



Holiday Happenings

The Christmas season at North Valley Baptist was kicked off with the annual Ladies Tea and Silent Auction. This year it was actually a brunch and was attended by 22 ladies.



Tanya Radabah welcomed the women.

A tasty potluck brunch was served.



Carolyn taught a craft project and everyone made the decoration.



The silent auction raised \$269 for the benevolence fund for the holidays.

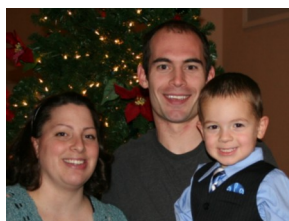


Cookies were also exchanged.



Christmas music was provided by Jasmine, Heather and Sonda.

On Christmas Eve the annual Vesper Service was held at the church. There was lots of music, readings from Scripture, observance of the Lord's Supper and the lighting of candles with the singing of "Silent Night." Several families had pictures taken in front of the tree following the service, another NVBC tradition.



Patrick, Danielle & Nick Doty smile for the camera.



Donna, Virginia & Stephen Lindsey pose in front of the Christmas Tree.



Beth & Sue Hascall sing "Winter Snow"

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Upcoming Events

- *Valentines Banquet Feb. 11th*
- *Two Men from Georgia here to work with men's ministry Feb. 18th*

From the Pastor - "Watch Your Step!"



Watch your step is a pretty common phrase used to warn some to be careful so as not to trip or stumble. I think this phrase should also be used in the spiritual sense. The Bible makes many references to our spiritual journey as a walk. Jesus said, "I Am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). "Walk in the spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature" (Galatians 5:16) and "Walk in a manner worthy of God." (I Thess. 2:12).

How's your walk? As we begin a new year I want to encourage you to watch your step. Have you considered what your next big step of faith should be? Maybe God is leading you to teach a small group or to find a place to serve Him in the church. It may be that you have not come to a place

in your faith to trust God with a tithe. That may seem like a big step for you but it is a part of your faith journey and walk with the Lord. If you have not thought about what the next big step of faith should be, chances are you won't take one. This is the reason many people do not grow in the faith. They quit walking with Jesus. When you stop walking with Jesus any other steps you take will lead you down a path away from Him.

We have some small groups meeting on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings that will help you in walk with Jesus. Jan Peel is our new Small Group Director. I am excited about the leadership she will bring to these groups this year. On Sunday mornings we have studies that are topical as well as those that teach through books of the Bible. On Wednesday evenings we have a group that will help teach you how to strengthen

your marriage and another group that will help you learn from various Bible characters how to deal with the issues of life.

I want to thank all of our small group leaders (teachers) who are committed to help you watch your step so that you are not stumbling or walking down a path away from Jesus.

So watch your step! Join a small group and enjoy the journey!

Love,
Rick

"Have you considered what your next big step of faith should be?"

Small Groups



Jan Peel is now our Small Groups Director (position formerly known as Sunday School Director.) She has been busy compiling class lists and lists of prospects. She has held a teachers meeting that had 100% attendance by our small group teachers (facilitators.) All of the small group Bible Study

classes were encouraged to set goals for growth, with an outreach leader in place now in each class. They will begin to promote fellowships and seek ways to minister to members and others in our church and our community.

The Children's teachers will be planning a Reach Out Party that hopefully will be held in mid to late February. This will include our NVBC children as well as children from the community.

On February 6th we are looking forward to beginning a puppet program opening for pre-school through pre-teen classes at the start of the Sunday Morning Bible Study hour.



Youth Update



Tanya Radabah and Nicole Stickney are continuing to guide our youth through studies and fellowship activities.

Tanya teaches the Wednesday night study. They have just started a new study, "Movies, Music, TV and Me." This study looks at how outside media influences

ones life. The study will end with a forty-eight hour "media fast" that should include the whole family. I wonder how many of us could do that! No internet or television!

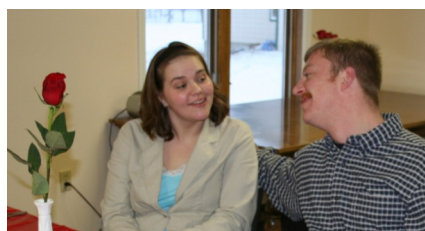
The youth had planned a sledding party but it was rained out! How many times does that happen in a Montana winter! The next event on their schedule is a youth rally when the two men from LaGrange,

Georgia are here in mid-February.

Nicole continues to work with our youth during the Sunday Morning Bible Study hour. The time and effort put into our young people by both Nicole and Tanya is greatly appreciated by all of the NVBC family.



Valentine's Banquet



Jamie and Luke Foster at a previous Valentine Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Masquerade Ball Adult Valentine's Banquet on February 11th with appetizers at 6:30 and dinner at 7 pm. Come dressed for the occasion. You will have your choice between Prime Rib and Chicken Teriyaki. Buy your \$5 tickets from Carolyn, Tanya, Jan, or Shonda.



Zev & Shonda Kennedy at a previous Valentine Banquet

Graduation Congratulations



North Valley Baptist Church member and Worship Team Percussionist, Ron Benton, recently completed all the requirements for his bachelor's

degree from the University of Montana. He was awarded his degree in English after recently completing his student teaching at Columbia Falls High School. Ron is currently working as a substitute teacher

and is looking for a teaching position. Congratulations, Ron, on this achievement! Your family here at NVBC will be praying for you as you look to the future.

New Members

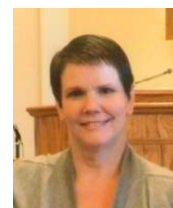


New members Phil and Kathy Jones

Phil and Kathy Jones joined the NVBC family just before the end of 2010. They moved to Columbia Falls from the Raleigh, North Carolina area. Phil is a retired captain from

the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Kathy worked for many years as a Human Resource Manager with GlaxoSmithKline. They have one son, Bill, who also moved to our area. Phil currently works for Montana Rifleman and Kathy is employed by Nomad. They love the scenery here and plan on enjoying more of it in the years ahead. Kathy is looking forward to seeing wildlife and picking huckleberries.

Laurie Morris also is a new member of NVBC. She was baptized last Fall. She first visited us on our Discovery Sunday. She is currently nearing completion of a twenty two week discipleship course. Welcome Laurie! Recently two others came forward with professions of faith and requests for baptism. They will both be baptized soon.



Laurie Morris



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About North Valley Baptist Church

Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Study	9:30 am
Ladies Bible Study	9:30 am
Youth Bible Study	9:30 am
Children Bible Study	9:30 am
Preschool Bible Study	9:30 am
Worship	10:45 am

Our Vision

“North Valley Baptist Church exists to connect people with Jesus, grow them in faith and equip them to serve.”

Staff

Pastor: Rick Rhubottom

NVBC Family News

* Continue to remember Travis, Heather and the kids as they serve the Lord so far from home. Also Barbara J. in the middle East and others serving far from home.

* Skier's worship at the summit of the Whitefish Mountain Resort ski area are continuing every Sunday through April 10. Pray for Sue as she leads this ministry.

Anniversaries:

January

No anniversaries

February

No anniversaries

Birthdays: **January**

- 2 Marissa Radabah
- 5 Rick Rhubottom
- 6 Travis Rhubottom
- 7 Carroll Lindsey
- 12 Laurie Morris
- 16 Carson Foster
- 21 Andrew Goodwin

February

- 3 Donna Lindsey
- 16 Chad & Jasmine Goodwin
- 16 Josh Anderson
- 24 Alicia Velk
- 26 Stephen Lindsey