

## THIS WEEK AT THE FEATURE BOOTH: VRL CARES // STEPHEN MINISTRY

### WELCOME!

If you are a first time visitor we would love for you to fill out a Connection Card, available as you come in the auditorium or at the Connecting Point in the lobby. Fill it out and drop it by the Connecting Point and we have a welcome gift for you. The Connecting Point in the lobby is where you can find more information about Valley Real Life, our ministries and how you can get connected.

### ALL CHURCH

Are you available on Monday morning and want to deepen your relationship with Jesus and others? Join us at VRL for a time of focused prayer on Mondays from 9-9:30am in the C1 Satellite Room.

### OUTREACH

VRL is pleased to announce that we have recently launched Stephen Ministry, which equips and empowers lay caregivers – to provide one-to-one Christian care to people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. For more information, contact Brad Pesnell at [bpesnell@vrl.church](mailto:bpesnell@vrl.church), 509.232.0840, or visit our website under the “Ministries & Classes, Recovery and Support” page. or visit the Feature Booth today.

Along with ministry growth comes the challenge to connect the unconnected and the call to support & care for those who have specific needs in our church and outside these walls in our community. We are excited to launch our VRL Cares Ministry which includes the following teams – Mentoring, Meals, Hospital/Home Visitation & Helping Hands. For more information visit our website under “Ministries and Classes, VRL Cares”, or visit the Feature Booth today.

Are you or someone you know in need of healing and recovery from the pain and emotional impact caused by abortion. VRL partners with Abanon and they can help. Attend *The Power of Your Story* class on these upcoming dates:

Oct. 14th, 9:00 - 11:00am // Contact: Lisa Cinq-Mars,  
509-280-8380  
[cinqmars7@comcast.net](mailto:cinqmars7@comcast.net) or register at [Abanon.org](http://Abanon.org)

### CLASSES

- *Preparing for Marriage* by Dennis Rainey starts Sunday, October 1 at 9:30am at VRL.

For classes on Tuesday night, childcare is available for nominal donations. To register or get more information visit our website under “Ministries”.

### WOMEN

Womens Ministry is getting set to kick off fall studies and activities.

- Monday night Bible study starting September 25 at 6:30pm. *Twelve Women of the Bible* by Lysa Terkeurst. Not held at VRL.
- Tuesday night Bible study starting September 26 at 6:30pm. *Finding I AM* by Lysa Terkeurst. Not held at VRL.
- Join the VRL Mom's group for Mom's Night Out Paint Party & Potluck September 30, 5-9pm, at Valley Real Life. The cost for project materials is \$25 and pre-registration and payment is required.
- Wednesday Bible study starting October 4 at 9:30am, *Finding I AM* by Lysa Terkeurst. Held at VRL. Childcare limited.

To register or get more information visit our website under “Ministries, Womens”.

### KIDS & STUDENTS

Early registration for FUZE Winter Camp 2018 starts now! Save \$35 during the month of September on your registration.

Illusionist David Laflin is returning to VRL on Sunday, October 22, to combine mind-blowing illusions with the good news of Jesus. This free XP event is for K-5th graders during 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 services. David will also perform a family show for all ages at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Save the date and invite friends!

Volunteer assistants needed to help with XP: Illusionist David Laflin! Contact Kim at [kjohnson@vrl.church](mailto:kjohnson@vrl.church) for more information.

To register or get more information visit our website on the “News & Events” page.

### CONTACT & INFO

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### SERVICE TIMES & BIGTOWN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

THURSDAY: 6:30PM | SUNDAY: 8, 9:30 & 11AM

### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9AM-4PM

# WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP?

## ACCEPT

Looking to be baptized? Baptism is a public acknowledgement that Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life and shows that you trust Him alone for your salvation. We offer baptisms every service so don't wait. Talk to any of the pastors and take the plunge TODAY!

## BELONG

Our DNA class is where we communicate the vision God has for VRL, the beliefs that unify us and the values we share. The Sign-up information will be available about a month before each class.

