

## CHURCH PROFILE

In the mid-1920's a congregation was formed known as the First Baptist Church. In approximately 1945, the congregation affiliated with the Conservative Baptist Association (CBA). In the early 1980's, realizing the needs of our community were changing and that many people were hesitant to become part of a denominational group, the church became independent of any denominational membership and changed its name to Valley Bible Church with emphasis as a "Bible-based Christ-centered" ministry to the whole family. The church has provided a very significant ministry to the community for many years.

The current ministries in addition to the Sunday morning services include: Sunday school for all ages, Toddler Church, Children's Church aka Kingdom Kids, AWANA, Vacation Bible School, Worship Team, Men's Ministry Breakfasts, and Women's Ministries. We also have a wonderful church library with a wide variety of books from Christian Novels to Biblical Commentaries.

Our Youth Activities include: Sunday School, Sunday night Bible Study and fellowship for Sr. High, Wednesday night Bible Study/Game Night for Jr. High and various activities throughout the year including Sr. High and Jr. High Winter and Summer camps, and various recreational activities.

Extended ministries of our Church include services by some of our members at Carrington the local senior assisted living home, and we have been the host Church for Community Bible Study for the past 31 years. Our previous Pastors have been very active in the local Shafter Ministerial Association and speaking at North Kern Christian School's chapel services.

Valley Bible Church has a concern for missionary outreach. Our Missionary Family includes various Foreign Missionary organizations including: HCJB Reach Beyond; T.E.A.M; Evangelical Mission Ministry; Overseas Council International in Chad, Africa; Alt Link (formerly African Inland Mission); Pioneers - Wales, and Church Planting in the Dominican Republic. We support Home Missionaries that include: InFaith Ministries; TR Ministries (a US based ministry that trains Evangelists around the world); Kern County Youth for Christ, and Teen Challenge. We are also very active with Operation Christmas Child and Angel Tree Ministries at Christmas time each year.

Our current Active Membership stands at 102 and we also have approximately 15 to 20 family units who are active but not yet members. Our average Sunday morning attendance for the past year was 102.

The present facility will accommodate 300 for Sunday school and 350 for worship. The church owns all of its properties free and clear and is totally debt free.

We continue as a Church Family to seek God's guidance as we: "Love God, Serve God, Love Others and Serve Others."