



Pastor Ed Algya—October 13, 2013

1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

Welcome to VVCC! If you are not a regular attender, please take a moment to complete the Welcome Card in the chair in front of you and place it in the offering or in the collection box near the exit.

Nursery- Pre-K: We provide care for infants thru Pre-K during Sunday's service.

Sunday School: Grades 1-5. Meet in Room 117

Children's Church: First Sunday of each month for K-5 graders.

Child Cry Room: Audio is also in our Fellowship Hall for parents of crying children.

The Intersection: Grades 9-12—Wednesdays@7 pm in VVCC's youth lounge.

Middle School Youth Group: Wednesdays 7-8:30 at VVCC

Adult Sunday school: Come join us in the youth lounge each Sunday 8:30 am.

Membership Class: Today, immediately following church in room 119.

Prayer Meeting: Tonight—6:30-8 pm.

Men's Meeting: 6:30-8 pm, Monday October 14.

Men's Retreat: Nov. 15-16 at the Rickman Center. The focus will be on Spiritual Survival. The guest speaker will be Rod Handley.

FaithWalkers Conference: December 27-30, 2013 - Des Moines, IA. The conference this year will focus on "Jesus: His Life, His Mission." Please take a flier in the lobby or go to <http://www.faithwalkers-midwest.com/> for more information. Early bird deadline is November 1st to save \$40 on the conference fees. VVCC has blocked off 7 rooms at The Quality Inn priced at \$67 a night. These rooms will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Adam if you would like to reserve a room.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC): October--\$7 for shipping.

Save This Date: November 9—Square Dance, VVCC

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And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.^[a] ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"^[b]— the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.^[c] ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"^[d] But we have the mind of Christ.