

# The Vine

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5

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**OUTREACH-H.O.P.E.**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "SUPPLYING OUR**  
**FUTURE IN THE PRESENT"**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2012, 10:00 AM -**  
**1:00 PM**

The school bell is about to ring and it is time to start bringing your donations for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual school supplies, new socks and briefs outreach project. Last year the project was greatly blessed by the outpouring of donated supplies and monetary gifts that we were able to help over 328 students prepare for the new school year. God has really blessed this project and everyone who has participated.

Please place supplies in the blue container in the foyer. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead there will be a container available in the foyer.

**These are just a few of the items that students will need:**

NEW ITEM: Trapperkeeper with zipper

Red ink pens, colored pencils, highlighters, 3X5 index cards, color markers, big pink erasers, loose leaf notebook paper (wide or college rule), zipper pencil bag, glue and glue sticks, ball point pens, big boxes of Kleenex, pocket folders, spiral notebooks (wide or college rule), 3 ring binders, book bags, pencil boxes, pencils, paints

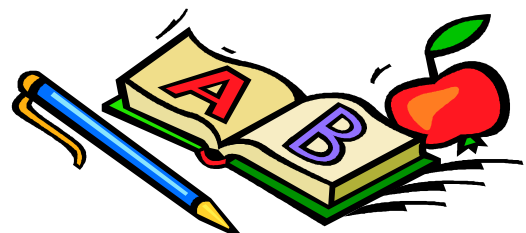
**DON'T FORGET THE SOCKS AND BRIEFS!!!**

Watch for signup sheets in the foyer and please consider volunteering, even if you can only help for a little while. There is lots of work to do before the door is opened. It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the children's faces and how appreciative the parents are for the help. Every year the number of families that seek help have increased. Please show God's love to others just as He has showed His love to us in so many ways.

The Kansas Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit will also be available, at no charge, to anyone for the following test: 2 vision test, hearing, blood pressure, and blood sugar. For more information contact a Lions Club Member.

"LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP." NIV GALATIANS 6:9

On July 7<sup>th</sup> we will be getting together after church to separate and package up the socks and underwear. We will be serving lunch first. Ronda will have a sign up sheet for volunteers to bring food. All help would be appreciated.



## God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again.  
By His counsels guide uphold you.  
With His sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.

What a joy it has been having Charles and Jodi Watkins and their family worship with us for the last couple of years. If you have to lose someone from your fellowship, this is the only way to do it.

Charles and Jodi have been called by God to return to Show-Me Christian Youth Home to work in full time Christian ministry. That made our dinner for them on June 3 a bittersweet event. As a pastor, I love to see someone chase after God's plan for them. I appreciate that they wrestled with God in prayer over this decision and studied scripture to seek out God's will for their lives. They listened to the wisdom of others. They came to the decision that God wanted them back at Show-Me.

As a pastor, I am also a selfish human. Charles and Jodi shared a maturity you seldom see in Christians today. They eagerly participated in Sunday morning bible study discussions. They were open, honest and transparent about their past and their struggles. They worked hard to raise their children in the fear and joy of the Lord. I never once heard them complain about church or anything involved with the services. I didn't want to see them leave because of what they added here. They will be missed.

However, if we send them off with joy and grace, I am sure that God is faithful to replace them here at Valley Falls Christian Church. That is where we come in.

Are you chasing God's plan for you here in our fellowship? Are you seeking God with all your heart about what he wants you to do to build His kingdom in Jefferson

County? Are you actively involved in ministry of some kind within the church? Are you using your gifts to grow the body of believers?

We must each commit ourselves to the Lord with all our hearts and minds (Matt 22:37). That means we need to be in His word daily (Ps 119:20, 97). We need to be in prayer daily (1 Thes 5:17). We should be in church at least every Sunday for encouragement, training and fellowship (Acts 2:46; Heb 10:25). We need to fan the spark of the Holy Spirit into a flame and bring that flame when we gather together so we can start a wildfire for Christ (2 Tim 1:6-7).

There is adventure and excitement when you follow Christ in faith. It is amazing to see what Christ will do when you yield to His will and allow yourself to be clay in the potter's hands. When each of us puts our wants and desires last and seeks to please Christ and build up others within the church first, we will grow. Be humble (Eph 4:2). Be bold (Acts 4:31). Don't fear (1 John 4:18). Watch the Lord do the unimaginable (Eph 3:20).

I am sure we will see Charles, Jodi, Jenna, Cassie and Trey again. There are already thoughts about when we can go to Show-Me on a mini mission trip. Maybe we can get them to come here in the future to share with us about the work being done there. We have Facebook, email and text messaging so we can stay connected. God bless the Watkins family as they journey with Christ, and God bless you as you also journey with Christ right here where you are planted.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

*Mike*

## Recipe Swap

### GRAPE SALAD

2 lbs. green grapes  
2 lbs. red grapes  
8 oz. sour cream  
8 oz. cream cheese (room temperature)  
½ c. sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Wash and stem grapes and set aside. Mix sour cream, cream cheese, sugar and vanilla by hand until blended. Stir grapes into mixture and pour into a large serving bowl.

