

Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 9:30 AM - 4 PM
DEEPER STILL RETREAT CENTER

MEN'S BREAKFAST

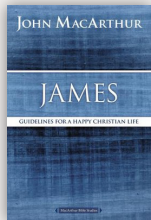
Next Breakfast: **October 7 at 7 am**
Multipurpose Room
Food, coffee, fellowship & the Word

Seniors Luncheon

Thursday, October 12 | 11:30 am
A great time of food and fellowship



Starts September 11
Mondays | 6:00 pm
Pre-school – 6th grade



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm
Fridays | 7 am
Begins September 12 & 15

Women's Bible Study

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Tuesdays | 7-8:30 pm | Escondido
Wednesdays | 9-10:30 am | VCCC
Thursdays | 7-8:30 pm | VCCC
Begins September 19



— The Gospel of — LUKE

VALLEY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

"Our mission is to glorify God by being and making disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ."

WELCOME!



David Wojnicki

Lead Pastor

We are so glad you have come to worship with us today. Our desire every Sunday is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ for the glory of God and the good of all people. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and I would love to meet you

after the service. If you would like to know more about the church, take a moment and fill out a Care and Connection Card and place it in one of the black boxes by the entrance.

For everyone, we pray that hearts may be encouraged and filled with hope this morning as we gather with brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Pastor David

*Assistive Listening devices are available at the audio/video room (located to the right of the Worship Center exit doors).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Nehemiah 9:5-6

Opening Prayer

"Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)"

Declaring God's Glory

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 15:2

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Lament/Trusting God

"You've Already Won"

Pastoral Prayer

Fellowship and Dismiss Children

Preaching of the Word

Luke 1:5-25

"A New Hope"

Pastor David Wojnicki

Communion

Doxology

Benediction

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Nate and Amy Kidder

Serving in Missions

David and Elisabet Barcelo

Reaching Spain for Christ

Mario and Lika Milhomem

Worcester, South Africa

Joshua and Natalie

Pioneers

Michael and Amy Walters

Nairobi, Kenya

PRAYING FOR UNREACHED PEOPLES

Lolak in Indonesia

Population: 18,000

Main Language: Indonesian

Largest Religion: Islam

Christian: 0.06%

Evangelical: 0.06%

The Lolak are an agrarian people who have always lived on the fringes of more powerful neighboring groups. They live in the Lolak district in the northeastern portion of Sulawesi of the North Sulawesi province. The Lolak area is a fertile area with long black sand beaches, flat grassy fields, coconut plantations and rugged inland mountains. The Lolak are farmers who grow rice, coconuts, corn, cacao and large healthy cattle. The district has 20 elementary schools and most Lolak children are able to attend. Further education requires relocation. The Lolak are Sunni Muslim. The village of Lolak itself has three mosques. They interweave traditional beliefs with Islamic teaching and regard this as a positive influence for their hope of paradise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Visit vccc.org or Church Center App for Event Details and Registration

Awana

September 11 - May 6

Mondays 6-8pm

Ages Pre-K-6th Grade

Men's Bible Study

September 12 - December 19

Tuesdays | 6:30pm | Multipurpose Room

Fridays | 7am | Multipurpose Room

Women's Bible Study

September 19 - November 8

Tuesdays | 7-8:30pm | Escondido

Wednesdays | 9-10:30am | VCCC

Thursdays | 7-8:30pm | VCCC

Women's Retreat 2023

September 30

9:30am-4pm | Deeper Still Retreat Center

Men's Breakfast

October 7

7-8:30am | Multipurpose Room

Senior's Luncheon

October 12

11:30am | Multipurpose Room

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund

Budgeted to date: \$294,465

Given to date: \$324,339

Mission Fund

Budgeted to date: \$8,739

Given to date: \$20,993

vccc.org/give | Text to Give: 84321 | Offering Boxes at the Exits

Luke 1:5-25
"A New Hope"

 September 24, 2023
 Pastor David Wojnicki

I. The Couple: _____ and _____

→ _____: Oversaw worship in the temple, sacrifices, taught God's word, and represented the people to God (Ex. 29:8-9, 44; Num. 18:7).

→ _____ up: Elizabeth was a descendant of _____

II. Their Relationship with God: _____ and _____

 Before Jesus Christ, you were _____ with God through a _____ faith, now you are _____ with God through a _____ faith
 (Gen. 15:6; Isaiah 61:10; 53:4-6; Gal. 2:20)

"righteous before God" = _____

"walking blamelessly...." = _____

III. Their Problem: No _____ (Luke 1:7)

Be careful to assign _____ to difficult _____

IV. The Promise: A _____ - John (Luke 1:13)

→ A son with a _____ and _____ (Luke 1:14)

→ A son _____ for God (Luke 1:15)

→ A son _____ by God for _____ (Luke 1:15)

Their son would _____ the people for the coming of the _____ (Luke 1:16-17)

V. The _____ (Dan. 8:16-26; 9:21-27):

Takeaway:

The gospel of Luke begins with the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. What do we know about this couple based on Luke 1:5-7?

In Zechariah and Elizabeth's day people often thought that if you did not have children it was a sign of God's judgment. From what is said about them in verse 6, we know this is not the case. As Christians today, can we be tempted to look at the hardships of others and think that God is judging them? How can a story like this guard us from that temptation? Can you think of other Biblical stories that would help us avoid this error?

Zechariah and Elizabeth are said to have been "righteous before God" and to have "walked blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord" (Luke 1:6). God's word says all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), so this passage does not mean that this couple was sinless but acceptable to God. How was it that someone before the coming of Jesus Christ could be declared right with God (John 8:56; Gal. 3:6-9; Hebrews 11:13-16)?

When Zechariah went into the temple he encountered an angel. The angel told Zechariah that he and Elizabeth would have a son. Read Luke 1:11-17. What do we learn about this son and why is he significant?

What was Zechariah's reaction to the promise God was making him? Does God make us any promises? Do you or have you ever responded to God's promises like Zechariah? Why do we respond to God's promises like Zechariah?

God responds first to Zechariah's doubt by having the angel announce his name and where he comes from (Luke 1:19-21; Dan. 8:16-26; 9:21-27)? Why are these things significant in helping someone like Zechariah with his doubt?

The second thing that God does in response to Zechariah's doubt is give him a sign, albeit an unpleasant one. Has God provided enough for us today to believe his promises? Why or why not?

Is there a promise of God that you have a hard time believing? If you feel comfortable doing so, share this with your group and close your time together by praying for one another.