



Welcome to the Growth Experience

The Growth Spurt

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Happy Birthday Month!!

February 2, 2019

AND IT CAME TO PASS!

**‘VISION 2020’ A SUCCESS!!
PRAISE THE LORD!**

And it came to pass! That’s right Servant Leaders! We, The Growing Valley Baptist Church, are now in possession of 6 acres of property in the heart of the City of Lancaster, California! Praise the Lord!

Just over 5 years ago, just as God has given through our four previous pastors, He blessed us by

giving Pastor Johnson with more vision. There were two objectives of the directives God gave us about our preferred future.

First, was to purchase property



Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”
(Habakkuk 2:3)

2019 Emphasis

**SERVANT LEADERS
MOVING FORWARD**

AT

GOD’S COMMAND

(Joshua 1; Matthew 6:24-33;
Philippians 3)



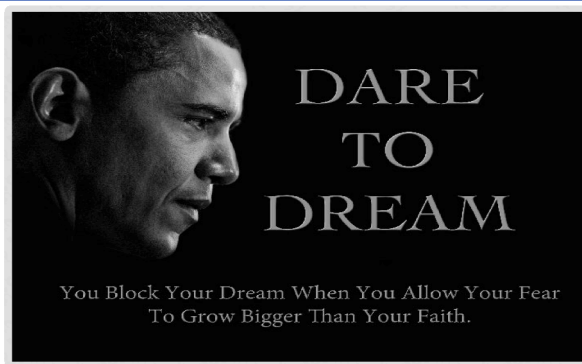
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**For BLACK HISTORY MONTH
we encourage wearing attire
appropriate for the month.**



On Wednesday January 30th in Fuller Chapel VISION 2025 was released to the people of God! What is VISION 2025 all about? Here it is, plain and simple! God wants us to begin **CONNECTING EVERY GENERATION TO CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.** Acts 2:39 reads, “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.” On the Day of Pentecost God put word out through the preaching of the resurrection of Jesus, the gift of eternal life was for everyone! How does that relate to us? We will be working with the end goal of having EVERY generation at the table, EVERY generation having a voice, every generation being ministers to, and every generation serving! So please start praying and preparing, cause we ain’t playing! Ya’ heard Him!
#MoreToCome #MoreToCelebrate #MoreAboutJesus



**First Wednesday Lecture
Series: Connecting An
Unchanging God to an Ever-
changing World**

Beginning Wednesday February 6, 2019, join us every first Wednesday night from 7:00-8:15pm for lectures and discussions on relevant topics that impact the Kingdom of God. We’ll have guest from our city as well as around the country to help us wrestle with the tension of engaging the pluralistic world we are called to reach. We will grapple with issues young people are facing, seek information for seniors, community activism, political understanding, and financial matters that have an impact on the work we do as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. We hope you’ll join us each First Wednesday. We’re praying for much growth as we seek to renew our minds for this good work! Save the dates: Feb 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, August 7, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4!! Our first guest is Pastor K. W. Tullos, LA Chapter of the National Action Network.



Servant Leader Jacob D. R. Johnson

A Word from Pastor J!

WOW! 2019 is moving fast! It’s already February. What’s even more exciting is the progress we are making, the unity we are experiencing, and yes, the glory that God is getting!! Congratulations to each and every member of The Growing Valley family for your new ownership of the addition of 1821 West Lancaster Boulevard. I’m certain those used to plant this ministry couldn’t have imagined where we are today! Truly, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses cheering us on along this race in Christ! Let’s celebrate for the next two months; as we continue moving forward at God’s command! Blessings of peace and joy upon you! #JoinTheMovement #ItsNotTooLate



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we could develop to suit our needs. Or second, to purchase a building we could begin developing our non-profit, 3CG - The Community Contact Center for Growth.

