

Sunday 9:30am Men's and Ladies classes
 Sunday Worship 10:30am
 Midweek Service 7:00pm
 Nursery and Children's ministry are always available

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Come Up Higher

By Pastor Brian

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Today I want to share a scripture most of you will know.
Isaiah 55:8-9 (NASB)

⁸ **"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.**

⁹ **"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

Now look carefully at the address of this scripture. It is two chapters **after** the most amazing turning point in the Old Covenant, which describes in chapter 53 Messiah's coming sacrifice for our sin so that our sins could be eternally wiped away!

If you go back to Isaiah 54, it seems as though God was telling everyone to rejoice and know that everything was going to change for the better.

The cursed would be blessed, the poor fully supplied and the sinner could repent and become a saint!

Here is a list of verses God

used in chapter 54 and 55. Remember, this is 800 B.C. and Israel is a divided, backslidden mess!

Shout for joy, your descendants will possess nations; fear not for you will not be put to shame; you will forget the shame of your youth; the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more; your husband is your Maker; "For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you"; "I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, Nor will I rebuke you."; My covenant of peace will not be shaken" says the Lord who has compassion on you.

It seems clear that Father God and Jesus were having a delightful time living in a thought several centuries in the future. Jesus writes the story, then turns it over to the Holy Spirit who sends the angelic host to bring it to pass. That is the Godhead's Way!

Let's make all this practical and applicable to our lives. We are wasting our time when we worry about our future because God has (continued on page 2)

Upcoming Events:

Pastor John George Sun. 10:30, July 22, Mon., July 23, 7:00

We are thrilled to have Pastor John George with us for the morning service. John is a long time friend of mine and always has a powerful message. He will also lead us in a **VOLUNTEERS AND LEADERS MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT.** Please make this a **priority!**

Fun Goodbye Night for Pastor Elizabeth Wed., July 25th at 7:00

The children will have a fun night with Pastor Elizabeth for the last time. She would greatly appreciate it if as many parents as possible could bring their kids!

Pastor Elizabeth Farewell Sun., July 29th, 10:30

We will devote this service to sending out Pastor Elizabeth and her family to their new home in Normal, Illinois. We will have lots of pictures and sharing memories over these last ten years. If you are inclined to do so, either write her a note or share a precious moment during the service.

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a glorious plan for our lives. He thinks good thoughts of us so why should we believe the opposite?

God's love is the key to the kingdom. When we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we are able to clearly see and to walk on the narrow path.

If we don't walk in love, life can get so dark that when the lights come on we can be blinded as Paul was for a few

days. But forgiveness will connect us to the light of love again, to where the path will reappear! God is so Good.

I encourage everyone this week to determine to be a GREAT disciple! Walk in love toward everyone and pray for as many people as you possibly can.

Above all, keep your eyes on the path of righteousness and let joy and peace define your day. May you flourish all week!

A LOOK BACK

We were thrilled at the Lord's blessing for the Children's fun day. The 45 kids had a great time! Thanks to all you adults that supported them!

We also were blessed to have the front of the church filled with Dads on Father's Day. Way to go Guys!

About 40 of you joined us at Faith night at the Stampede. After such heavy rain and mud, only Matthew West could have written and sang a song about the mud!

Finally, we entered a new day at VCF as Rev. Billy Miller was with us for 2 services. On Monday night the Holy Spirit moved as only He can! People were laying on the carpet all over the place, including Rev. Billy!

It's time for VCF to step into a greater move of the Spirit, like it was when the church began. We are seeking God to show us what He wants us to do and how He wants us to do it so that great fruit can be produced. Please help us pray this through unto a great harvest!

A Look Ahead

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This month will be critically important and numbingly emotional as we say goodbye to Pastor Elizabeth. Her contributions to the church over the past 10 years have been monumental by every means of measurement.

She has been the creator, administrator and lead pastor of our four big outreaches during the year.

She has been the driving force and writer behind much of what she has taught the hundreds of kids who have come through Children's Church.

She has done most of the fundraising for the events we have as we reach out to the lost.

And she purchases all of the office supplies, keeps the computers working, and talks to all of our vendors when we have issues.

She also is the leader of all the volunteers, which brings me to a man named John George.

John teaches volunteers how to become quality leaders and helpers in the local church. John has held practically every position in the local church in both very large and very small congregations.

I can't think of anyone more qualified to help this transition get done the right way, with the attitude that will be required of us all.

This will not be easy in the beginning, but if we all listen to John's wisdom and put it to good use, we will surely avoid a high percentage of the potholes that await us. **All volunteers and wannabes need to be at this meeting!** You will be glad you did!

June Pics



Billy Miller



John George



John George Ministries