



Seeing
Lives Changed
Through Christ

Pastor Ed Algya- April 12, 2015 “1 Peter 4:12-19” “Do You Think It Is Strange?”

Welcome to VVCC! If you are not a regular attender, please take a moment to complete the Welcome Card located in the chair back in front of you and place it in the offering or in the collection box near the exit.

Upcoming Events & Things You Need to Know

Kids Club: Wednesday nights 7:00PM-8:30PM. Kids kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Intersection & Middle School Youth Group: Wednesday nights 7:00PM

Adult Sunday School: Join us in the Youth Lounge each Sunday at 8:30AM

Wednesday Morning Prayer: 6:30AM each Wednesday at VVCC

Women's Bible Study: Fridays from 10:00AM-11:30AM

Tax Time Tithe: Last month for this initiative! Deadline is April 19, 2015. Total giving to date: \$1,600.00

“For Columbia”: VVCC will be participating with other area churches in serving the City of Columbia on April 25th. We have volunteered our church to serve at the 'Float Your Boat @ the Food Bank Fundraiser'. We need 15-20 volunteers to serve at this event in various capacities (concessions, registrations, race coordinators, etc.) Please write “For Columbia” on your Welcome Card to volunteer.

Monthly Prayer: The monthly prayer will be tonight, Sunday April 12, 2015 @ 6:30PM. Please come and pray with us for the saints who are being persecuted all over the world and for those with sickness in our church family.

Grounds: Please consider helping with the maintenance of the church lawn. We are in need of volunteers to help with mowing. If interested or for more information please write “lawn mowing” on your welcome card.

Summer Picnic Committee: Save the date! The 2015 VVCC Summer Picnic will be held on June 28th at Twin Lakes Park.

Lunch with the Pastor: The first Friday of each month the Pastors invite you to have lunch with them for a time of fellowship and encouragement. We will be meeting at Sub Shop on Worley at 12:00PM starting May 1st.

New Women's Small Group: *What Love Is, the Letters of 1, 2, 3 John* by Kelly Minter will start Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30PM. Contact Tish Dwiggins for information. 881-2339

Budget Required: \$10,210.00 **April Offering:** \$4,023.00

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How Should We Respond to Suffering:

1. Don't Be Surprised

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.” *1 Peter 4:12*

2. Rejoice!

“But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”
1 Peter 4:13

3. You Are Blessed

“If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.”
1 Peter 4:14

4. Don't Self-Inflict the Suffering

“If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.” *1 Peter 4:15*

5. Be Proud to Bear His Name

“However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.” *1 Peter 4:16*

6. Accept that Suffering Strengthens Your Faith

“For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” *1 Peter 4:17-18*

7. Keep On Keeping On

“So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.” *1 Peter 4:19*