



VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
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December 24, 2017—Merry Christmas!

~Please join us this evening at 6:00pm
for a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service ~

1st Corinthians 13:4-8 Christmas Eve Devotional

During this time of year it's so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season that we forget why we're doing all this in the first place!

Celebrating Jesus. Sharing the love of Jesus with others.

So this Christmas Eve let us pause, soak in, and contemplate these words...

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

First Corinthians 13:4-8 "Christmas Style"

If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass ornaments, but do not show love to my family.... I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies and pies, preparing a delicious meal and arranging a beautifully adorned table, but do not show love to my family.... I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, go caroling in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family....it profits me nothing.

If I attend a myriad of holiday parties, send out all my Christmas cards, sing in the choir's musical but do not focus on Christ....I have missed the point.

Love stops cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, even though tired and stressed.

Love doesn't envy another home that has a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, or coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break; jewelry will lose its shine, and golf clubs will rust....

but giving the gift of LOVE will always endure.

ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DAY 358: 2nd John 1; 3rd John 1; Jude 1

DAY 360: Revelation 4-7

DAY 362: Revelation 12-14

DAY 364: Revelation 18-19

DAY 359: Revelation 1-3

DAY 361: Revelation 8-11

DAY 363: Revelation 15-17

DAY 365: Revelation 20-22

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE by John Mark Sharpe



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, DECEMBER 24TH — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Sunday	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday		Merry Christmas!
Sunday	9:15am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
Sunday	10:30am	New Years Eve Morning Worship Service

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

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

Fvanangelize 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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sid Morse	December 4	Katlynn Suits	December 13
Kayla Kemp	December 6	Daya Bonillas	December 26
Lupe Saine	December 12	Andy Anderson	December 27
Lorene Suits	December 12		

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Therefore the Lord Himself

will give you a sign:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive

and bear a Son,

and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)

