



GVPC Happenings

NOVEMBER 2021

Everyone Has Something to Give

Whenever I arrive on the campus of GVPC on Sunday mornings – from the moment I get out of my car to the moment I walk through the doors of the office building – I am always amazed at the number of people who give of their time and talents as we gather for worship each week. As I walk into my office, I can already smell the aroma of coffee brewing in the kitchen and hear the laughter of volunteers setting up plates of cookies for coffee hour. As I make final adjustments to my worship notes, one of the audiovisual team members brings a microphone to my office and reminds me of the need for a soundcheck. As I walk through the doors of the Sanctuary, the sense of community is joyous: ushers greet me with a smile; musicians are busy with last minute preparations; acolytes are putting on their robes as they get ready to light the candles; a liturgist is often silently rehearsing the morning's readings; Deacons are checking in on members of the congregation; our staff is busy with behind the scenes preparations; Elders are ready to step in on a moment's notice; and greeters are welcoming visitors at the Welcome

Table. And across the courtyard, Sunday School teachers are preparing for classes, and volunteers are getting ready for our afternoon youth group. What a powerful example of the Biblical truth that everyone has something to give in the Kingdom of God.

This month we are in the midst of our fall stewardship campaign, "Everything We Have." We hope you will join us as we anticipate a new year of ministry and express our gratitude for the blessings of the past. I always enjoy this time in the life of our church when we focus on sharing the financial blessings and resources God has entrusted in our hands and in our lives. This year, however, we are also asking you to consider how you will honor the Lord with everything you've been given including your time, talents, and abilities. That's because we recognize that giving of ourselves is one of the ways we express our faith as followers of Jesus.

Stewardship campaigns present an opportunity for us to consider our financial blessings. Your decision to give your offering to God through GVPC enables us to live out our mission

statement in which we pledge to "generously share God's love and grace." Each year, our Elders build a budget based in large part on pledges and anticipated income. A pledge is not an obligation; it is a response of gratitude. A pledge is an intended commitment that says, "By God's grace – if I am able – I will set aside this much of my income to honor God with all that I've been given."

I hope you will join us in the coming year as we share our blessings and offerings so that we can continue to plant seeds of faith in children and youth; support our mission partners locally and globally; provide opportunities for inspiring worship, spiritual growth, and fellowship; and proclaim the truth and grace of the Gospel in word and in deed. Stewardship is a lifestyle of joy lived in gratitude to God; and without your willingness to share your gifts we could never be the church God created us to be. Thank you in advance for your commitment to GVPC and its mission in the Las Vegas Valley and throughout our world.

In Gratitude and Joy,

Pastor Adrian

Gingerbread Fair Committee

My heartfelt thank you to all the Gingerbread volunteers. The fair would not have been as successful and would have been much harder without everyone giving 150%. I would like to especially recognize the Gaede family. Gail Gaede pre-sold over \$1600 worth of jams and jellies plus another \$1456 during the fair. Her son Kyle made all of these. They also contributed a beautiful homemade wine basket for the fair

raffle. Tom Gaede held a computer class for the volunteers so we could use his program on our laptops. He has made our inventory counts much easier. Tom was also one of the cashiers on fair day. Tom, Cindy Brum, and 2 others moved the items from storage and back to storage with only Tom and Cindy helping. A tough job for all.

I was so proud to be a part of this

group as I saw them pitching in to help where needed plus being responsible for their own tables and booths. It was this spirit of giving of their time and talents that made them so special. God bless all of you good people!

Thankfully,

Peggy Palmer

Co-Chair, Gingerbread Fair Committee

Fellowship Gatherings

CHRISTMAS SHOW

The GVPC Fellowship Committee has purchased 30 tickets for the 'Human Nature - Christmas, Motown and More Show' on Sunday December 19 at 7:00 pm at the Southpoint Casino. Tickets will go on sale November 7 and 14, after the 9:00 and 10:30 am services. The ticket price is \$32.00 each. Our own GVPC member, Michael Tierney, is appearing in the show. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun!

BUNCO

The next Bunco day is Thursday, November 18 from 10:00 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited for an entertaining time of excitement and laughter. Don't worry if you cannot play, we will teach you. Come 'roll with us!'

