

The Vine

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

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GARAGE SALE

It's a good time for spring cleaning! The SOS church garage sale will be Friday May 19th from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday May 20 from 7:00 AM to noon. Set up will be Thursday May 18th in the church fellowship hall from 1:30 PM to finish. Items may be placed in the NW corner of the fellowship hall earlier that week. We ask that you price all items ahead of time and do not bring items or clothing in need of repair.

All unsold items need to be removed from the church by 3:00 PM Saturday and will be taken to a charitable organization. If there is a specific item you donated and want back, but are unable to pick it up before 3:00 PM please let us know and we will set it aside for pick up later that day.

If anyone would like to donate a dessert or food item to sell, that would be great.

All money raised will go to the school supply fund.

We will need volunteers to help if anyone is available.

Hopefully, we can have some fun doing this.

Contact Nancy Gatzemeyer, Donetta Farr or Linda Durand if you have questions.

Getting an Upgrade

Upgrades are the wave of the future. I hear people my age and older lament how in the “good old day” things were built to last. A washing machine or a refrigerator could last twenty years. You kept a car until it died. Even TVs were made so you could switch out a tube when it went bad (does anyone under 30 even know what I am talking about here?).

Today, it costs more to repair a microwave than it does to replace it. If you want all the latest gadgets for your vehicle, you need to get a new one every two or three years. DVD players, side air bags, back up cameras, Sirius radio and now wifi are all new luxuries that have been added to cars within the last several years.

Don't even get me started on computers. When you buy a computer, it is six months out of date when you take it out of the box! If you have a computer that still has Windows XP or Vista, it is probably so slow that you can barely use it. Either that, or you don't let it upgrade and are rarely on the internet.

Some upgrades are terrible. They are supposed to make things better, but are buggy and crash all the time. In my opinion, Windows 98 and Windows 8 were both terrible.

Windows 7 is the most popular Windows operating system ever. Microsoft is pressuring people to upgrade to Windows 10, but Windows 7 users are stubbornly hanging on. At least until 2020. After which Microsoft will no longer offer support for it.

I was forced to upgrade my Quicken because the old version I was using would no longer allow me to download transactions from my bank. There will always be another upgrade.

My thinking about upgrades is triggered by what is going on at church. We are in the middle of a technology upgrade right now. Perhaps you have noticed that the picture on the overhead is brighter and more colorful. That is due to a new projector. I figure - these are my own calculations - that one technology year is

like 15 human years. That makes that old projector 195 in human years. Silly, I know, but that is the blessing and curse of technology.

The computer and some wiring will also be replaced in the sound booth. The computer is older than the projector. There are some phones with larger hard drives! Please pray with me that these upgrades are good and fruitful (not like Windows 98)!

There is a really big upgrade I can't wait for - Mike 2.0. I don't know when the release date is. It will be when I take my last breath on this earth and my first in heaven.

The earth is also due for an upgrade, but we just don't know when that is either. It will happen when Christ returns, but that is a mystery. **Matthew 24:36** *But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.*

What about earth 2.0? Right now, earth 1.0 is not doing that well. It is infected with a sin virus. It does not run as smoothly as it did out of the box. **Romans 8:22** *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.* That is due to the sin of Adam. His sin caused all creation to be burdened with a curse. What is the upgrade? **2 Peter 3:13 (NIV)** *But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.*

We know God's upgrade will be perfect. When Christ returns and Satan is destroyed, there will be a new earth that will never be touched by sin or sadness. There will be no pain or tears. Everything will be right.

As for Mike 2.0 or your version 2.0? I will trust the Lord on the timing. As for the new model, you will never need another upgrade again.

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RECIPE SWAP

SKILLET APPLE PIE BISCUITS

8 frozen buttermilk biscuits, thawed
21 oz. can apple pie filling
½ c. butter, melted
½ c. light brown sugar
1 T. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
¼ c. walnut or pecan pieces (optional)
Glaze: (double if desired)
½ c. powdered sugar
2-3 T. cream, half and half, or milk

Preheat oven to 375*. Melt the butter and brush on all sides of the cast iron skillet. If you don't have one you can use any comparable baking dish. In a bowl, mix brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Dip each biscuit in the butter and sprinkle on all sides with the cinnamon sugar mixture. Arrange side by side in the skillet. Cut the apples in the pie filling into smaller pieces, and mix in 1 tsp. of vanilla. Arrange over the biscuits. Pour the remaining butter over all and sprinkle the remaining cinnamon sugar on top. Bake for 30-35 minutes, until golden and puffy. Mix the glaze and drizzle on top. Serve hot.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Please also remember the families of those serving, specifically the ones in our church: Cheyenne Cook, Kari Mitchell, and also the extended families of those serving.

