

The Vine

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

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GRANDPARENTS

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper goodbye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper goodbye!
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three year old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"
8. When my grandson Melvin and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm four to six."
10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "how do you make babies?" "it's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'l' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No" said another, "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants!"

Charis in the Chaos: Real. Life. Church.

Chaos: Pronunciation - kā'ōs; (n) a state of utter confusion or disorder; a total lack of organization or order.

Charis: Greek word - χάρις ; Pronunciation - khar'-ece; (n) **grace**; 1.The exercise of love, kindness, mercy, favor; disposition to benefit or serve another; favor bestowed or privilege conferred. 2.(Theol.) The divine favor toward man; the mercy of God, as distinguished from His justice; also, any benefits His mercy imparts; divine love or pardon; a state of acceptance with God; enjoyment of the divine favor.

The Apostle Paul had a lot to deal with in his life of a missionary. He was beaten, run out of towns, flogged, stoned, left for dead, imprisoned and shipwrecked. However, he was probably vexed the most by something else. The church. Specifically, the church in Corinth.

If something could go wrong in a church, it seemed to happen in Corinth. They did communion wrong, they couldn't get along, they were disorderly during worship, they sued each other in court, they were divided, proud, adulterous and worldly. The list could go on and on. To top it all off, they were new believers, many of whom kept slipping back into their old, pagan ways. Also, being new, they just didn't know all the churchy stuff you expect churchgoers to know!

Fast forward two thousand years and you see almost the same thing in the church today. The same hang ups, the same sins, the same quarrelling. Yet there was something good in the Corinthian church that many churches lack today. They were excited about church.

The Corinthians were baby believers. Their body was built with the lost being saved instead of recycling Christians from other churches (not that there is anything wrong with accepting Christians

from other churches if the reasons are legitimate!). They didn't have the 'back in my old church we did it this way' argument.

They were involved. People wanted to do something. Sometimes they were out of control, and Paul had to bring some restraint, but their problems weren't from lack of trying.

They were a church full of exes. Ex-thieves, ex-adulterers, ex-idolaters, ex-drunks, ex-swindlers and ex-homosexuals. They didn't try to get their act together before they became Christians. They found their new faith, jumped right in and learned it as they were practicing it. They made a lot of mistakes, but it was because they practiced their faith without reservations as they were learning and growing in it. Their church was a reflection of life and it was real.

Through all the mistakes, through all the fights, through all the sin, God still loved this church. They had just as much forgiveness as any other church. They had the Holy Spirit like all the other churches. Though they were often in disarray, in the midst of the chaos that was the Corinthian church, God rained his grace down upon them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the lost were saved today like they were in Corinth? What if today's church had full participation and was bubbling over with enthusiasm like the Corinthian church?

In June, we will begin a series through the book of 1 Corinthians. We will find that we have a lot to learn from this messed up church, mainly because we are not that different from them. We will see where their excitement paid off and we will see where Paul had to temper their exuberance with instruction. Most of all, we will see that God loves His church - warts and all.

Mike

Recipe Swap STRAWBERRY PIE

1 (9 inch) pie crust, baked
1 quart fresh strawberries
1 c. sugar
3T. cornstarch
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. heavy whipping cream

Arrange half of strawberries in baked pastry shell. Mash remaining berries and combine with sugar in a medium saucepan. Place saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. In a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and water. Gradually stir cornstarch mixture into boiling strawberry mixture. Reduce heat and simmer mixture until thickened, about 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour mixture over berries in pastry shell. Chill for several hours before serving. In a small bowl, whip cream until soft peaks form. Serve each slice of pie with a dollop of whipped cream.

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
June Dedeke needs prayers.

Myles Reich- ear surgery on the 23rd
Dodie as she recovers from broken ribs
Allison Thomas- she has a bad cough and has had it for some time.
Tori Fancher- Carolyn's niece, is on mission trip to Malawi, Africa
Zack Gooch- Donna Slavens grandson, he has a bacteria infection in his colon, pray that he won't need surgery, but if he does, pray for a fast recovery.

NEW ADDRESS: Sadie Tichenor, 109 W. Wyandotte, Meriden, KS 66512, starting June 23rd. She will be staying with Dennis and Jo until then.

CAMP SPIT AND POLISH DAY: This is the day for all willing hands to help get ready for the start of the summer camping season. It will be Sat. June 2nd. Lunch will be provided, Becky is cooking! Let Mike know if you can help.

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.

POCKET CHANGE FOR PROGRESS: This will be a special offering every 3rd 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 having our regular meeting until September.

BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study until September.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2- TABITA MCAFEE
5- Anna Kirby
6- Carol Welborn
10- Amy (Hosler) Gilchrist
 Tonya Haybarker
11- Sheldon McGuire
12- Christina (Hosler) Weber
13- Wendi Toll
22- Dennis Turner
23- MATTHEW SHEAD
 Mackenzie Handke
24- Clayton & Heidi Hawk (2000)
25- Curtis Mitchell
27- Charles & Jodi Watkins (1992)
28- Jay and Sheila Farr (2004)
29- Madison Gomez
 Maddox Gomez
 Stan & Donetta Farr (1974)

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Serving in JUNE

Congregational Prayer:

Steve Carson

Scripture Readers:

3-Farrs- 1 Thes. 4:13-18

10-Carolyn Starkey- Rev. 6:12-17

17-Rachel Arnold- Rev. 20:1-6

24-Tichenors- 1 Cor. 1:1-9

Nursery:

3-Debbie Gerstner/Jarret Mitchell

10-Laura Reich/Glee Hosler

17-Jo Tichenor/

24-Rachel Arnold/Curtis Mitchell

Greeters/Ushers:

3-Farrs

10-Carolyn Starkey

17-Linda Durand

24-Tichenors

Lord's Supper Preparation:

3-Farrs

10-Carolyn Starkey

17-Linda Durand

24-Tichenors

Communion Table:

3-Stan, Jay

Dennis Tichenor, Cylus Tichenor

10- Jay, Stan

Ray Mitchell, Jarret Mitchell

17- Stan, Jay

Dennis Turner, Lance Turner

24- Jay, Stan

David Grove, Austin Kirby

Musicians

Worship Leader: Erin Thomas

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Vocals: Rachel Arnold, Anna Kirby

COOKING AT CAMP: It will be our turn to help cook at camp on June 12th and again on June 21st. We are also responsible for taking desserts on those days. If you can help let Mike know.

Church Offerings

April 29-\$995.00

May 6-\$1505.43

May 13-\$2600.59

May 20-\$1015.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!





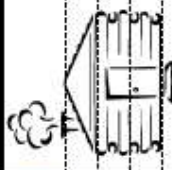





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MEN'S BREAKFAST: There will be no men's breakfast until fall.

OUTREACH- H.O.P.E. : 9TH ANNUAL "SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN THE PRESENT"- With school just ending it is hard to start thinking about purchasing new supplies, socks and underwear for the next school year, BUT now is the time! 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. These are just a few of the items that students will need: Red, Blue and Black ink pens, colored pencils, highlighters, 3x5 index cards, big pink erasers, loose leaf notebook, zipper pencil bag, glue and glue sticks, 3 ring binders, big boxes of Kleenex, paper- either wide or college ruled, pocket folders, wide notebook, college notebook, book bags, pencil boxes, pencils, color markers, paints. Don't forget the socks and briefs. Mark Saturday, July 28, 2012, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on your calendars for this outreach ministry. Please consider volunteering, even if you can only help for the few hours. 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. (328 students last year) 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: 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 GALATIONS 6:9

VBS: Ready for some fun at the beach? Get prepared for Sonsurf Beach Bash VBS! Dig out the swim goggles and flippers for the week of July 16th- 20th. Sign up sheets will be out in the foyer. There will be a short meeting after church on June 3rd. We will have a longer meeting on June 24th after church, lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, see Becky.

2012		JUNE			2012	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5:00 PM Youth Group	SR HIGH WEEK AT	MISSION LAKE	6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Elders			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
5:00 PM Youth Group	JR HIGH WEEK AT	 Cook at Camp MISSION LAKE	6:15 PM Worship Practice			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress Father's Day	 JUNIOR WEEK AT	MISSION LAKE	6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Elders	 Cook at Camp		 Sadie's Wedding at Branded B DAY CAMP AT MISSION LAKE
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
5:00 PM Youth Group		6:15 PM Worship Practice				

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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

About Mission Lake Christian Camp

Mission Lake Christian Camp serves approximately 250 campers from 1st through 12th Grade each year through camps and held in the summer and retreats during the fall and winter.

2012 summer schedule

Grades 9-12 (Sr High), June 3-8
Grades 6-8 (Jr High), June 10-15
Grades 3-5 (Junior), June 17-21
Grades 1-2 (Day Camp), June 23
Grades 7-12 Girls (Princess Camp), July 7-8
Grades 7-12 (Deeper Life), July 8-13
Grades 9-Adult (Worship Forum) July 26-28
Grades 7-12, (Fall Retreat), Sep 21-23

Camper fees for each camp are on the web site, but it generally runs \$25 per day.

Scholarships for camp tuition

Ten \$75 scholarships have been made available for unchurched kids or those with a financial need. Contact Mike for availability if you invite someone who isn't churched or needs help. Also, anyone who brings an unchurched camper can get a free camp t-shirt! Both offers **must** go through the pastor **before** camp starts.

Contact: registration@missionlakeecc.com

On the web: www.missionlakeecc.com

Facebook: Mission Lake Christian Camp – MLCC Central

The camp is located near Horton, KS (map on web site)