For information, contact Linda at (702) 558-7829 or llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP AND MONTHLY LUNCH

The Men's Group meets on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am in the Conference Room for a time of fellowship, discussion, and study. The group is studying "Reading Biblical Literature – Genesis to Revelation."

All men are invited to a monthly lunch at Barley's Casino on Sunset Rd. on Tuesday, November 23 at 11:30 am for lunch. This group of men meet the 4th Tuesday of the month for food, fun, and fellowship.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The November luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 4 at 11:30 am at Shakespeare's Grille & Pub, 790 Coronado Center Dr. (near Eastern.) To RSVP or for more information, contact Linda at (702) 558-7829 or llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

LADIES SHOPPING DAY

This month's trip will be to Santa's Wrap, 9850 S. Maryland Pkwy, # 4 on Friday, November 19 at 10:00 am. Santa's Wrap began as a seasonal store but has grown into a year-around place to find unique home décor, furniture, gifts, and many holiday items. After shopping we will gather for lunch at a local restaurant. All ladies are invited.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Linda at (702) 558-7829 or llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The group is watching and discussing "The Chosen," the critically acclaimed video series based on the life of Jesus.

Hoodie-Coat Drive is Warming Up!



The cooler weather has finally arrived and we are "warming up" in preparation of our annual Hoodie-Coat Offering to provide

Hoodies (pullover hooded fleece/sweatshirts) to our local Henderson and Las Vegas elementary, middle, and high schools for at risk children and youth. The 12 schools we support are all high needs. Most of them have 75% or more students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch programs. In thanking GVPC for the gift of Hoodies last year, one of the schools wrote: "We know there are so many schools that need help desperately, and we are so grateful that you have chosen to support our school." Our calls to the schools indicate a tremendous need this year.

We appreciate the many needs you are asked to help support. If you are able and

wish to, the Missions Committee is gratefully accepting donations for its annual Hoodie-Coat Drive through the month of November. Because of the "supply chain issues" this year, the Missions Committee placed early orders with our supplier to ensure we had initial sufficient quantities. There has been a price increase of \$1.50 per Hoodie over last year; yet, we are still able to STRETCH your dollars further in getting quality Hoodies at reduced prices by purchasing them in bulk.

You can donate by check to GVPC with "Hoodie/Coat Offering" in the memo line, by cash in a pew offering envelope, or online at www.greenvalleypres.com under "Giving" by selecting the fund "Backpack/Coat Drive."

Just as important, we also need your help in packaging the Hoodies for each school (after Thanksgiving) and delivering the hoodies the first week in December. If

you are interested in helping, please call Carol Johnson at the church office (702) 454-8484 and a member of the Missions Committee will call you.

As stated in Proverbs 14:31: "Those who are kind to the needy honor Him." Let's honor Him by helping those less fortunate through volunteering, giving, or both in sharing the warmth of Christ's love in helping and praying for our children in need.

Warm Blessings,

Missions Committee

Congregational Meeting

Called meeting of the Congregation November 14, 2021 after Second Service GVPC Sanctuary

The Session of Green Valley Presbyterian Church has called a special meeting of the congregation on November 14, 2021. The meeting will be held after the second service in the Sanctuary.

The items to be brought before the meeting are:

- Affirmation of Reverend Doll's Terms of Call for 2021.
- Affirmation of the election of Elders and Deacons who began service in January 2021 to include suspension of Articles XII and XIV, Deacons and Elders terms of service.
- Amend Article II of the By-laws to allow the annual meeting to be held in either January or February.
- Amend the By-laws to add Article XXIX to provide for the appointment of an Executive Committee when deemed necessary by the Session.
- Temporarily suspend Articles XII and XIV of the By-laws that specify that the Session consist of 18 Elders and the Board of Deacons consists of 21 Deacons. It is proposed that the Session consist of 15 elders and the Board of Deacons consist of 18 Deacons during the year 2022.
- Elect Elders and Deacons to terms on the Session and the Board of Deacons.

Deacons Corner

The Board of Deacons is very grateful for your continued and generous monthly financial support. Please, keep it up!! There are lots of people in need.

Save the Date!! - A New Members Inquiry Class is scheduled for Saturday November 13 at 9:00 am. Please come and learn more about being a member of GVPC! For more information, contact the church office at (702) 454-8484.

