



January 21, 2024

### SERMON INFO

Series: Faithful Witness in Exile - Daniel 1-6

Sermon: God Is Greater Than

Reference: [Daniel 3](#)

### GIVING FY2024 - Last Sunday

Ministries & Missions \$21,741    Renew Campaign: \$7,527

FY2024 Giving: \$580,806    FY2024 Budget: \$615,000    FY2024 Renew Campaign: \$222,971

### WAYS TO GIVE:

1) Through the Realm Connect app on your mobile devices

2) Online – [vcgurnee.org/give](https://vcgurnee.org/give)

Visit our website for more info on ways to give - [vcgurnee.org/give](https://vcgurnee.org/give)

**VILLAGE CHURCH WIFI:** VCOG Guest    Password: Mark12:29 (case sensitive)

### FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER...

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### ALL CHURCH

#### EQUIP VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Connecting Sunday to Monday

*How does your faith connect to your weekly work, whether that's as a stay-at-home parent, as an employee, as a boss, or even as a retiree?*

Join us as we learn and discuss how the gospel connects Sunday to the rest of the week. We'll hear biblical teaching on the integration of faith and work, discuss its implications in small groups, worship together, and enjoy a tasty lunch. Register on Realm. Questions? Contact Erik ([erik.lundeen@vcgurnee.org](mailto:erik.lundeen@vcgurnee.org) or x193) or Elyse ([elyse.peggar@vcgurnee.org](mailto:elyse.peggar@vcgurnee.org) or x194).

**Men's Event:** Saturday, **February 3**, 9:00am-1:00pm | [REGISTER](#)

**Women's Event:** Saturday, **March 2**, 9:00am-1:00pm | [REGISTER](#)

**Cost:** \$5/person, Highschoolers are FREE

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

- Wednesday, February 14

- 9:00am or 6:30pm

- Room 101

Join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services. The Scripture, song, and message will help us humbly reflect on our need for Christ that points to the cost of redemption in Good Friday and the hope of Easter Sunday. Services are identical and will be about 30 minutes in length. Childcare is not available.

### LOSS OF SPOUSE - GriefShare Seminar

- Monday, February 19

- 6:30-8:30pm, Room 104

- \$5/person (scholarships available)

Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? At a Loss of a Spouse meeting you'll discover: ways to make it through, why it won't always hurt so much, reasons for hope, tips for coping. Register online ([vcgurnee.org/griefshare](https://vcgurnee.org/griefshare)). Questions? Contact Mandy ([mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org](mailto:mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org) or x202).

## MEMBER MEETING

- Sunday, February 25
- 5:00pm in the Auditorium

Mark your calendars for our next member meeting on February 25. In addition to our standard business items (welcoming new members, financial updates, and nominating process for elected leadership), we also have three topics to spend some time reviewing with you:

- Ministry updates
- Deacon topic update
- Renew campaign update

Members are encouraged to attend, everyone is welcome. Childcare is available, [register on Realm](#).

## GRIEFSHARE GROUP

- Mondays, February 26-May 20
- 4:00-6:00pm **OR** 6:30-8:30pm
- Room 104
- \$20 for workbook (scholarships available)

We are offering two time options for this class. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. This group provides care and support from a biblical perspective. Register online ([vcgurnee.org/griefshare](http://vcgurnee.org/griefshare)). Questions? Contact Mandy ([mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org](mailto:mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org) or x202).

## ELECTED LEADER NOMINATING PROCESS

We are already working and praying toward next year's volunteer, elected leader teams. Know a member you think may be interested in one of our teams (Elders, Deaconess, Finance Committee, Trustees, or Nominating Committee)? [Visit the website](#) or stop by the Welcome Center to get a form to recommend a member of our congregation.

## ADULTS

### THRIVE SUNDAY – Adults with Special Needs

- Sundays
- 10:45am in Room 106

This group is for adults (high school & older) with special needs. If you have any questions, contact Mandy ([mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org](mailto:mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org) or x202).

### THRIVE LIVE! – Adults with Special Needs

- 6:00-7:30pm
- Room 208

This is a Christian friendship group for adults (high school & older) with special needs. **Join us on the 3rd Friday of each month** for food, games, and activities! If you have any questions, contact Mandy ([mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org](mailto:mandy.wilkerson@vcgurnee.org) or x202).

## CHILDREN

### KID TREK WINTER

- Wednesdays, beginning January 10
- 6:30-8pm
- Kids 4 years old - 5th grade
- \$30/kid | \$60/family

Kids, join us Wednesday nights for age-appropriate lessons, worship, gym time, build-it & shop nights, crazy dress up nights, and loads of fun! More details on our webpage ([vcgurnee.org/kid-trek](http://vcgurnee.org/kid-trek)).

## STUDENTS

### VILLAGE STUDENTS

Sundays at Village Church

- **Middle School:** *not meeting Sunday, January 21 due to winter retreat*
- High School: 6:00-8:00pm

We will be continuing in our series called, "Gospel Symbols." We will be tackling a biblical symbol each week and how it reflects the life and death of Christ. This week's symbol is marriage!

### WINTER RETREAT - HIGH SCHOOL

- February 16-18
- **\$180/student** (deadline to register is Feb. 1)
- Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, WI

Registration is open for our winter retreat! Make plans for a great time of diving into God's word, tubing, ice skating, broomball, team games and more! [Register today on Realm](#). Questions? Contact Spencer (spencer.smith@vcgurnee.org or x182).

**NEW!** *If you bring a friend that has never been on a retreat before, that friend only pays \$99!*