

## West Valley Church of Christ - January 22, 2023

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

### **MOVING FORWARD**

I've always loved to ride two-wheeled machines. But if you had watched me with my first bicycle you would have said, "He'll never make it." Talk about klutzy. I wondered if I would ever get to permanently take the training wheels off my bike. Before I got the hang of balancing the bike without the training wheels, I had used up several boxes of industrial size Band-aids. One day it happened, after a measurable amount of work coupled with my desire to ride a bike. I finally caught on to actually staying upright on the bike. I figured out that the faster I went, the easier it was to balance myself, steer the handlebars, and turn the corner.

Why am I telling you all of this? Bicycle riding explains a lot of things. Churches are a bit like bicycles, in that if they are not moving forward, it makes things more difficult. Churches that do not move forward, in my experience, tend to have more scrapes and spend more time falling over. The Body of Christ at West Valley is obviously peddling and moving forward together in harmony with the Lord's teachings. I have found there are basically three kinds of people in the world. One, there are those who make things happen. Two, there are those who watch things happen. Three, there are those who wonder "what happened?" The same thing could be said of churches. It is great to be part of lives by spreading the message of Jesus. Let us stay committed to God's work coupled with the desire to be faithful to the Lord's mission (Luke 19:10 and Matthew 28:19-20).



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