

## JADE ACADEMY LESSONS

Jade Academy is enrolling students for Music Lessons. If you or someone you know would be interested in developing their musical skill by taking private lessons, enroll at [forthejoyministries.com/jade-academy](http://forthejoyministries.com/jade-academy).

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Donations to the Meridian Food Bank are being collected in a closet in the church foyer. In December, please consider donating Peanut Butter.

## LOVE INC NEED

Love INC's Furniture Team, which provides essential items to families in need, is experiencing a shortage of volunteers. They're asking for groups of four men to volunteer one Saturday a month (or even just once a quarter) from 9:00am to 1:00pm. No experience is required—just willing hearts to serve. If you are interested in helping, contact Jackie Ralphs at 208-466-7810 ext 303.

## TAKE THE SURVEY!

Let us know what classes you are interested in attending on Wednesday evenings after our Wednesday night dinner events. We will be launching new offerings after the new year.



## ALABASTER OFFERING

Thank you for your participation in our Alabaster offering this past month. We raised \$263 that will go towards the purchasing of property and buildings for churches around the world.

### Sunday School 9:30am

- Early Childhood (birth – K) is available during Sunday School and Worship.
- Children's Ministry 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Room 138
- Youth Class Room 162
- Adult Classes are available for all ages.

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30am -4:30pm

## GUEST INFO

Can be found at the Welcome Center in the foyer

## PRAY FOR:

- Pray for Cuba
- Pray for your neighbors
- Those who are on hospice and the people who love them
- Pray the Lord's prayer: That God's Kingdom would come
- Pray for the volunteers involved in Evening in December

## Financial Update

November 2024	Budgeted to Date	Received to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$112,900	\$97,100
Faith Promise (supports missions around the world)	\$9,083	\$9,404
Church Year (Mar 1-Feb 28)	Budgeted to Date	Received to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,016,100	\$967,721
Faith Promise	\$53,083	\$58,414

## Pastors' Emails / Birthdays:

**Dr. Jimmy Skeen**, Lead Pastor  
jimmy@myvsn.org, Nov 17

**Rev. Rick Garmon**, Journey Pastor  
rgarmon@myvsn.org, Aug 1

**Rev. Stephen List**, Pastor for Creatives and Gathered Worship, slist@myvsn.org, Sept 2

**Rev. Kaleb Harper**, Children Integration Pastor, kaleb@myvsn.org, Sept 11

**Rev. Ryan Schwin**, Student Integration Pastor, ryan@myvsn.org, June 13

Our Pastors can also be reached by calling the church office at 208-888-2141.

December 8, 2024

*Changed*  
in the waiting  
Love Luke 1:27-55

  
VALLEY SHEPHERD  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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WIFI available: VSN-Guest

Passion for Jesus, Compassion for

Thank you for joining us today – December 8, 2024

*Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.*

Luke 1:46-48

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Advent Reading: Love

Worship in Song

Offering & Prayer

Handbells:

An Appalachian Christmas

Message:

Changed in the Waiting:

Love

Luke 1:27-55

Dr. Jimmy Skeen

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Worship Song



### AN EVENING IN DECEMBER

This Christmas variety show is fun for the whole family, with music, drama, funny videos, caroling, cookies and cider. This is an outreach event so invite your neighbors.

Tickets are available on Sundays in the foyer or by contacting the church office.



Sign up to volunteer.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you will not be using all of the tickets you have secured for An Evening in December, please let us know on your connection card or by calling or emailing the church office at 208-888-2141 or office@myvsn.org. This will allow us to maximize the amount of people who can attend the event.

### STARTING POINT

For our guests this morning, please join us right after the service in the coffee shop for a brief introduction video, gift, and next steps for getting connected at Valley Shepherd.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, December 9

9:30am Monday Morning Men's Prayer

6:00pm AA Meeting (men only)

### Tuesday, December 10

1:00pm Quilter's Ministry

### Wednesday, December 11

6:45pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:45pm Valley Kids Wednesday

6:45pm Youth Group

6:45pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 12

6:30am Men's Prayer Time

6:30pm AA Meeting (men only)

6:30pm Men's Bible Study

6:45pm Zoom Adult Prayer Gathering

### Friday, December 13

7:00pm An Evening in December

### Saturday, December 14

7:30am Men's Breakfast

10:00am Saturday Sewing

3:00pm An Evening in December

### Sunday, December 15

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Snowflake Valley Kids Event

10:45am Worship Service, Pastor Jimmy

4:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

4:00pm Children's Bible Quizzing Practice

4:00pm Teen Bible Quizzing Practice

5:00pm An Evening in December

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Enjoy fellowship and good food, meet new people and connect with old friends. Our next dinner will be January 8, 2025.

Signups will be available, the last Sunday of December.

### NEXT STEPS CLASS

If you haven't attended this class yet, join us for Next Steps, a set of four classes that will introduce you to our church and help you get connected. The Next Steps class will meet on Sundays in January at 9:30am in Room 159. Scan the QR code to sign up.



### MARILYN'S SWEET SHOPPE

When: Tuesday, December 17, 1:00pm

Where: VSN Fellowship Hall

Bring: Bring your favorite Christmas Treat

### LIBERTY QUARTET EVENT

When: Saturday, December 21, 3:00pm

Where: VSN

What: The Wonder of Christmas concert with the Liberty Quartet. Christmas music is such a special part of the holiday season! A love offering will be taken during the concert, and year-end giving will be accepted.



### VALLEY SHEPHERD FAMILY CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 22. We will be wearing our ugly Christmas sweaters to church that Sunday and gathering in the gym for cinnamon rolls during the 9:30am Sunday School hour.



### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us for our annual candlelight service at 6:00pm on December 24. Making memories and celebrating the true gift of Christmas is something you will not want to miss.

### OFFICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers needed to rotate through the month by serving Sunday mornings in the church office from 8:30-10:30am. Mark your connect card or call the church office to learn more.