

February Teaching Theme: "God's Work Through You"

"Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" (Psalm 39:4).

"That we are here for a limited and unpredictable amount of time should not fill us with fear or worry, but a hopeful expectancy that as we surrender our lives to the Lord, He will make the most of them." - Pastor Dan S. Baty

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The View From My Place

"Spiritual Postscript to the Super Bowl"

One scene in the immediate aftermath of the Super Bowl, which was obscured by the drama of the outcome and by the ensuing celebration, was Seahawk players, who had just lost, kneeling with Patriot players, who had just won, for a postgame prayer. Players from all NFL teams do this after every game, but for the players, especially the Seahawks to do it after THIS game, as excruciating as it was, and shortly after a fight between players from both teams, triggered by the level of agony and frustration, this prayer moment was simply spectacular.

There was no focus on it by the network cameras but it demonstrated the focus of men who believe there is One who transcends even the most spectacular events conceived by humans. One in Whose hands are our destinies, beyond the immediate. The One who not only is worthy of our trust, but who also inspires it.

I was proud of my brothers on *both* teams.

The lesson for all of us is there is no better way to launch a victory celebration or to put defeat in perspective than to kneel before the One who is the blessed controller of all things. Let all things that touch our hearts be prompts that direct us into the presence of the Lord for celebration or consolation, care or counsel, coaching or comfort as He deems appropriate.

(I'd love to hear from you, Pastordanvbcc@verizon.net)

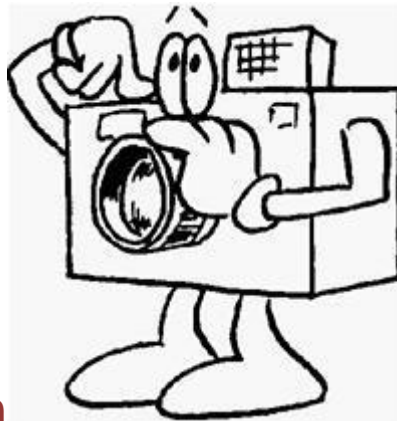
Midweek Bible Study

"Is any pleasure on earth as great as a circle of Christian friends by a fire?" C.S. Lewis.

Now comes the hard part. God has given you a promise and inspired your heart, but seeing it come to fruition involves handling obstacles that are beyond your control. This week our study of Exodus leads us to discuss this process through the lens of the Scriptures. Join us around the fireplace for what promises to be a lively and rich discussion. **This Thursday, February 5th at 7 p.m. at the Valley Brook Fellowship Center.**

Adult Sunday School This Week

This Sunday, February 8th we will continue our compelling series on "Tailoring Your Faith." This unique unit of lessons is designed to help each of us discover and explore our own spiritual journey and convictions with others who are doing the same. It's a collective effort to individualize our faith so it fits who God has made each of us to be in our present lifeplace. It has been a fascinating experience. Come be part of it. Join us at 9:45 a.m at the church.



Valley Brook Cam

The Valley Brook cam captures members and friends of Valley Brook living the vision and making our church family a better place for all of us. This week the cam captured:)

The warm and heartfelt appreciation of the **Valley Brook family** for **Beth Chernichowski's** sister, **Barbara Jordan**, who presented a mesmerizing praise experience through the playing of "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" during the offertory last Sunday.

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