



HEY THERE!

Whether you are a first-time guest, or you come here every Sunday, we're glad you're here! If you would like someone to pray with you, please do not hesitate to let an usher or a pastor know!

OUR VISION

You will hear us say that at River Valley we are followers of Jesus who have been transformed and are being empowered. Together we are learning and growing as we discover our new identity in Christ.

GOT KIDS?

Children are always welcome in our services and a "cry room" is available. At the 9:30 am service there is Nursery (birth—2 year-olds) and preschool (age 3-4) and classes for kids K5-fifth grade in the RV Kids wing.

River Valley News...

The Shared Missions ministry is starting their "Socks and Undies Sundays" for the month of January. During the winter months, children at schools often need spare underwear and dry socks after recess time and their parents cannot afford to have extra on hand. Socks and underwear are needed in all sizes from children's small through adult large for students in elementary and middle schools. Please place all items in the donation bin in the Welcome Center.

**Socks &Undies
Sundays**

**Meals on Wheels
Drivers Needed**

Drivers and runners are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors in the Water-town area the week of **January 15-19**. Meal pick up is at 10:30am. If interested, please sign up in the connection center. If more information is needed, please contact Rick Tortomasi at ricktort@gmail.com or 262.544.5373

There are several new Winter Bible Studies starting in January. The Proverbs Adult Sunday School group will start at **9:30am on Jan 7**. DivorceCare will meet on Mondays starting **Jan 8**. The 40 Day Sugar Fast will meet Thursdays starting **Jan 11**. Lord, Is It Warfare? women's study will meet Fridays starting **Jan 19**. Go to rivervalleyalliance.org/groups for more information.

**New
Winter 2024
Bible Studies/Care Groups**

**Community
Groups
This Week**

The Western Meadows Dr. Comm. Group will be meeting on **Sat. Jan 13 at 10 am** at 704 Western Meadows Dr, Wttn. For more info, please contact Contact: Don Vehlow don.vehlow@gmail.com (920) 478-2851 .The Water St. Comm. Group will be meeting on **Sat. Jan 13 at 4pm** at N806 North Water Street Wttn. Nicole Fine at 920.342.2013 or mrs.nicolefine@gmail.com



Sermon Notes

January 7, 2024

Compassion Makes A Difference

Scriptures in order of their usage:

Luke 13:10-13
Mark 1:40-42
Luke 7:11-15
Matthew 5:43-48
Romans 12:13-15
Luke 19:10
Colossians 3:12-14

Scholars have noted:

"When we empathize, we are attempting to _____ and/or experience what another person understands and/or _____."

Actions that can help us have more empathy:

1. Make an effort to _____ those you converse with.
2. Treat them as individuals with _____, not as objects.
3. Pay close attention to what they are _____.
4. Pay close attention to what they _____ about what they're saying.
5. Observe and try to "_____" non-verbal behavior.

Think of a time in your life when someone showed you compassion and what a difference that made in your life. You never forgot it!

Let's show the compassion of Jesus to others. They will never forget it.