

# The Valley Voice

Our Mission:  
to Make Disciples of Jesus

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## Lent: A Journey From Repentance to Resurrection

The season of Lent is an invitation to journey through repentance, reflection, redemption, and resurrection. Let's walk on this pilgrimage together as we renew our commitment to follow Jesus.

### Points of the Pilgrimage:

Ash Wednesday (Repentance)

Sunday sermons & Thursday study (Reflection)

Good Friday service (Redemption)

Easter Sunday worship (Resurrection)



### Lenten Dinner & Discussion

(Thursdays) March 13-April 10, 6 pm

Enjoy food and fellowship as we gather for soup & sandwiches in the Social Hall. Afterwards, we will have a time for "God Conversations". It's a time for brief discussions on a variety of spiritual topics. If you have spiritual questions or subjects you would like to talk about, than don't miss this opportunity.



### Ash Wednesday

March 5th, 7 pm

The Ash Wednesday service is an ancient form of contemplation, confession, and commitment. The service will include receiving the mark of the cross with ashes placed on the forehead. It's a symbol of repentance and commitment to Christ. So, let Ash Wednesday be the beginning of renewal in your own spiritual journey as you follow Jesus.



### Good Friday Service

April 18, 7 pm at Quicksburg UMC

Come to the foot of the cross and experience the emotion of Jesus crucified as he paid the ultimate price for our sins. Embrace God's radical love as he demonstrates how far he is willing to go for YOU.

A Lenten Sermon Series:

# WHISPERS

(Sundays) March 09- April 13

Throughout the Bible, God spoke to many people in many different ways. God still speaks today. In this Lenten six-week sermon series, we will explore the most common ways God *whispers* to us.



## From the Pastor...

When I was a Youth Director, I encouraged the youth leaders to serve the teenagers in three ways. They were to LOVE, LISTEN, & LEAD. They were to:  
**Love**—to reflect the unconditional love of Jesus  
**Listen**—to spend more time listening than talking  
**Lead**—to inspire them to know and follow Jesus

Those three words are still powerful ways for us to make disciples of others...at any age. The love of Jesus is not a feeling as much as it is an action.

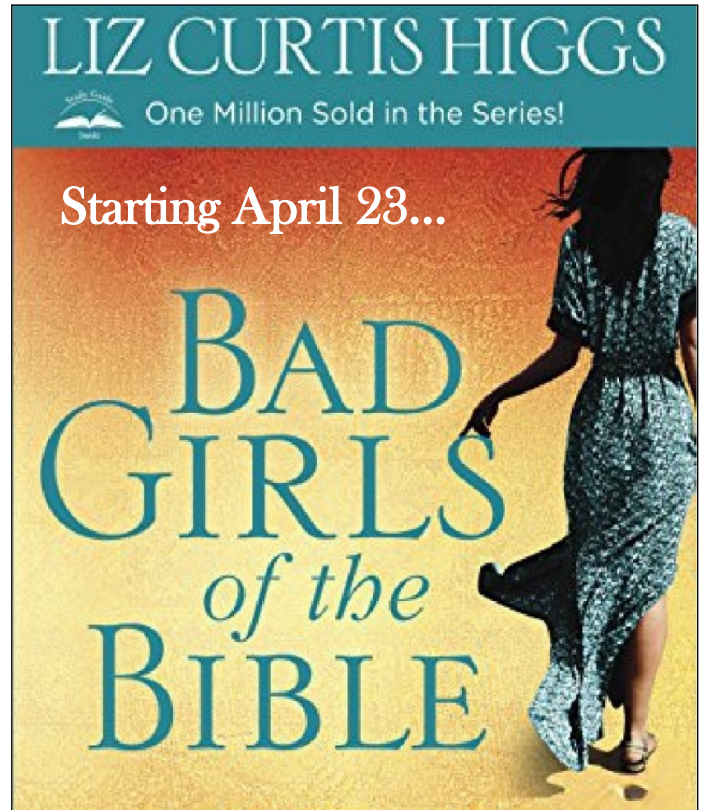
We can love anyone (even enemies) if we seek to serve them in ways that meet their needs.

We can show that we care by genuinely listening to them and have a desire to know them better.

We can lead them by first inviting them to learn about Jesus, and then challenge them to trust Jesus as Forgiver and Leader of their lives.

Every Christian is called to not only be a disciple, but to be a disciple-maker. And that is much more than just informational. It is relational. You are the greatest asset to someone else's spiritual growth. The reason I say that is because God has equipped you with everything you need. He gives you His wisdom, His power, and His presence. What he asks of you is to step out in faith...with Him. Are you discipling someone? If, not, then begin the adventure! God says, you can do this...with Me.

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Join us for this exciting *Bad Girls of the Bible* study by Liz Curtis Higgs. It's all about ten of the Bible's infamous Bad Girls — Eve, Jezebel, Delilah, Lot's Wife, and more. And it points to a God who majors in mercy. This study will be held on Wednesdays, April 23 through May 14 at 6 pm. The last class will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 12:15 pm. We will meet in the Social Hall. See Michelle Koontz for details. Books are \$10.



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- 03/09 Phillips, Betty
- 03/13 Cochran, Faye
- 03/29 Bruner, David