Thank You - Due to your support, we have been able to continue supporting those in need around the valley through some very hard times for a lot of folks. YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Spotlight - For the remainder of the year the Board of Deacons will be hosting a representative from each of the local charities we support. In October we hosted Raquel O'Neil from Blindconnect, a Nevada based nonprofit organization that teaches newly visually impaired teens

and adults to function and live as normal life as possible. They teach basic instruction and guidance in daily living, cooking, cleaning, money management, personal care, technology, mobility, communication, and Braille. For more information on this group please see www.blindconnect.org.

GVPC Board of Deacons

Surviving the Holidays

Coping through the holidays becomes a goal for anybody during the busy holiday season that will soon be approaching. For others, it is a time of loneliness that needs some attention. GVPC is pleased to present *Surviving the Holidays*, designed by Church Initiative and published as part of the Grief Share program.

This program has been used by GVPC

and other churches as a way to minimize the lost feeling that some one may be experiencing during the holiday season. Our lives during this period of grieving the loss of someone close to us can be described as 'under re-construction.' This requires trusted companions who listen while the grieving are trying to rebuild their lives again. This is not a lecture, but a combination of video

discussions of how others have coped, allowing you to weave your way through your grief story, either silently or by sharing with others.

The *Surviving the Holidays* session will be presented on Sunday, November 14 from 1:00 -3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Monthly Money Matters

The Financial Statement below for September 2021 shows total income exceeds total expense for a net positive cash flow of \$142,818 for the year. Total expense for the year is \$76,961 lower than the budget. We are very grateful that the congregation continues to generously give to the operating fund.

As you contemplate the amount you are going to pledge for 2022, it may help knowing how some of your contribution will be used. One of the major uses of your pledge will be devoted to our Christian Education ministry program.

The biggest change for 2022 will be the hiring of a Director of Christian Education. We are budgeting a salary of \$40,000 for this position. When you add in health insurance and taxes, this will increase this expense to \$50,800.

The next largest expense for the CE programs in 2022 is the Triennium. This is a youth ministry event that takes place

every three years. This year it is being moved from Purdue University to the Convention Center in Indianapolis. It is a place where about 10 of our high school age youth will gather together to engage their next steps in faith, exploring the intersection of justice, courage, connection and vision. The 2022 Budget includes \$16,380 for this expense.

We also are looking ahead to restore our Vacation Bible School and be able to send our youth to a week at summer camp. We will now be able to provide regular Sunday afternoon meetings with our children and youth using a more formal curriculum.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, we are very grateful that we can share all that God has provided us by giving to our missions programs. We will continue to provide tuition to a Columbia Theological Seminary student. From an international giving perspective, GVPC supports CARE for Aids (Africa),

One Another Missions (Costa Rica), and Victory Christian Fellowship Church (Jamacia). On a more local basis, we have given to the Presbytery of Nevada Mission Outreach programs, the Henderson Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Our total Missions donations are included in the 2022 Budget at \$51,100.

During this stewardship campaign time, remember that God has provided us with everything we have. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Dave Tyrrell, Co-Chair
Administration Committee

Financial Statement --September 2021					
Current Income & Expense			Building Fund Income & Expense		
	Year- to-Date				
	Actual	Budget			YTD Actual
Offerings	\$603,264	\$557,348	Building Fund Offerings		\$15,650
Cell Tower Utilities	\$7,777	\$7,275	Building Fund Transfers		\$5,000
Other Income	\$180	\$0	Total Income		\$20,650
Total Income	\$611,221	\$564,623	Expenses		
Total Expense	\$468,403	\$545,364	Building Fund		\$7,429
Net Income/(Loss)	\$142,818	\$19,259	Total Expense		\$7,429
			Income Over/(Under) Expense		\$13,221
Temporary Restricted Funds	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>2021</u>	BF Checking Account Balance		\$56,236
Beginning Balance	\$88,030	\$78,450			
Restricted Income	\$8,075	\$99,350	Custodial Fund Balance		\$319,966
Restricted Expense	\$14,651	\$96,346	Mission Develop Certificates		\$80,167
Ending Balance	\$81,454	\$81,454	Total Synod Investments		\$400,133
Checking Account Balances					
	Operating Fund	\$345,610			
	Restricted Funds	\$81,454			