



DRAWING CLOSER

SEASONAL

WINTER EDITION
JAN-APR 2023



RE:23

A YEAR OF RECOVERY,
RENEWAL, AND REIMAGINING

Have you ever been injured and needed physical therapy? If so, you know recovery is hard work. You need to push yourself to the point of pain but stop before it hurts too bad. The goal is to strengthen muscles without making the injury worse.

God knows all about hard work; he did create existence (Genesis 1-2). Yet, he started with rest on the first day of completed creation. When we rest, we slow down long enough to know that God is in charge and that we exist to enjoy and be enjoyed by him. Therefore it is a wise spiritual discipline to rest before you step into hard work.

Our theme for this year is “RE:23: a year of recovery, renewal, and reimagining.” Recovery is hard work. It will require us to grow in our faith, take risks, try new things, and push ourselves. RE:23 will be a year-long endeavor, so let’s pace ourselves. We are intentionally starting the year with events that allow us to play, remember, and dream.

If you are new to our community, welcome! You couldn't have picked a better time to join us. When you're with a community for a long time, you get used to things and can develop blind spots. So, please share your fresh perspective and ideas! God has walked us through many difficulties over the past two years, but we are heading into something new now. I pray that you experience rest and have fun contributing your creativity and dreams to who Valley Chapel is becoming.

Whether you are new or seasoned, I can't encourage you enough to join the community in the theme of this season. RE:23 will be a season you look back on as personally formative, and if you fully engage in it, you will draw closer to Jesus and this community. This winter is a time to rest and recover, so go, play, get creative, try something new, and prepare for the fun challenges God has for us in 2023.

I hope you enjoy the journey!
-Pastor Ryan

HELP FUEL THE MISSION



WORSHIP SERIES



January 1

Let's begin our year of RE:23 with a moment of Rest and Reflection, an opportunity to slow down and invite God to help us look into the year with his eyes.



January 8 - February 19

Is Jesus God, and does it matter to my life? Moving from the Incarnation of God at Christmas to the Transfiguration of Christ on the mountain, we will reflect on why the true identity of Christ still matters.



February 22 - APRIL 2

Fasting is a common spiritual practice in the scriptures. Let's re-learn the value and blessings of practicing this ancient and deeply spiritual act.



APRIL 9 - MAY 21

A dead man rose from the dead. That doesn't happen, yet the belief that it did happen is at the heart of the Christian faith. If the resurrection is real, then what else could be possible?


Lectionary scripture readings are on the last page.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNION

1/1; 2/5; 3/5; 4/2

We remember Christ's work for us, welcoming all who seek to draw closer to God, no matter their belief or ability to articulate it.



GRIEF SHARE

THURSDAYS
1/12 - 3/30

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.



KIDZ MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

Toddlers through 5th grade have fun learning about Jesus.




Society Meeting

1/22

Our annual celebration of ministry, including stories, food, and for members, voting on budgets, officers, and other official business.

with Potluck Lunch



Piecemakers
QUILT GROUP & MORE

FRIDAYS

We learn and practice the art of quilting as well as other handwork skills believing that our creator God has given everyone the ability to create.



POP-UP PANTRY

1/23; 2/27; 3/27; 4/24

Free food distribution. Let's make sure that neither shame nor poverty leave our neighbors hungry. Help and/or collect.



YOUTH GROUP

1/8; 1/22; 2/12; 2/26; 3/12; 3/26; 4/23

A place for teens to come together for some fun and fellowship.

NEW TIME - 5:00 PM



MOM'S MORNING OUT

1/28; 2/25; 3/25; 4/22

A morning of fellowship with other moms of children 0-18.



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ING THIS SEASON



1/30; 2/27; 3/27; 4/24

Ladies in Fellowship Together meets once a month to learn a craft and enjoy each other's company.



March 2023

We're partnering with The Parish Community of St Michael in Warsaw to offer a free lunch to have and to share.



2/12

Join us for the Super Bowl! There will be activities for children, food cookoffs, and the game will be on in the sanctuary. Look for details in the weekly email.



4/6

Break bread with us as we celebrate the Last Supper with a soup and bread potluck dinner. Bring your soup and/or bread to share.



2/22

Reflecting on our mortality in preparation for Lent. Ashes will be available between 8:30am - 4:00pm.



4/9

Celebrate the Risen Christ with us at 10:00am.



2/22

OPENING ON ASH WEDNESDAY Submit your artwork in any medium. Theme: Your "RE" word for 2023.



APRIL 2023

Teaching kids (8yo+) basketball skills. Join us as we have fun learning and refining basketball skills.

VENTS FOR MORE DETAILS

HOW WILL THE APP HELP ME?



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Direct link to Sunday's sermon online.

This week's scripture.

Read the Bible and look up scripture.

Connect to anything from events to meeting with Pastor Ryan.

Past sermons.

Self-guided Bible studies.

Connect with your community with in-app messaging.

Pray for others.

Add you own prayer requests.

Much more.



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Lectionary Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
Starting with Sabbath				
1/1	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13			
Epiphany- From Incarnation to Transfiguration: Why the identity of Christ still matters				
1/8	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
1/15	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
1/22	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
1/29	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
2/5	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 84		
2/12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
2/19	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Lent: Getting Familiar with Fasting				
2/26	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
3/5	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
3/12	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
3/19	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
3/26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
4/2	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 or Psalm 31:9-16	Matthew 21:1-11 or Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Eastertide: Resurrection, the impossible foundation of Christian faith.				
4/9	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
4/16	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
4/23	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
4/30	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
5/7	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
5/14	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
5/21	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11



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