

# The Valley Voice

Missouri Valley Baptist Church | 11950 SW 66 Road, St. Joseph, MO 64504 | (816) 688-7674 | [missourivalleybaptist.com](http://missourivalleybaptist.com)

## INSIDE THIS EDITION

### Front Page

A Message from Your  
Pastor

### Page 2

Announcements  
A Modern Parable...  
February Offerings

### Page 3

Announcements  
Meet Our Members  
Jake Griffin  
Mark & Mona Parsons  
Nursery Schedule

### Back Page

Calendar of Events

## MVBC STAFF

### Pastor

Rodney Kenagy

### Interim Worship Pastor

Kyle Kormeier

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Sunday School – 9:30 AM  
Worship Service – 10:45 AM

### Wednesday

TeamKids – Dinner 6:30 PM  
SOX – Dinner 6:30 PM  
Adult Bible Study – 7:00 PM

### A Message From Your Pastor

I want to start off this month's article with a question; "Do you encounter or do you have any problems in your life"?

Silly question, right? We all face "life's problems", it doesn't matter if you are young or old, we are confronted with different things throughout life that we have to deal with. Things like anger, bitterness, fear, worry, depression, marriage issues, parental issues, just being a younger person comes with all sorts of problems, and then there are all those things that don't fall neatly into any one category. I know you all would agree, life seems to be filled with "problems".

With all these problems we are faced with man has always sought ways to solve them. Unfortunately, from the very beginning of time, man has tried to come up with solutions that have completely left God out of the equation and left man lacking and still struggling with the problems we face. There have been some philosophies that have mixed man's ways and God's ways together to look for solutions but they lack something as well.

What I want all of you to understand is this; the only thing that completely provides solutions to every "life problem" is found in the Bible. It's all there, nothing has been left out. Not only are the solutions there, but the causes of the problems are there as well. God offers all of us vital and abundant life based on His promises and His authority which are found throughout Scripture. God's Word contains biblical principles for living your life in a victorious and contented way. They also give you a way to face, deal with, and overcome the "life problems" we all encounter throughout our lives.

As these biblical principles are laid out here each month they will, if you have the desire, show you how to face these problems with confidence that you will have victory over them if you are relying totally on God. As we go along month after month we are going to see the biblical principles that will help us understand the problems we face from God's perspective and the principles that will give us hope in every situation we will face. These biblical principles will also show us how we can change to become more and more like Christ. But I still have to ask you this, are you willing to follow God's plan for your life? If you are, God enables you to do so.

Principle One: Because God's standard is one of perfection, you cannot meet it in your own efforts. You cannot save yourself nor depend on anyone else to redeem you. You are helpless to meet the standard God has set and need to repent of your sin. By God's grace and mercy, you recognize your lost condition and believe wholeheartedly and sincerely on the Lord Jesus Christ to receive the gift of eternal life and forgiveness for your sins.

Are you sure that you have accepted the free gift.... have you truly been born again? Make sure of your answer.

How would you have to answer?

Lookin' Up.  
Rodney

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March Business Meeting

We will be having our monthly business meeting on the second Sunday of the month (3/8). A pot-luck lunch will be held PRIOR TO the meeting. Every family should bring some sort of meat and a side dish.

### Men's Fishing Retreat

This year's men's retreat will be held the weekend of March 21-22, on the shore of Lake Taneycomo at the Lakeshore Resort in Branson, Missouri. Please be in prayer for the guys that are attending!

While prayers for safe travels and good fishing are certainly good and would be appreciated, it's far more important that you focus your prayers that God will move among us in an amazing way while we're away from the day-to-day rigors of life. MVBC needs a movement of God's Spirit, and we truly hope that He will do just that in our lives this year while we're away.

### Small Group Bible Studies

Small groups continue to meet. If you're interested in participating in this discipleship / fellowship opportunity, please contact John Stickley.

