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## Quotes



"Fear only two --- the Creator and he who has no fear of Him." --- Chassidic saying

Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. ~ Mark Twain

## Queen for a Day!

Olivia makes the papers! She didn't even know it until it was delivered to her door.



## Living Waters

**Jhn:15:5:** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

## Editor's Corner

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## Pastors & Elders

**Pastor:** Wayne and Patty Mitchell  
**West Valley Elders**  
Carlton & Judy Green  
Cornell Smith

"An attitude should be a result of thought, not a prelude to it."  
--- Rabbi Shraga Silverstein



... of Artist Sharon Mills' oil

painting, "Mary Magdalene at The Empty Tomb" occurred on March 9, 2019

Unveiling

# The Vine

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John 15:5

April 2019

West Valley Church of God -- "Come worship with us..."  
**Submissions: TheVineEditor@aol.com**  
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**Saturday Service 10:30 A.M. - [www.westvalleywgc.org](http://www.westvalleywgc.org)**

## The Important Thing

Luke 10:41,42

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be



"Christ in the House of Martha and Mary" ~ Johannes Vermeer, before 1654-1655

taken away from her."

a. **Martha, Martha:** We can almost sense the love in Jesus' voice as He said this. Martha did good – she wanted to serve Jesus; but she had not added the **one thing [that] is needed**. The Bible speaks of **one thing**.

i. *One thing have I desired of the LORD, that I will seek: that I may dwell in the*

*house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.* (Psalm 27:4)

ii. *When Jesus heard these things, he said to him, "You still lack one thing...come, follow Me."* (Luke 18:22)

iii. *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:13-14)

## Upcoming Events

- Bible Studies, Letters and other Events...see Weekly Bulletin and Bulletin Board.

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*The Important Thing (cont.)*

iv. "The one thing needful evidently is that which Mary chose — that good part which should not be taken away from her. Very clearly this was to sit at Jesus' feet, and hear his word." (Spurgeon)

· To sit at the feet of Jesus implies readiness to accept and obey what Jesus teaches.



· To sit at the feet of Jesus implies submission to Jesus; rebellion is done with.

· To sit at the feet of Jesus implies faith in who Jesus is.

· To sit at the feet of Jesus implies discipleship.

· To sit at the feet of Jesus implies love.

~~ David Guzik

## Women's Ministry

March 2nd, 2019, our ladies helped celebrate Akiko's soon coming baby boy, adding to her 3 children who also attended the luncheon. She talked to us about her experiences as a teacher in Japan...to

which she will be returning, taking a little bit of our hearts with her. A wonderful Sushi dish was among the special foods supplied by our ladies, together with our usual catered meal.

A special cake was made for the

occasion, and gifts with a card from all the ladies for her baby shower, including a diaper cake topped by a teddy bear.

Edit Ancona tested our wits with baby trivia questions, awarding prizes for those with correct answers. Susan Thompson, as co-hostess, chose appropriate plate and napkin decor. Fresh flowers were on every table including Camellias from Edit's own garden.

All in all, it was a joyous afternoon, with each of us going home filled with lots of the edible goodies; carrying fresh flowers to top it off!



## Who Is Jesus?

By Sharon Mills

**Lord of the Sabbath**  
(Mark:2:28)

**I AM** (John:8:58)

**Lord of Sabaoth /Lord of Hosts** (Romans:9:29,

James:5:4,  
Isaiah:6:3, Rev:4:8/  
Isaiah:1:9)

**Commander of Angels**

(Matthew:26:53)  
**Emmanuel/God with us** (Matthew:1:23)

**The Word** (John:1:1,  
Gen:1:3)

**God** (John:1:1, 10:30)

**Creator of all things**

(John:1:3,1:10, Rom:1:25,  
Heb:1:2,11:3, Gen:1:1)

**Possessor/Generator of Spirit**

(John:6:63, Gen:1:2)

**Spirit of God/Spirit of Truth** (Gen:1:2,  
John:14:6,17-18)

**Giver of Life**

(John:1:4, John:6:63,  
Gen:2:7)

**Eternal**

(Rom:1:20;Heb:6:20)

**Savior/Christ**

(Luke:2:11)

**Lamb of God**

(John:1:29, Rev:5:12)

**High Priest**

(Heb:6:20)

**Almighty God** (Isaiah:9:6)

**Everlasting Father** (Isaiah:9:6)

**Prince of Peace** (Isaiah:9:6)

**Lord God Almighty** (Rev:4:8)

**King of Kings** (Rev:17:14)

**Lord of Lords** (Rev:17:14)

**The Only Potentate** (1Tim:6:15)

**Morning Star** (Rev:22:16)

**NOTE:** Sabaoth = **Sabaoth** [H] the transliteration of the Hebrew word *tsebha'oth*, meaning "hosts," "armies" ([Romans 9:29](#); [James 5:4](#)). In the LXX.

the Hebrew word is rendered by "Almighty." (See [Revelation 4:8](#); Compare [Isaiah 6:3](#).) It may designate Jehovah as either (1) God of the armies of earth, or (2) God of the armies of the stars, or (3) God of the unseen armies of angels; or perhaps it may include all these ideas. These dictionary topics are from M.G. Easton M.A., D.D., Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Third Edition, -published by Thomas Nelson, 1897.

**Heb:2:7:** Thou madest him a little lower than the angels;(AND YET:) thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy

**JESUS PRAYED:**  
"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." (John:17:5)

hands:

**Heb:2:8:** Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left

nothing that is not put under him. But now (at this time) we see not yet all things put under him.

**Heb:2:9:** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels (for purposes of incarnation) for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

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(John:17:5)"

**ASK YOURSELF THIS:** What exactly was the glory that Jesus had before the world began?



Study for "Young Jesus"  
-- by Sharon Mills