## SMALL GROUPS

**Are you in a Small Group?** Small Groups are the primary vehicles that create an atmosphere where people are cared for and lives are transformed for Jesus through authentic relationships. If you're new to Valley Real Life or have been here since the beginning, we want to see you connected in a Small Group! Stop by the Connecting Point during services and pick up the Small Group Directory or visit our website to search for a group.

## CONTRIBUTE

We believe contributing, whether it's your time or your tithes, is another step in your growth as a disciple of Jesus. We give out of our great love and thanks to Jesus for what He has done for us. What you see at VRL is possible because we are a member-supported church made up of people who are committed to giving to the Lord through VRL. Without the time, talents, tithes and gifts of our members and attendees, it would be impossible to offer ministries that help people to become fully developing disciples of Jesus.

## BAPTISMS-August

Jay Rose	Hannah Hislop	Kristi Pannell	Preston Butler	Sophia Kent
Evan Rohm	Georgia Goff	Colby Pannell	Justin Abdullah	
Steve Putnam	David Sitton	Sandy Grizzle	Scott Veillette	
Kathy Putnam	Christine Sitton	Mandy Nigg	Joseph Pitts	
Macie Arnold	Marty Pannell	Will Syverson	Casey Winans	

## STATS [AS OF 9.17.17]

As you know we are a church whose mission is to become disciples who are making disciples of Jesus. We are always looking through the lens of our ABCD philosophy of what we believe a disciple of Jesus is. We want to share with you how God is using you and blessing us according to ABCD.

### ACCEPT

Baptisms Last Week: 4

### BELONG

New Members Last Month: 0

Last Weeks Attendance: 2,072

People in Small Groups Last Month: 783

### CONTRIBUTE

Volunteers Last Month: 526

First Time Givers This Week: 6

### DISCIPLE

# of Community Group Leaders: 56

DEBT PAY DOWN: 8/1/17

Construction Loan: \$371,418

8/31/17

\$347,046

## BITS & PIECES

- Has your email, phone or address changed recently? If so, update your information on a connection card or email [bgross@vrl.church](mailto:bgross@vrl.church).
- Interactive sermon notes are available on YouVersion® Bible app. Use it to access sermon notes. Tap on "Live" and search for postal code "99016".
- Lost and Found is now located under the complementary coffee tables. Unclaimed items are donated the first Thursday of each month. Please contact the office if you lost something valuable like a wallet or cell phone.

## GIVING

There are four ways to give at Valley Real Life:

- Use Bill Pay through your bank (please use our PO Box as the mailing address).
- TEXT TO GIVE: Text to 509-620-6880, in body of text type: \$(insert your contribution amount) Example: \$100
- You can give online at our website at [www.vrl.church](http://www.vrl.church) under "give".
- You can give a check or cash during our services. Giving envelopes are available as you enter the auditorium. Please make checks payable to Valley Real Life (VRL). Or mail in your check to Valley Real Life, PO Box 397, Spokane Valley, WA 99016.

*We give out of our great love for what He has done for us.*

## SERVING

Looking for a place to serve at VRL? Stop by the Connecting Point for a Serve Directory, or our most urgent needs are listed below.

Our First Impressions Ministry is the first face of VRL, making those entering and exiting our doorways feel welcome. If you are looking for a place to contribute at VRL, this is a great place to start and it takes no special training. Just a warm and welcoming spirit! For more information or to volunteer contact Phil Janzen at [janzenpc@me.com](mailto:janzenpc@me.com).

Winter is coming! If you have a heart to serve the Lord, and are an early riser join our snow removal team to help keep our sidewalks slip-free in the coming cold weather. Volunteer to be on-call one or more weekends a month during snow season. For more information contact Matt Goodman at [mgoodman@vrl.church](mailto:mgoodman@vrl.church) or 1-760-486-4314.

We are looking for paid child care providers for our adult elective and women's Bible study classes. Hours vary, but are typically Tuesday 6-9pm, and/or Wednesday 9-11:45am. Pay is \$11 per hour. For more information contact Kim Sonko at [ksonko@vrl.church](mailto:ksonko@vrl.church).