### Contact Information For Pastor Rodney

Cell phone – (816) 344-6030  
Email –  
r.kenagy@hotmail.com

## A MODERN PARABLE...

### "A Crude Lifesaving Station"

By Theodore Wedel (Adapted)

Along a dangerous seacoast, shipwrecks were common. Grieved by the tragedies, a small group of people gathered together to establish a lifesaving station. They built a little hut, bought one small boat, and set out to save lives. They kept a constant watch over their coastline, and went out selflessly, day and night, to rescue those in need. This little lifesaving station became famous because they saved so many lives. Those whose lives were saved joined in the work, and people came from all over to be a part of this noble project. They donated their money joyfully, gave of their time and effort willingly, and the work grew dramatically.



But some of the members of the lifesaving station became concerned that the hut was so crude and the equipment so basic. They believed that a larger, better-equipped station would help them to accomplish their work more effectively. They built a large new station, replaced the emergency cots with comfortable beds, and filled their new station with functional furniture. In fact, the lifesaving station was now so nice and so comfortable that it became a popular gathering place for the members. They decorated and furnished the station exquisitely. They met and discussed the importance of lifesaving; they developed programs to teach their children about lifesaving. And they grieved together at how many ships were running aground.

But the members soon found that the maintenance and upkeep of the lifesaving station left them too busy and tired to go out on the boats. So they hired crews to man the boats. Comfortable in their modern lifesaving station, and encouraged by the results of the professional lifesaving teams, the people felt good about themselves.

Then, one day, a crisis came. A large ship wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews made a heroic rescue. They brought boatloads of cold, wet, dirty, half-drowned people into the lifesaving station. As you can imagine, the beautiful new lifesaving station was thrown into chaos. The rescued people made an absolute mess of the place. They dripped mud and water everywhere, ruined the new sheets on the beds, and left the place smelling like dead fish. So, the life-saving club did the only thing it could. They set up a shower-house outside the station, and mandated that those rescued must wash up and put on clean, respectable clothes before they would be allowed to enter the clubhouse.

At the next club meeting, a sharp division occurred. Some members felt that lifesaving efforts should be stopped, as it was so unsavory, disruptive to the club, and destructive to the station. Some of the original members and a few that had been rescued in the early days argued that they could not abandon their lifesaving purpose. Eventually, the majority won out and for the good of the lifesaving club, all lifesaving operations were suspended.

But a few folks still believed in lifesaving, so they went down the beach and established a new lifesaving station. Sadly, the process repeated itself. Today, if you go to that place, you will find the coastline populated with large, modern, technologically-advanced and beautiful lifesaving stations. But the shore is littered with the bodies of those who have drowned.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
2/4	\$1,932.32	\$126.00	\$255.00
2/11	\$789.47	\$81.00	\$255.00
2/18	\$922.11	\$45.00	\$35.00
2/25	\$1,403.58	\$30.00	\$30.00

Missions offerings given in the months of January, February, March, and April go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to support North American missions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valley Food Kitchen  
Each month, Sunday School classes from MVBC serve at the Food Kitchen on Valley Street. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade will serve, and on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Men and Women will serve. Keep this on your calendars!

### Vacation Bible School



Dates for this year's Vacation Bible School (Boomerang Express) have been set: July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you're interested in helping with this ministry in any way, please contact Terri Matthews. We can't do this without a team of committed volunteers!

Please also begin to pray for this year's VBS. Statistics consistently show that VBS is one of the most successful evangelistic programs for children that churches do, and we certainly hope God draws many to Christ this year!

### Our Website

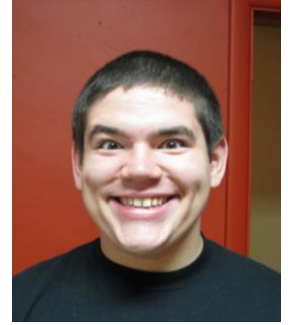
For the latest details on MVBC happenings, be sure to check out our website, [missourivalleybaptist.com](http://missourivalleybaptist.com)!

