

THIS WEEK AT THE FEATURE BOOTH:

Financial Peace University

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

During the month of February we will be offering FREE Krispy Kreme donuts plus BOGO cafe drinks to all of our 8am service peeps. It's a win, win! You get the freebies plus you're making room for others at our 9:30am service. The early bird catches the...freebies!

God has been doing great things in the South Hill area and we are excited to announce that Real Life Spokane will soon be launching a campus on 57th & Freya on February 18! Their service times will be at 9am & 10:45am. Please be praying for those involved in the plant and for those they will be impacting for Christ, as well as passing on the information to those who may be looking for a church home on the South Hill.

Want to get your finances under control and learn biblically-based solutions for living a debt-free, generous life? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a 9-week study that teaches families to get rid of debt, manage their money, spend and save wisely, and give like never before! Space is limited and pre-registration is required by Sunday, January 21, 2018. Class starts Tuesday, January 30 and the cost is \$100 per family and covers all materials. Childcare is available for nominal donations. For more information visit our website or contact Sharon Palacio at spalacio@vrl.church or 509.232.0840.

OUTREACH

One of VRL's aims is "Loving Kids" in our community, and we are working week in and week out with kids in Central Valley School District and Trentwood Elementary who receive food at school during the week (through the free and reduced lunch program) but can't rely on that over the weekend. Want to help? Enter VRL's Super Bowl Food Challenge. We are challenging our church to BEAT last year's amount and raise more than the 10,000 food items that we received last year! Bring in your food items during any service through February 5th.

Curious about what God is doing in the Philippines? A VRL team recently returned and have inspiring stories to share about the state of the discipleship in the Philippines, the vision of the local churches, and Valley Real Life's partnerships in the country. Join us February 11th at 12:30 pm at Valley Real Life to hear what God is doing.

MEN

It's time once again for our monthly Men's Breakfast hosted at VRL at 7am on Saturday, February 10. As expected, there will be 3 Valentine's Day Bailout Gifts up for grabs to those who bring a first-time guest. Since 'wuv, twue wuv' is in the air, special guest speaker, Matt Goodman, will be addressing how we can better communicate our care for our wife, kids, friends, and neighbors. Don't miss this chance to connect with God and other guys at our next Men's Breakfast. \$5 suggested donation for breakfast (Note: purchasing breakfast is not required to attend)

The next session of *Men's Fraternity: 33 The Series* is starting on February 18th! Registration is available start January 25th. The Men's Fraternity: 33 The Series explores authentic manhood and God's clear design for men beginning with meaningful insights into the current state of manhood and going on to help men navigate through some manhood realities that have created cultural confusion. There is no charge for the study, but each training guide is available the first day of class for \$20.

For more information, or to register for Men's Fraternity, visit www.vrl.church on the "Ministries, Mens" page.

WOMEN

The VRL Mom's Group will be having a Moms Nigh Out event on February 24th at 4:00 pm here at VRL. This is a free event for all moms. Please join us for a night of fun playing Bunco and bring a dish to share for a potluck style dinner. Interested? Join our Facebook Group "Valley Real Life Moms" or contact one of the leaders.

For more information and links to register visit www.vrl.church on the "Ministries, Womens" page.

KIDS & STUDENTS

Kids, it's time to start training for the Olympics! On Feb. 8/11, XP: Winter Olympics will take place at K-5th graders at VRL KidMin. This specific outreach weekend is designed for you to bring your friends to church and have more fun than you thought possible. With a special guest speaker and tons of prizes, you won't want to miss out on this celebration!

Middle School Students come be part of our Middle School Summer Conference - MIX this summer, August 6th-10th. Cost is \$375; a \$100 deposit is due with your online registration form by 4.23.18 to hold your spot, with final payment due by 6.24.18.

Visit our website www.valleyrealife.org, on the "News & Events" page for more information and to register.

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SERVICE TIMES & KIDS 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.

INVESTING MY LIFE

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 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.

GIVING

SERVING

Are you looking for somewhere to serve, and trying to balance that with a hectic schedule? Would you like to see God's activity in this church with clarity AND be a part of it? We need volunteers who are willing to assist with baptisms in each service, once or twice per month. We will teach you everything you need to know as you become a part of the party that celebrates with people every weekend. If you are interested, please contact Brad Pesnell at bpesnell@vrl.church or 509-209-7001

Many new faces will enter our building for XP, an outreach event on Feb 8 & 11 geared to kindergarten through fifth grade. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom or at the check-in area, please contact Kim Johnson, kjohnson@vrl.church

We need your help collecting and counting food donations before and after services through Feb 19. Can you help? If so, please contact Adam Hieb, who is coordinating the Super Bowl Food Challenge at the2hiebs@hotmail.com.

Do you want to help first-timers and regular attendees get connected to community groups and classes? We are in need of volunteers for our Connecting Point before and after every service. We will teach you everything you need to know. If you are interested, please contact Brii Eberhardt at beberhardt@vrl.church for more information, or to be added to our rotation.

Do you like to cook or have the gift of hospitality? If you would like to contribute your talents by preparing meals for staff or elder meetings on a rotating basis contact Sandee at sfranklin@vrl.church for more information. All food costs are reimbursed.

BAPTISMS-December

Amber Weatherbee	Evan Joubert	Kaylee McLeslie
Georgia Crockett	Cameron Gross	
Lincoln Crockett	Madelyn Gross	
Jennifer Grace	Lane Morlan	
Joe Rodgers	Denita Donnelly	

STATS [AS OF 1.24.18]

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: 3	BELONG New Members Last Month: 32 Last Weeks Attendance: 2,484 People in Small Groups Last Month: 888	CONTRIBUTE Volunteers Last Month: 680 First Time Givers This Week: 5	DISCIPLE # of Community Group Leaders: 59
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DEBT PAY DOWN:	12/1/17	12/31/17
Construction Loan:	\$274,612	\$250,366

BITS & PIECES

- Has your email, phone or address changed recently? If so, update your information on a connection card or email 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.