Topping: 1 c. brown sugar, to taste  
1c. crushed pecans, to taste

Combine brown sugar and crushed pecans. Sprinkle over top of grapes to cover completely. Chill overnight.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**OUR SOLDIERS:** Luke Cummings, Ryan Meyers, Jacob Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Greg Morales, Ryan Kirby, Zach, Josh Lackey, Dan Cook, Rick Huertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Steve Grove, Carl Herring, Austin Everhart, Noe Garza  
June Dededeke needs prayers.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY:

Many of you have read about the "Valley Falls Food Pantry" that opened the end of May. It is supported by donations of non-perishable food items and through monetary donations that are used to purchase food from the "Harvesters" organization. It is open Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and is located on the east side of Stewart's Hardware Store. The pantry is serving on an average of 35 people each day they are open. The committee is seeking volunteers to be present during these times. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please see Ronda Turner.

**COPIES OF THE SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON CD UPON REQUEST:** If you would like a copy please see Mike. You can also listen to them online at [www.valleyfallsc.org](http://www.valleyfallsc.org).

**POCKET CHANGE FOR PROGRESS:** This will be a special offering every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday during church. The money will be split between Mission Lake Camp and the School Supply Giveaway Fund

**RECYCLING:** We have a recycling box beside the copier in the office.

**COLLECTING FOR ALPHA:** Alpha Christian Children's Home can use Campbell soup UPC labels and lids, Best Choice UPC labels and General Mills Box Top Symbols coupons (Box Tops for Education.) We will have a box in the hallway outside the nursery under the mailboxes.

### SISTERS OF STRENGTH (S.O.S.)-

(Mission Statement: We are a lifeline to glorify God through service to the church and community and to build personal relationships with our Christian Sisters.)

We will be not be meeting again until fall.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

5 Laura Reich  
6 Amy Cummings  
8 Allene Mattox  
9 Ronda Turner  
10 Norma Bryant  
11 PHIL & TABITA MCAFEE (1981)  
16 Caleb Mitchell  
17 Kaori Cazares  
18 Curtis Smith  
Stacy Gomez  
20 Dennis & Ronda Turner (1973)  
22 Mike Kirby  
Jacob Mitchell  
23 Jo Tichenor  
24 Christy Arnold  
David and Helen Grove (1966)  
30 Taylor Farr  
31 CINDY SHEAD

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

## Serving in JULY

### Congregational Prayer:

Jay Welborn

### Scripture Readers:

1-Arnolds- 2 Tim. 2:1-7

8-Thomas'- 1 Cor. 1:1-9

15-Anna Kirby- 1 Cor. 1:10-17

22-Groves- 1 Cor. 1:18-31

29-Mitchells- 1 Cor. 2:1-5

### Nursery:

1-Debbie Gerstner/

8-Glee Hosler/Jarret Mitchell

15-Linda Durand/

22-Sarah Hollis/Curtis Mitchell

29-Carol Welborn/

### Greeters/Ushers:

1-Arnolds

8-Thomas'

15-Kirbys

22-Groves

29-Mitchells

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

1-Arnolds

8-Thomas'

15-Kirbys

22-Groves

29-Mitchells

### Communion Table:

1-Stan, Jay

**Steve Carson**, Curtis Mitchell

8 Jay, Stan

**Dennis Tichenor**, Andy Arnold

15- Stan, Jay

**Ray Mitchell**, Cylus Tichenor

22- Jay, Stan

**Dennis Turner**, Jarret Mitchell

29-Stan, Jay

**David Grove**, Clinton Thomas

### Musicians

Worship Leader: Mike Kirby

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby,

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Vocals: Anna Kirby, Rachel Arnold

## Church Offerings

May 27-\$1144.35

June 3-\$2074.55

June 10-\$2343.45

June 17-\$1273.33

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

**Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!**










[www.valleyfallsc.org](http://www.valleyfallsc.org)

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** There will be no men's breakfast until fall.

**VBS:** VBS Sonblast Beach Blast is coming soon for kids preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Mark your calendars for July 16-20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM. Please consider signing up to be a walking leader or to fill any other available openings! We will be needing to borrow items to decorate and supplies donated for snacks and crafts as well. If anyone has "beachy" items like beach balls, beach umbrellas, water toys, nets, sand buckets, and the like that we can borrow, please label your items and put them in the east side of the basement towards the back. Sign up lists for snacks and crafts are in the foyer. Snack donations can be left in the kitchen area and craft items can be left in the foyer. We will also have a "good behavior" Surf Souvenir Shop this year where the kids can turn in earned tickets for a small toy or prize. Any donations of small new or gently used items or toys would be greatly appreciated! Our mission this year will be non-perishable food items that will be donated to the local food pantry. We are going to have a small boat on stage and attempt to fill it by the end of the week. If anyone has a small boat we can use please let Becky know. We still need walking leaders for several groups, someone willing to head up games and someone to be the Surf Shop Clerk. Thanks for everyone's willingness to be involved in any way! Any questions see Becky Arnold or call her at 785-249-2745.

**Food Items for VBS:** we still need instant vanilla pudding, graham cracker crumbs, cool whip, sour cream, pineapple tidbits, mandarin oranges, grapes, blue jello mix, m&m's, cheerios, raisins and juice. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. If you have any questions you can see Christy Arnold or call her at 785-249-1829.



2012		JULY					2012	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b> Meet after church to separate socks and underwear Deeper Life Camp	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Board Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>		
<b>15</b> 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>16</b>  VBS	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>		
<b>22</b> 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  School Supply Drive 10:00 AM-1:00 PM		
<b>29</b> 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>						

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Mike Kirby, Pastor

***You are welcome to join us!***

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Sunday Service times:**

Bible Study (all ages) – 9:00 AM

Worship – 10:00 AM

Youth Group – 5:00 PM

**Midweek Bible Study:**

Wednesday 7:00 PM