We try to keep it as up to date as possible! If you'd like to help with it, please let John Stickley know.

## MEET OUR MEMBERS!

Jacob Allen Griffin is a 17-year old junior at Central High School where he is involved in football and weightlifting. He lives in St. Joseph with his mom, Cassie and step-dad, Dale and other family members. Jake's step brother, Andy Charles, is a member at MVBC, but is currently in Wisconsin attending ITE.

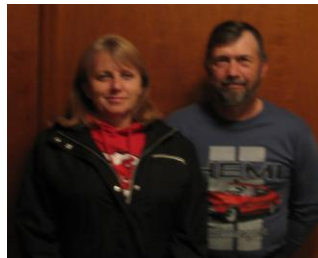
Jake is on the Blue Fish Bible Quiz team. He attends most of the SYO rallies that are held and is active in SQ632 and helps minister to the 4th-6th grade students at TJAM.



**Jake Griffin**

He has thought about becoming a lot of different things (maybe a firefighter), but understands that wherever God leads, he needs to follow. He's unsure about attending college right now; it depends on which career path he follows, and he sees no need to waste money or time attending college to get a degree he'll never use.

Some random information about Jake includes the fact that he has two brothers named Andrew (one step and one real) and two sisters named Amanda (one real and one step). He also claims to be amazingly beautiful, yet not at all vain! Jake is a fairly strong guy that is friendly and easy to talk to. We're sure his smile will warm your heart, so take a few moments to say hi and get to know him sometime!



**Mark & Mona Parsons**

Mark and Mona Parsons have been married for 34 years. They live in Rushville Missouri. Mark is a self employed painter, and has been painting since he was 8 years old. He works on his cars in his spare time.

Mona works at the Bradken Corporation formally Atchison Casting Corp. She will have been with the company for 30 years in September. She is the Mail room / Janitorial Supervisor. Her hobby is gardening and growing flowers.

Mark and Mona have 3 grown children. Son Mike is married to Bekki and their children are Dalton and Morgan. Daughter Bridget is married to Matt Schuetz and they have two daughters Ashley and Cassy. Daughter Brandi is married to Bobby Owens and they have two children Nikki and Duncan.

They recently finished building their home and now have time to start on their hobbies again. They enjoy helping with the Wednesday night kids and love to attend their Thursday night Bible study.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

<u>Week of...</u>	<u>Nursery (S.S.)</u>	<u>Nursery (Worship)</u>	<u>Nursery (Wed.)</u>
3/8	Kim Hartman	Jason & Mandi Griffin	Kim Hartman
3/15	Dina Kenagy	Kenny & Ona Hartman	Brenda Moran
3/22	Brenda Moran	Ronnie & Gwen Sampson	Mona Parsons
3/29	Mona Parsons	Sheila W. & Rick Hartman	Sheila Wahlert
4/5	Kim Hartman	John & Nancy Stickley	Dina Kenagy
4/12	Mandi Griffin	Jeff & Brenda Moran	Ona Hartman



P.O. Box 144  
DeKalb, MO 64440

**March 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 6:30p – Atchison Sr. Home	2	3 6:00p – Stickley SG	4 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	5 6:30p – Janecek SG	6	7
8 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Bus. Mtg.	9	10 6:00p – Stickley SG	11 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	12 6:30p – Janecek SG	13	14
15 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	16	17 6:00p – Stickley SG	18 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	19 6:30p – Janecek SG	20 Men's Retreat -- Lake Taneycomo	21 Men's Retreat -- Lake Taneycomo
22 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship Men's Retreat -- Lake Taneycomo	23	24 6:00p – Stickley SG	25 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	26 6:30p – Janecek SG	27	28
29 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	30	31 6:00p – Stickley SG	1 7:00p – Bible Study 7:00p – TeamKid 7:00p – SOX Youth	2 6:30p – Janecek SG	3	4