Friends of God we had no idea 6 years later and 1 year early, God would deliver both to us through our neighbors, Our Saviors Lutheran Church! God is good! We are now stewards of 6 acres. Remember, to whom much is given, much is required! So Servant Leaders get ready to roll up your sleeves, roll out the plans, and get ready to work! God has much in store for TheGVBC!

1st Quarter Dates

TheGVBC calendar is filled with ministry and fellowship opportunities! These events are NOT for the sake of keeping us busy. They are intentionally done to have an impact in our lives in such a way that our witness of Jesus Christ intensifies. We pray each member of the church body, from the youngest to the eldest, would participate. We also hope you'll invite someone with the intent of them encountering the true and living God, coming into a saving relationship with His Son Jesus Christ, and all through the power of the Holy Ghost!

First Wednesday Lecture Series

**Feb
6**

7PM in Fuller Chapel
Guest Lecturer: Rev. K. W. Tullos
CA National Action Network

71st Church Anniversary Revival

**Feb
25-27**

w/Bishop Dr. J. Louis Felton
Mt Airy COGIC Philadelphia, PA
6:30pm Prayer
7pm Worship

**Mar
1**

Official Church Birthday Party!

Part Time!!! From 6pm – 9pm
Walter E. Forte Jr. Education
Building
#LetsHaveFUN

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

We are off to a great start in all of our opportunities for discipleship instruction! Thank you to each servant leader who has taken it upon themselves to learn more about Christ & His Church! As a Christian please know you're in for a huge blessing whenever you position yourself to get equipped for the Master's use! We praise God for our youth as well. We encourage all ages, children, youth, and adults to attend! If you show up, you'll grow up! It's the real deal! Below are the materials being used. You still have time to get on board!

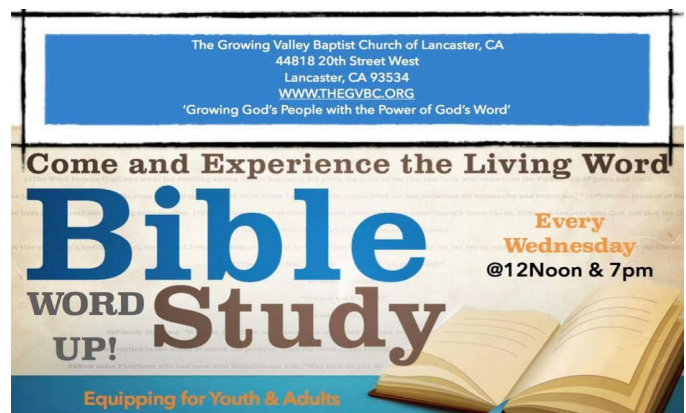
Purpose Driven Church

This will be our resource book during adult class time we refer to as LIFE APPLICATION TIME every Sunday morning from 9:30am – 10:30am.

Purpose Driven Life

The Youth version is a 365 day Purpose Driven Devotional

This is also the resource book for both Men & Women's Fellowships. They will begin their study the 2nd Week of February!



Wednesday Prayer 11:30am & 6:30pm
Wednesday Bible Study Noon & 7pm

This Edition Is Dedicated To TheOriginal Planting Members of The Growing Valley Baptist Church of Lancaster, CA!

The Growth Spurt Newsletter and the entire Growing Valley Family dedicate this edition to the original members who we used by God to plant this church. The church was officially organized at the home of Bro. & Sis. Phillip Mearse at 40th St West in Lancaster. The date was February 29, 1948; that of course was a leap year! Often referred to as the 'organizers', those believers who stepped out in faith are: Rev. & Mrs. Hayes Scott Self, Bro. Phillip Mearse, Sr., Sis. Exona Mearse, Bro. Phillip Mearse, Jr., Sis. Lillie Ann Madden, Bro. Norman Mearse, and Sis. Laura McCarver. The first Pastor was Rev. Hayes S. Self. The first member to officially join Growing Valley Baptist Church was Sis. B. Phillips. Pastor Self's building was the first place of worship. #TGBTG

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Thank You!



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