



"I AM"
THE TRUE VINE
JOHN 15:1-4

Editor's Desk

I am very excited to launch The Vine, the official monthly E-Newsletter of True Vine Church. Here you'll receive updates on all events, messages, and special announcements.

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And David inquired of the Lord saying, "Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for thou shalt surely overtake them and without fail recover all". | Samuel 30:8

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True Vine Official Newsletter

This month featured Articles:

- *Covid – 19 Symptoms
- *The Virtual Church
- *"Bishop's" Message
- *Kids Corner *NEW*
- *Let's Talk (Teen Issues) *NEW*
- Announcements

COVID-19: Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. There are many types of human coronaviruses, including some that commonly cause mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Please watch for fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea

THE VIRTUAL CHURCH

The current crisis that we are facing is moving at an alarming pace causing many to struggle keeping up with real time. God is sending a new and exciting movement around the world that will declare HIS voice and the power of His Kingdom. The virtual Church will help leaders navigate through uncharted realities that are embarking on our world as we see it today. True Vine Church Vision has not changed as far as reaching people and helping save souls. In this pandemic the virtual Church has proven to be more successful tool in reaching out to people who may not have ways to join an in-person setting. Bishop Alexander and the leadership of True Vine Church are talking more about the pandemic and ways for the members of True Vine to stay safe.

“Bishop’s” Message

Jesus Walks with Us in Uncertain Times

By: Bishop Trevor D. Alexander

Some of you may have heard the term, “we live in uncertain times.” I believe this statement to be true. I also believe that each generation has faced and will face uncertain times. For example, the “Traditional Generation” faced the Great Depression and World War II. The “Boomer Generation” faced the Civil Rights Movement and the innovation of the personal computer. The “Gen X” generation faced the fall of the Berlin Wall and Gulf Wars. The “Millennial Generation” faced 9/11 attack and Facebook. The “Gen Z” generation faced COVID 19. Yes, we live in uncertain times. Each generation made it through whatever they were facing, and we will make it through this pandemic that we are all facing.

As far back as biblical times, people had to learn how to walk with God through uncertain times. Some walked with the Lord in uncertain times and they did not recognize Him. In the Gospel according to Luke 24:15-17, *They stopped short, sadness written across their faces.” (NLT). These disciples were consumed with the uncertainty and sorrow that they were unable to recognize Jesus on their journey.*

The road to Emmaus is a road that we all have walked or will walk in our lives. The walk started out with a heavy heart because they thought that Jesus was dead, but the walk ended in joy and excitement. If you continue to read the passage you will see that Jesus did at least three things as He walked with the disciples. Jesus helped to change their perspective, He opened their minds through His words, and next, their eyes came opened to a new reality of life when they were able to finally recognize Jesus in their midst.

One could ask the question, “Why were the disciples so blind that they could not immediately identify Jesus?” Maybe it was because they saw Jesus’ death as the end of God’s plan or the end of their journey. Maybe they did not recognize Jesus because they were in emotional pain and distress. Maybe *their own agenda determined their expectations.* They may have been focusing on Jesus the Messiah changing the political injustice of their times and Jesus had died and there were no social changes.

The message that might be missed during the walk to Emmaus is the fact that Jesus was walking with them. They were not walking alone. Jesus’ presence touched their hearts. We can see this when they made the statement, in verse 32, *“...Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”* The two followers on the road to Emmaus undoubtedly felt utterly alone but Jesus showed up and walked with them. The circumstance, like the pandemic we are facing right now is an opportunity for Jesus to walk with us, if we allow Him too. Jesus stands ever ready to walk with us on whatever road we are on and comfort us. He is able to restore joy in our hearts once again.



Welcome to Kids' Corner!!!

Kids' Corner will feature a different child each month from True Vine Church. If you want your child to be featured, please provide the following information:

- Name
- Age
- Grade
- School attends
- Child's testimony



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT- TEENS

As a teenager, it may be difficult and awkward to talk about certain things with your parents. For most teens, it is easier to get advice from their friends. However, sometimes their friends may give incorrect information, and they need to know what useful information is. True Vine youth will be able to talk about real issues, whether politics, relationships, sex, depression, bullying, the latest make-up, nail color, and many more topics. Please send in your questions and

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!!!!

Thank you RILEY for sacrificing your time



As a family we try to walk according to the Spirit through traits that reflect the character of Christ. In giving we look to the Lord for direction and provision. We know that our future reward is more valuable than present investments or any praise for any dollar amount or public display of God's blessings. Whenever we receive monies or free time, we are ways conscious to be good stewards to give to God first and we try to teach that to our son.

Even in this pandemic season where finances have been restricted, we still thank God for our blessings by giving back to Him because we are still being blessed. We have more time for family devotion, more time for family fellowship and laughter, time to slow down and make priceless memories. We also give of our time to others in the community who are hunting during this time of uncertainty. We want to encourage them that we stand as one united family, and that whatever little we have just like Widow of Zarephath did for the Prophet Elijah in 1Kings 17 vs 12-16 we give as the Lord commands because His promises are sure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The “JADASHOW”! Our very own Jada has her own ministry. Jada has been doing announcements on Facebook since the Pandemic started. Thanks, Jada, for stepping up and keeping the disciples of True Vine informed.

Social Media Ministries

- *Visit our True Vine Church Women of the Word Facebook page*
- *Prayer Lines: Wednesdays, at 7:15 p.m. & Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.
425-436-6349 Code: 50479#*
- *The youth are doing a project “I can’t breathe” a video from our True Vine Church youth*
- *The Singles will be starting a Facebook group to have dynamic group discussions: “Addicted to Pain” by Rainie Howard*

Ministries with the True Vine Family

Alvarez House
Children’s Ministry (ACE)
Daughters of Judah
Intercessory pray ministry
Laurel Ridge
Men of Iron
Nehemiah Re-Entry ministry
Praise in Motion
Singles Ministry
Ushers and greeters
Voices of Praise
Women of the Word
Young Adult Ministry

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