

# The Vine

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

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## CHURCH SIGNS

Faith is not believing that God can—it is knowing that He will.

Eternal Protection Agency—Angels watching over me!

He who moves a mountain starts by carrying away a small stone.

Looking for a sign from God? This might be it.

In life there are many choices, Eternity has 2. What's yours?

Free trip to Heaven, details inside.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Where Jesus guides, He will provide.

Faith moves mountains, doubt creates them.

Forbidden fruits creates many jams.

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.

Make your words sweet, you may have to eat them.

Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives.

Need directions? Read My Book. God

The best vitamin for a Christian, B1.

Come in and have your faith lifted.

## Youth: noun, often attributive \ 'yüth\

1 *a: the time of life when one is young; especially, the period between childhood and maturity. b: the early period of existence, growth, or development*

2 *a: a young person; especially between adolescence and maturity. b: young persons or creatures —usually plural in construction*

Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” This is a principle, not a promise. It is a general rule that applies to Christian parents. If you will train your children in the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ, even if there is a prodigal season, your child will likely return to those roots of faith.

This, unfortunately, will not happen 100% of the time. Each child has their own individual will, as well as a sin nature common to all people. They must personally choose to follow Christ and remain in the faith.

A parent’s job is to prepare the soil of the heart so that when the seed of faith is sown, it will grow strong in your child and reap a harvest of righteousness. I said a few weeks ago, a child’s character is not the responsibility of the school, the youth minister, the church, or anyone else except the parents. God has given parents that right, that privilege and that responsibility.

The church’s job is to come alongside the parent and encourage them, reinforce Bible teaching and help mold the young person to choose to follow Christ.

We want our young people to demonstrate these scripture selections now and in the future.

**Psalm 71:5 (ESV)** *For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.*

**Psalm 71:17 (ESV)** *O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.*

**1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV)** *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

**2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV)** *So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

When we come together for youth group on Sunday evenings, we are trying to instill biblical values in the young people. Not every youth that attends has Christian parents. For them, we are trying to give basic instruction and lead them to Christ. For the youth whose parents are Christians, we want to reinforce the biblical teaching they should be receiving at home.

We want to encourage the youth and let them know they have purpose and value. They have a place in the body of Christ. We want them to know that being a Christian is fulfilling, joyful and fun. We also want them to know that the decisions they make now may impact them long into the future, so we try to teach them to make good and godly decisions that are Bible based. We want them to know that sin is real and there is absolute right and wrong in the world.

So here is a typical youth group session. We worship. We will sing two or three songs together along with a video. Music is so impactful for all people. We can remember song lyrics more easily than scripture (this is no excuse to NOT read your Bible or memorize scripture).

Here are just a few songs and artists we have been singing.

My Lighthouse by Rend Collective.  
Lyrics: *In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
Chainbreaker by Zach Williams.

Lyrics: *If you've got pain; He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost; He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains; He's a chain breaker*

God Is Able by Hillsong.  
Lyrics: *God is able  
He will never fail  
He is almighty God  
Greater than all we seek  
Greater than all we ask*

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## Recipe Swap

### CHOCOLATE PEANUT DELIGHT

1 pkg. chocolate cake mix  
½ c. butter, melted  
¼ c. milk  
1 egg  
1 cup chopped peanuts, divided  
8 oz. softened cream cheese  
1 c. peanut butter  
1 c. powdered sugar  
14 oz. sweetened condensed milk  
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla  
16 oz. cool whip, divided  
½ c. semisweet chocolate chips  
4-1/2 tsp. butter  
½ tsp. vanilla

In a bowl, combine dry cake mix, melted butter, milk and egg. Add ¾ c. of the peanuts. Spread into a greased 13x9 pan. Bake at 350\* for 30 minutes or till done. Cool on a wire rack. In a mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, peanut butter, powdered sugar, condensed milk and vanilla until smooth. Fold in 3 cups cool whip. Spread over the cake; top with the remaining cool whip and peanuts. In the microwave in a bowl heat chocolate chips and butter on high for 1 minute or until melted. Stir in vanilla until smooth. Drizzle over cake. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

**OUR SOLDIERS:** Curtis Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Nic Byrd, Luke Cummings, Greg Morales, Ryan Kirby, Zach Stiffler, Josh Lackey, Dan Cook, Rick Heuertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Austin Everhart, Noe Garza, Brandon Hammons, Ruth Churchill, Jason Cherry, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam

**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.

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Donetta Farr  
Mary Breitsprecher  
6 Joy (Farr) McGuire  
Katie (Mitchell) Handke  
8 Caitlyn Thomas  
10 Jennifer Guffey  
11 Peggy Meyer  
Kaylie Mitchell  
12 Kamren Haybarker  
14 Gary & Betty Smith (1983)  
15 RALPH SHEAD  
19 Peyton Barrett  
20 Grace Thompson  
Lance Turner  
CASSIE WATKINS  
26 Trey Munson  
Marvin Prebble  
28 Jeff & Carolyn Starkey (1981)  
29 Isaac Reich  
Jodie Cook

