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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

WORSHIP + WAIT — Wednesday, Dec. 31, 4-to-6:00 pm

A reflective, live worship set in the sanctuary. We'll create space to pause, listen, and lean into what God is speaking as we enter 2026. Bring your journal, or use one of our provided reflection sheets. Let's seek Jesus together and begin the year aligned with His purpose for our lives and our Destiny family.

THE GATHERING — Saturday, January 3, 6:00 pm @ the Pure Bean Hub

Join us for a powerful night of prophetic worship and Holy Spirit outpouring at Pure Bean Coffee. All men are welcome—come ready to seek Jesus together and start the new year in His presence.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING — January 5 through 25

Let's pray together, Church! United across the globe, Foursquare churches are setting aside Jan. 5-25, 2026, for 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting. Sign up now at FoursquarePrayer.org to join in, and each day in January, you'll receive an emailed devotional to guide your time with Scripture, reflection, and prayer. Enjoy writing in the margins? You can download a free book or buy a full-color version from Amazon. There is even a book for kids and families!

FINDING YOUR DESTINY GROWTH TRACK— Sunday, January 11, 1:00-4:00 pm

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER? Pastor Valerie will be hosting the Finding Your Destiny Growth Track in January. We encourage you to attend. Especially new visitors who want to find out what we are all about, members who wish to learn more about themselves and how they can fit and serve in our body, and anyone who wants to lead a small group, volunteer team, or serve in hands-on ministry.

GIFTED — Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, beginning January 14

Holy Spirit has provided each of us with spiritual gifts that we can use to bless others. Join us as we explore these gifts and grow in our capacity to partner with the Holy Spirit in their use. Join us weekly on Wednesday nights or monthly on the 4th Sundays (Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, and Apr. 26) from 1:00-6:00 pm. Both classes will be led by Pastor Valerie in the office building.

WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT — Friday, January 16, 6:00 pm

Join the ladies for an evening of fun, games, and fellowship. We will be meeting in the office building.

MEN'S GAME NIGHT — Saturday, January 17, 6:00 pm

Bring your favorite family-friendly board or dice games and enjoy a night of gaming, fellowship, and snacks. There is no cost for this event. Snacks will be provided.

We love capturing moments of worship and community. Photos and videos may be taken today for Destiny Foursquare's online and promotional use. If you'd rather not appear, let our Welcome Team know.

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MESSAGE NOTES

12.28.25 | Truth in Love with Pastor Valerie Link

"But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." EPHESIANS 4:14-16

Both _____ and _____ matter. (1 John 4:7-8; John 14:6)

Love doesn't make it easy for another person to sin.

Sin _____.

Jesus didn't sugarcoat the truth.

Speaking the truth in love has the _____ to _____ our relationships.

The greatest barrier to speaking the truth in love is fear.

- Fear someone will get angry.
- Fear of being misunderstood.
- Fear of not being liked.
- Fear of being attacked or having your reputation damaged.

When we _____ in _____, we _____ grow in love. (1 John 4:15-19)

When is it time to speak up?

- When the Holy Spirit leads you.
- When you hold a position of responsibility in another person's life.
- When another person's behavior is damaging your relationship with them.
- When another person's behavior is harming them or someone else.
- When you are acting in the position of a watchman and someone is in danger.

A good question to ask when considering speaking the truth is "What's my _____?"

When is it time to be silent?

- When you feel a check in your spirit.
- When you just want to be right.
- When you are itching for a fight.
- When you think yourself superior to another person.

How do we speak the truth in love?

- Speaking the truth in love is more about the _____ of our _____ than it is about the _____ we _____.

Be _____.

- The "facts" you know may be incorrect.
- There might be a misunderstanding.
- Misunderstandings frequently occur in communication.
- Misunderstandings also occur when we judge another's motives.
- Even when another person sins, humility is necessary.

Truth _____.

God gives us many opportunities to choose between _____ and _____.

These opportunities often look like truth spoken by people who:

- Communicate poorly.
- Use harsh language.
- Aren't speaking from love.
- We don't like.
- Are walking in sin.

Maturity requires us to _____ to _____.