIVE UP SERVICE / 88.5 FM COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS & HOST TRAINING	Worship Center Parking Lot Pastor Vinnie's home	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM



August 16, 2020– 10:00 AM

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August 16th, 2020
Pastor Vinnie Hanke
Overview Acts 1 - 6:7
Message & Mission Pt. 1

Introduction

Greet one another and Pray together before you begin discussion.

Quickly Scan Acts 1 - 6:7. What themes/words/headlines caught your attention?

Discussion

1. Take a moment to share one joy & one challenge from your week.
2. What was the Main Idea of Sunday's message? What does it mean?

Examination

3. Briefly cover the who, what, where and why of the book of Acts?

Who wrote it? What does it describe? Where does it take place? Why, according to Acts 1:1-4 did the author write it?

4. What is the danger of seeing the book of Acts as a "how to book" for church growth?

5. What according to Jesus in chapter 1 verse 8 was the purpose of the Apostles and their mission? Is this mission still relevant today? Why? or Why not?

6. The title of the sermon series is "Message & Mission." Prior to hearing the sermon, how would you have described the message and mission of Christianity? How would you describe it now?

Application

7. Take a moment to write down your understanding of the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Compare it with others in your family or small group. What is similar? What is different?

8. How will you use your time this week to follow Jesus?



Sunday August 16th, 2020
"Introduction & Overview"
Acts 1:1- 6:7

Welcome & Greeting:

Welcome and Good Morning....If this is your first time in Church or first time in a long time we believe two things about you today,

#1 You are not here by accident

#2 God desires to meet with you today. He has brought you here at this time, with these people, to hear this passage, because he has a purpose for you.

Announcements

Watch This Video - Gathered & Scattered Church
Interested in Leading, Hosting, Learning about Community Groups?
Community Group - Pilot Group August 23rd - September 27th
Sign up in the Lobby

SERIES INTRODUCTION -The Message and Mission of the Church - Acts 1:1-6:7 What is the Message of the Church? What is the Mission of The Church?

Stand up for the Reading of the Word. Read Acts 1:1-5 PRAY.

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Main Idea: God's intent for the church is the joyful, triumphant, forward moving expansion of the Gospel empowered by the Holy Spirit resulting in changed lives and communities.

Previously in the Gospel of Luke....Recap/Connection to/Recap to What Luke has previously written
Favorite show recaps the previous episode - Greatest gift to married people who watch TV together

Acts 1:1–5 (ESV)

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

The Facts:

The Book of Acts

Written by Luke - a Dr., traveling Companion with Apostle Paul during His missionary Journeys

Timing - Around AD 60

Sequel / Second book - Follows the Gospel account previous recorded by Luke

Written to “Most Excellent” Theophilus (Luke 1:3) - the adjective “most excellent” generally designates an individual of high rank. Roman Official come to faith

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“In as much as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.” (Luke 1:1–4, ESV)

2nd Book -

Content -

People Division - Acts 1-12 emphasis on Peter’s Ministry Acts 13-28 Emphasis on Paul’s Mission

Places Divisions -

Gospel in Jerusalem Ch. 1-7,

Samaria and Judea Ch. 8-10,

Ends of the Earth Ch. 11-28

1:1- 6:7 - Description of the Early Church in Jerusalem - Preaching, Common life

6:8-9:31 - The first geographical expansion of the church

9:32-12:24 - The first cultural expansion of the Church to the Gentiles

12:25-16:5 The next geographical expansion into further Gentile territory

16:6-19:20 - Further expansion of the Church and gospel message into Europe

19:21 - 28:30 - Paul’s journey and the Gospel to Rome in particular Paul’s Trials

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Keys to understanding Acts:

1. It is not a Church “How to” Luke is not interested in Church structure and Government other than to say that Elders were appointed to organize it - Luke is not setting down a Standards and Practices manual for the church - Individual conversions are recorded differently Luke is not setting the one model of Christians Experience or Church life
2. It is not a complete History of the Early Church but to record the church’s expansion from Jerusalem to Rome Luke doesn’t mention the expansion of the Gospel to Crete or the regions we just covered in 1 Peter
3. It is a moving, expanding telling of the Gospel’s advance from a Jerusalem centered Jewish focused ministry to an inclusive, Holy Spirit Mission to bring the Good News of Jesus to the world

4. God's intent for the church is the joyful, triumphant, forward moving expansion of the Gospel empowered by the Holy Spirit resulting in changed lives and communities. Nothing can Hinder it, not the Sanhedrin, synagogue, dissension and division, not prison or plot or Pandemic

3He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Basic Recap/Summary of Luke 24:36-51

"As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven." (Luke 24:36–51, ESV)

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Keys to Applying Acts:

1. Acts is the story of the continuing Work of Jesus...It is an unfinished work..
 - 1.1. Title of the Book - The Acts of the Apostles in your bible I would humbly submit to you that it is actually
 - 1.2.
2. The gospel is the life, death, resurrection, ascension and **sending of the Holy Spirit**
 - 2.1. **To transform the church** - New Character of Christ
 - 2.1.1. Fruit of the Spirit - New nature that allows us to put sin to death (disobedience to god's word, will and way) and pursue righteousness (right living before God and Nieghbor)
 - 2.2. **To empower the church** - New Power of Christ - To do things Jesus did (Competency)
 - 2.2.1. Gifts of the Spirit - manifestation of the Spirit of for the common Good
3. This is Jesus Church - Matt 16:18 We are not the story or star of the show Jesus is!
 - 3.1. A Gate is a defensive measure - Meant to keep people out

3.2. Jesus Church is expanding and even the Gates of Hell cannot keep it from its final fulfillment and Glory

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“...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18, ESV)

4. Nothing is possible without Jesus
 - 4.1. Even if we are super active - Para Church Ministry - Lots of Good things but no disciples
Full bellies but empty souls
 - 4.2. Great things are possible with Jesus
 - 4.2.1. Transformed lives and Communities (Acts 2:42 - 5:42)
5. The Spirit of God and the Word of God are more than enough to do the work of God
 - 5.1. Making Disciples - developing the character and competency of Christ in the lives of people
 - 5.1.1. Spiritual Act in which God's brings people from spiritual death to life by the Holy Spirit
 - 5.1.2. Physical Act of join into the community of God's people for life on life / Grind it out
development in Christ according to His word
6. God's intent for the church is the joyful, triumphant, forward moving expansion of the Gospel empowered by the Holy Spirit resulting in changed lives and communities. Nothing can hinder it, not the Sanhedrin, synagogue, dissension and division, not prison or plot or Pandemic

SHARE THE GOSPEL

INVITE WORSHIP Team UP

To experience this same redemption There are two things you must believe and one thing you must do to be apart of God's people....

First apart from the gracious and merciful act of God sending Jesus, our live is full of selfish passions and futility, our disobedience to God's word, will and ways results in our lives being separated from God and we are unable to work our way back. This is an acknowledgement of our need for God.

Second, you must believe that there is Mercy and Grace to be found from God. That through Faith in Jesus' life, death, resurrection we are reconciled to God. For Jesus has shed his precious blood on your behalf covering your sin and washing you clean

IF you are ready to believe these two things the last thing you must do..