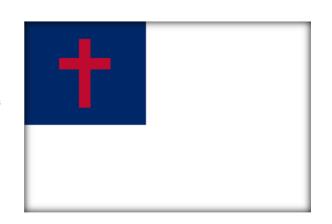
# 2025

# VALLEY GRAPEL GRURGH

## "Don't Grow Weary"

October is a harvest month. The fields around us are quieting down, the gardens are nearly finished, and the colors of fall remind us that every season has its purpose. What we see in nature is a picture of what God is doing in our lives. Just as a harvest doesn't happen overnight, spiritual fruit doesn't appear instantly—it comes from steady, faithful sowing in the Lord's work.



| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                         |
|---|--------|---------|---|----------|--------|----------------------------------|
|   |        |         | 1 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.           | 2        | 3      | 4 Baptism Service "Camp Baptism" |
| 5 Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.     | 6      | 7       | 8 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.           | 9        | 10     | 11                               |
| 12<br>Waldeck<br>Preaching Service<br>10:00 am. | 13     | 14      | 15<br>Prayer / Bible Study<br>Valley Chapel<br>7:00 pm. | 16       | 17     | 18                               |
| Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.       | 20     | 21      | 22<br>Prayer / Bible Study<br>Valley Chapel<br>7:00 pm. | 23       | 24     | 25                               |
| 26<br>Waldeck<br>Preaching Service<br>10:00 am. | 27     | 28      | 29<br>Prayer / Bible Study<br>Valley Chapel<br>7:00 pm. | 30       | 31     |                                  |
|   |        |         |   |          |        |                                  |

<sup>&</sup>quot;Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Galatians 6:9

# "Pastoral Perspectives"

Most of the time, that sowing doesn't look spectacular. It may be a prayer whispered when no one else hears, an encouraging word spoken at just the right time, a visit made to someone who feels forgotten, or simply showing up week after week to worship and serve. These small acts, done in faith, are seeds planted in God's field. And the promise of Scripture is clear—there *will* be a harvest in God's timing.

The fruit God is looking for isn't measured in bushels but in hearts changed. It shows up in the way we love one another, forgive one another, and live out our faith in Christ day by day. When Paul talks about the "fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5, he describes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the things that glorify God and draw others to Christ.

Maybe you're tired right now. Maybe it feels like all the work, all the praying, and all the sowing hasn't made much of a difference. But God's Word says don't give up—"in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." His timing is always right, and His promises never fail.

So this month, keep sowing. Keep trusting. Keep doing good in Jesus' name. The Lord of the harvest is faithful, and He sees every seed you've planted.

#### **Prayer for October:**

"Lord, give us strength when we are weary and hope when we are discouraged. Help us to keep our eyes on You, to keep sowing good seed, and to trust You with the harvest. Amen."

#### **Challenge for the Month:**

- Pray daily for three people: a family member, a neighbor, and someone who doesn't know Christ.
- Look for one way each week to quietly serve someone without expecting anything in return.
- Memorize Galatians 6:9 and let it encourage you when you feel tired.

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy." — Psalm 126:5

In Christ's love,

Pastor Johnny R. Davis

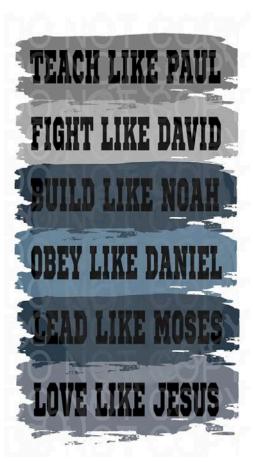
"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."





"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well". - Psalm 139:13-14 (KJV)

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### **OUR NEIGHBOR**

ITEMS OF THE MONTH
FOR
September is
TOOTHPASTE



"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"