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

## Serving in March

### Congregational Prayer:

Jay Welborn

### Scripture Readers:

5- Donetta Farr- Galatians 5:22-26

12-Carolyn Starkey- Ephesians 5:18-21

19- Linda Durand-Romans 8:1-8

26- Brian Barrett- Ephesians 6:1-9

### Nursery:

5-Debbie Gerstner/Caitlyn

12- Glee Hosler/Jackson

19-Joan Phillips/Libby

26- Brittany/Aleyna

### Greeters/Ushers:

5-Farrs

12-Starkey

19-Durand

26-Barrett

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

5- Farr

12- Starkey

19- Durand

26- Barrett

### Communion Table:

5-Stan, Jay

**Wayne Arnold**, Curt Gatzemeyer

12- Jay, Stan

**David Grove**, Brian Barrett

19- Stan, Jay

**Clint Thomas**, Andy Arnold

26- Jay, Stan

**Ray Mitchell**, Chad Spencer

### Musicians

Worship Leader: David Grove

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clinton Thomas,

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

## Church Offerings

Jan.29 - \$1112.00

Feb.5-\$2186.00

Feb.12-\$1075.55

Feb.19-\$

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The men's breakfast will be on Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Stan Farr will be cooking.

**TIME CHANGE:** Time change will be Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

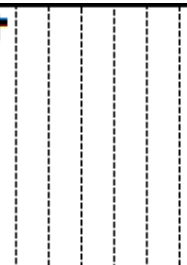
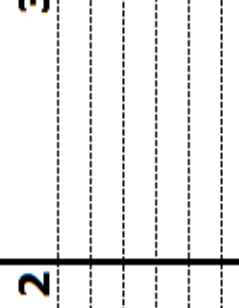
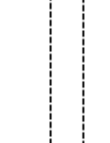

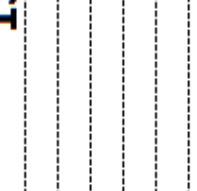
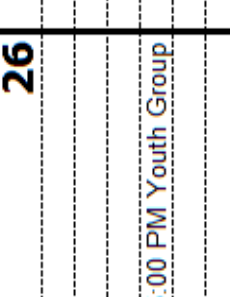
**COLLECTING FOR ALPHA:** Alpha Christian Children's Home can use Campbell soup UPC labels and lids, Best Choice UPC labels and General Mills Box Top Symbols coupons (Box Tops for Education.) We will have a box in the hallway outside the nursery under the mailboxes.

**FUNDRAISING:** Several churches in Jefferson County along with us are collecting canned goods the month of February for Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry, KS. Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March is the last Sunday to bring donations. Thank you to everyone that added to the pile of food items in the foyer.

**GOING AWAY PARTY:** The Cook's are hosting a going away party for Aaron on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-7 PM at the West Ridge Lanes in Topeka. The whole church is invited. Please come and support the family before he's deployed.

**SOS:** SOS will be holding a chili cook off on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 PM at the church. Free will donation, all offerings will go to the School Supply Drive. We could still use some contestants. If you have any questions contact Nancy Gatzemeyer or Donetta Farr.

**VBS:** Alison Olson will be heading this up this year. The theme will be MAKER FUN FACTORY- Created by God built for a purpose. She is gearing up to have a planning session soon so be watching for more details and planning how you can help.

2017	MARCH					2017
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>2:00 PM Service at Midland 5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>  <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM SOS</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
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<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress 5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
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***You are welcome to join us!***

**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

*(Youth, continued from page 2)*

*He has done great things  
Lifted up, He defeated the grave  
Raised to life our God is able  
In His name we overcome  
For the Lord our God is able*

We have Bible study after worship. Right now we are going through the book of John. If you were to ask which book of the Bible you should read to get to know the person of Jesus Christ, John would be my first choice. I want the students to know Jesus!

We have a snack/light meal. The early church gathered together around meals for fellowship.

Then we play some games and hang out. We just have fun. Students get to know each other better and realize that God is not a killjoy.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Please pray for our young people. Pray that they come to know Jesus as their Savior. Pray that they will become more like Jesus as they grow. Pray for their parents to have wisdom raising these awesome responsibilities God has blessed them with. Pray that we will always have workers in our church to help the students grow in Christ.

We want them to grow up to be like Jesus!  
*And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature  
and in favor with God and man. **Luke 2:52***

*Mike*

*(All scriptures are from the ESV Bible unless otherwise noted.)*