



LIVING OUT OUR MISSION:

To put **CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES** into practice through **PROGRAMS** that build **HEALTHY SPIRIT, MIND, & BODY FOR ALL**



GUIDING GRACE



Scripture Focus: "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." – Psalm 34:3 (ESV)

The word magnify is powerful. When we think of a magnifying glass, we think of bringing small things into

focus — seeing details we might otherwise overlook.

But God is not small. He's already great — infinite in power, love, and wisdom. So why does David invite us in Psalm 34 to magnify Him? Because magnifying God isn't about making Him bigger — it's about bringing Him closer. It's about adjusting our spiritual lens to see His presence more clearly in the ordinary moments, in the small things we might dismiss or miss altogether. In our day-to-day lives, we have a choice: we can move through the motions... or we can take time to magnify God in the midst of it all.

When we magnify God as adults:

- We remember that this work is holy, even when it's messy.
- We recognize His grace in the laughter and His peace in the planning.
- We invite Him to shape our attitudes, our patience, and our example for the kids watching us.

We are invited to look closely — to let Him refine our focus, shift our priorities, and draw us nearer. We may be planting seeds that we'll never see grow — but we can trust that God sees every detail magnified in His perfect view.

Reflection: Where are you struggling to see God clearly right now? What in your life needs to be brought into focus through the lens of faith?

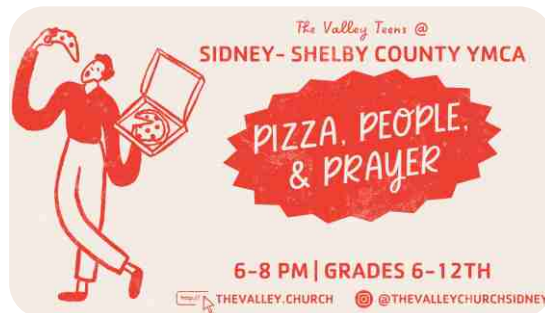
Prayer: Lord, help us to slow down and see You clearly. In the noise, in the stillness, in the work and in the worship — help us magnify You. Use our hands, our hearts, and our words to reflect Your greatness. Let the children see You through us. In Jesus' name, amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Y Child Development Center Offered "Magnified!" Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS encouraged over 200 kids in our program to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!



Teen Connect: – This past school year, we had an average of 28 teens per month (youth in grades 6-12) attend this FREE monthly program at the Y, hosted by The Valley Church. On the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm, these youth enjoyed pizza, people, and prayer while having a TON of fun! THANK YOU to the 5 dedicated volunteers that logged 140 volunteer hours! **This program will re-launch on August 20th.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING? (continued)



Men's Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation – during the summer, meets on Wednesdays at 7:30. During the school year, they meet Monday through Thursday at 7:30am in the Y Lobby. All men of any denomination are welcome. Y membership is not required. Come enjoy some free coffee and faith-filled fellowship!

Looking for a church home? Did you know that TWO churches meet at the Y on Sundays? If you don't have a church home, consider checking out The Valley Church at 9:15AM and 11AM or New Covenant Church at 10:30AM. All are welcome!

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION



In March the Y kicked off their annual Community Partners Campaign fundraiser. Your gifts help transform lives, helping families access childcare, youth sports, wellness programs, and more.

Thanks to generous donor support, we're able to ensure that no one is turned away due to financial need. **So far this year, we've raised \$194,188, which includes dollars from the United Way which are designated to families in the Y's Child Development Program—but our work isn't done.** We're still raising funds to support individuals and families right here in our community.

In 2024, 25% of our members receive some form of financial assistance. Over \$430,000 was provided in financial assistance. Every discounted membership helps remove barriers, promote healthy lifestyles, and strengthen our entire community.

View videos of how your gifts have helped others, visit www.sidney-ymca.org/give

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

We believe in the power of prayer and are here to support you in whatever you may be facing. Share your prayer needs on our digital prayer wall, fill out a prayer card in the prayer corner, or meet with someone in person for prayer support. Let us walk with you in faith. Learn more at <https://sidney-ymca.org/christian-mission>



HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

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