



Café VEF Worship Service

(April 18th, 2021)

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Opening Prayer	Pastor John
Call to Worship	Psalm 149:1, 4
Worship in Song	Ancient Words Hosanna in the Highest Still I Will Come and Bow Down
Pastoral Prayer	
Announcements	Jims
Scripture Reading (Peter Gallant)	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-9 2 Timothy 2:10-16 Luke 24:36-49
Message	Pastor Tom <i>"Life with the Bible, the Whole Bible"</i>
Response Song	Ancient Words
Benediction	

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

During our time of fellowship after every service is also a good time for special prayer, whether it be a health crisis, career decision, family situation, or prayer to place your faith in Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of our staff to pray with you. Every Wednesday, our staff shares in a special time of prayer for VEF needs. If you would like prayer or would like the staff to pray for a friend or relative, your request can be registered at prayer.vefellowship.com.

VEF PASTORS seek to be available for spiritual direction or to discuss life issues. Most days, they are at the church during the mornings from 8:30 to 12 and then in the afternoons and evenings are working from their home offices or are available to visit cell group meetings, in homes, or meet for tea/coffee at a restaurant.

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How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer

You can transfer your offerings to Victory's Postal account, the bank code is 700, follow by the account number - 0061021 0478485. Contact Pastor John at vefpastor@gmail.com or Yu-Hwa at yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw. Please make sure to contact one of them to make sure the money goes into the VEF account and transfer was properly made.

Join us on LINE or FB to get regular updates regarding VEF.



Announcements

Today @10:45-12:00 – Bible Study on 1 Peter

Today @3PM – Mission Corner in L101. Come and watch (in English) the story of a German missionary to Korea, Elisabeth Johanna Shepping. She was born in Germany, 1880, but soon was abandoned by her parents since she was a child. When she grew up, she became a nurse. When she accidentally heard the calling for "the need of professional medical treatments for the sick and poor people ", and she responded.

April 24th – Worship Team Workshop. During this time we'll be looking at an overview of worship, have an opportunity to improve technical skills (vocal, keyboard, guitar, drums, PPT, audio, etc.), and end with a meal. If you are a part of the worship team or are interested in joining please register by going to <https://forms.gle/CZvUiTJnPCK4hpgi6> or scan the QR code.

May 22nd – Transitions Workshop. Life is full of transitions and changes. You might be graduating soon, getting married, starting a new job, changing jobs, moving to a new country, etc. How can we thrive in the midst of change? For more information or to register for the workshop please contact Esta Gracias for more information.



Last Sunday's (4/11)

- Morning worship attendance – 111
- Afternoon worship attendance – 59
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 39

Question: "What is the importance of the Bible?"

For the full article go to <https://www.gotquestions.org/importance-of-the-Bible.html>

Answer: The importance of [the Bible](#) is impossible to overstate. Throughout the ages, countless men and women have written volumes to underscore the significance of the Scriptures. But we should not take any human's word for it. What the Bible tells us about itself is all that matters.

Some writers have called the Bible God's love letter to us. Others have described it as our handbook for life. It is both these things and so much more. The importance of the Bible is based on the fact that it is the revelation of God to us ([John 1:1–5](#)). Scripture is God's Word to humankind. It is [inspired](#), or breathed by God, meaning every word in every part of the original manuscripts comes from God: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" ([2 Timothy 3:16–17](#)). The Bible is also inerrant, meaning every word in every part of its original, handwritten stage is without error ([2 Peter 1:20–21](#); [Psalm 12:6](#); [Proverbs 30:5](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)).

The importance of the Bible is that it gives us the opportunity to see and know God. The Scriptures reveal His [character](#) and [nature](#), His sovereignty and power, and His reason for creating us, the universe, and everything in it. We read about God's dealings with humankind, His goodness and grace, His light and love, His holiness and justice, and His mercy and compassion.

The Bible reveals God's desire from the beginning to have a people of His own ([Leviticus 26:12](#)). In it, we learn about the perfect fellowship that humans once had with God in paradise and how it was broken by sin and disobedience. But through the sacrifice of [God's Son](#), Jesus Christ, we can be forgiven. We discover that God desires to redeem us and restore us to a right relationship with Himself ([Romans 5:1–11](#), [18–19](#)). Through reading God's Word, we can come to understand the purpose of our lives as well as God's plans from the beginning of time through all eternity ([1 Peter 2:9](#); [Ephesians 2:10](#)).

The importance of the Bible is that it is a life-giving book. The Word of God is alive and powerful, "sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires" ([Hebrews 4:12, NLT](#)). The God who desires to redeem us gave His Word the power to save us ([2 Timothy 3:15](#)). We "have been [born again](#), not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God" ([1 Peter 1:23](#)).

The Bible contains essential [wisdom](#) and guidance for making our way through life: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" ([Psalm 119:105, ESV](#)). Jesus taught us to depend on God's Word for our "daily bread." We cannot underestimate the importance of consuming it regularly, for it is the fuel of our spiritual lives ([Deuteronomy 8:3](#); [Matthew 4:1–4](#)). God's Word equips and empowers us to serve Him ([2 Timothy 3:17](#); [Hebrews 4:12](#)), and we can wield it as our greatest offensive weapon against our adversary, the devil, and the powers of darkness ([Ephesians 6:17](#)).

The Word of God is eternal: "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever" ([Isaiah 40:8](#)). Truth is eternal: "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever" ([Psalm 119:160, ESV](#)). How can we doubt the importance of the Bible, when we read, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" ([Matthew 24:35](#))?