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TODAY'S MESSAGE
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MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
 4:45pm Church Council
 6:00pm Business Meeting

REEL TO REAL *good movies!*

GOD'S NOT DEAD - A LIGHT IN DARKNESS



Coming to a theatre Good Friday, March 30th.
 A church destroyed by a deadly fire. A congregation silenced by confusing times. Relationships shattered. Yet even in life's darkest valleys, a small flame can light the way toward healing and hope.

SAMSON PLAYING NOW!



Director Bruce Macdonald says, "Most people know that Samson had long hair, Delilah cut it off, and that he lost his strength, but there's so much more. Samson was an unwilling hero, and his journey to regain his faith, the whole story, is relevant in 2018."

REFLECTIONS OF THE DAY...

Malachi delivered a hard message to the priests of Israel. Many years earlier the Lord had chosen the descendants of Levi to have charge of the temple service and to instruct the people. This sacred duty was an honor—it should have caused them to stand in awe of the Lord and serve Him with fear and reverence. But in Malachi's day the priests had dishonored Him with their attitudes and actions.

At first glance, it may seem that this Old Testament passage has nothing to do with us, but as believers in Christ, we are a holy priesthood who offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God. This truth should cause us to pause and consider whether we are fulfilling this sacred duty with the right attitudes and actions.

- * The priests dishonored God's name by serving Him in a careless manner.
- * They were ungrateful for God's covenant which gave them close access to Him.
- * The didn't preserve the knowledge of God's Word but led people astray.

The failures of the priests in Malachi 2 warn us of attitudes that will lead us down the path of irreverence and disobedience. Since we are now God's holy priesthood, we must ask ourselves if we have dishonored His name with careless worship, ingratitude, or a failure to uphold His truth as revealed in Scripture. Salvation is a marvelous blessing, but it comes with responsibilities. Our worship and service are acceptable only if they are offered according to God's desires & standards—not ours.

GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

- 1) Admit that you are a sinner. Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
- 2) Believe that Jesus died on the cross and arose from the dead.
Romans 10:9-10, John 3:16
- 3) Confess and repent of your sins. 1st John 1:9, Acts 3:19
- 4) Do it now—Put your trust in Christ as your Savior. Romans 10:13

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF VALLEY BAPTIST?

- 1) First by accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior and following Christ in believer baptism, you will become a member of Valley Baptist Church.
- 2) You may also join by coming on your statement of faith consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message.

We would like to encourage you to come forward at the Alter Call at the conclusion of the message and indicate your decision.

SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEB. 18TH — SUNDAY, FEB. 25TH

Monday	8:00am	Mom's In Touch
Sunday	9:15am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
Sunday	10:30am	Sunday Morning Worship Service
Sunday	4:45pm	Church Council
Sunday	6:00pm	Business Meeting

VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH VISION: J.E.S.U.S.

Just to be in God's presence — Matthew 18:20

Evangelize and equip — Matthew 28:19-20

See lives changed and transformed — 2nd Corinthians 5:17

Utilizing the God-given spiritual gifts given to each person - 1st Corinthians 12

Striving to be like Christ — Ephesians 5:1-2

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eunice Hillburn	February 14	Silas Perez	February 20
Luke Perez	February 21		

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Dear friends,

I urge you as strangers and exiles

to abstain from sinful desires

that wage war against the soul.

Conduct yourselves ably among the Gentiles,

so that when they slander you as evildoers,

they will observe your good works

and will glorify God on the day he visits.

1st Peter 2:11-12