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

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.

2017 summer schedule

Grades 6-8 (Jr High), June 4-9

Grades 9-12 (Sr High), June 11-16

Grades 3-5 (Junior Camp), June 18-22

Grades 1-2 (Day Camp), June 24

Grades 7-12 (Princess Camp Girls), July 8-9

Grades 7-12 (Deeper Life Camp), July 9-14

Camper fees for each camp are on the web site.
www.missionlakecc.com

CAMP PREREGISTRATION: The Church registration day is May 7th. The Earlybird registration deadline, if you're mailing it in is May 13th.

CAMP WORK DAY: Camp work day will be May 13th. Anyone who can help please just show up at the camp. Lunch will be provided.

MOWING AT CAMP: It will be our turn to mow at camp on June 3rd.

COOKING AT CAMP: It will be our turn to help cook and take desserts on June 12th and June 21st.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Griffin Munson
- 2 Sarah Toy
- 4 ERIN SHEAD
- 5 Gina Kirby
- 8 Lauren Thomas
- 10 Dan Strang
- 11 Morgan Ratliff
- 13 Austin Kirby
- 14 Andy Arnold
- 17 Sophia Smith
- 19 Glee Hosler
- 22 Myles Reich
Aaron Cook
- 23 Eliza Branam
- 24 Gary Smith
- 27 Wayne & Christy Arnold (1978)
- 28 Malia Boyce

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Serving in MAY

Congregational Prayer:

Ray Mitchell

Scripture Readers:

7- Grove- Rom. 1:18-25

14-Shelley Gatzemeyer-1 Sam. 1:21-28

21-Rhonda Mitchell-Rom.2:1-11

28-Turner- Rom. 3:9-18

Nursery:

7- Debbie Gerstner/Jackson

14-Joan Phillips/Libby

21-Brittany Boyce/Aleyna

28-Laura Reich/Caitlyn

Greeters/Ushers:

7-Grove

14-C & S Gatzemeyer

21-Mitchell

28-L & K Turner

Lord's Supper Preparation:

7- Grove

14- C & S Gatzemeyer

21-Mitchell

28- L & K Turner

Communion Table:

7-Stan, Jay

Clint Thomas, Brian Barrett

14- Jay, Stan

Wayne Arnold, Kyle Reich

21- Stan, Jay

David Grove, Chad Spencer

28- Jay, Stan

Clint Thomas, Andy Arnold

Musicians

Worship Leader: Erin Thomas

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas,

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Church Offerings

March 26-\$898.00

April 2-\$2996.65

April 9-\$2452.00

April 16-\$1537.00

April 23-\$2002.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The Men's Breakfast will be on May 13th. David Grove will be cooking.

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.

KU CAMPUS CHRISTIANS: On Thursday May 4th at 7pm we will have the Celebration at Lawrence Heights Christian Church (2321 Peterson Rd., Lawrence KS 66049). It is going to be an evening dedicated to celebrating all that God has done this year at KUCC. We want to have an opportunity to gather together (students, families, friends, alumni, supporters-VFCC supports KUCC as a mission) and praise God for His faithfulness and enjoy some time of community as a KU Campus Christians family. You are invited! Don't miss out!

SOS – No SOS on May 13th.






BIBLE STUDY: No Bible Study on May 3rd.

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting will be on May 10 at 8:00 pm.

FREE ITEM EXCHANGE: Check out the tables in the basement while you are at church. Drop off things you would like to get rid of. Take things you would like to have. Leftover items will be taken to charity every couple weeks. Guidelines are posted at the tables.

GRADUATES BANQUET: The Graduate Banquet will be Sunday, May 7th right after church. Let Rhonda Mitchell know if you have a graduate. Plan to come and celebrate with the graduates. Bring one or two of your favorite dishes.

YOUTH GROUP: There will be no youth group on Sunday May 14th, Mother's Day.

2017		May					2017	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	<p>1</p> <p>Kiamichis</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:30 PM JAMS 5:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>		
<p>7</p> <p>Graduates Banquet 11:30 AM</p> <p>Midland Service- 2:00</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>13</p>		
<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 pm Elders</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Set up for garage sale 1:30 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Garage sale 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Garage sale 7:00 AM- 12:00</p>		
<p>21</p>  <p>10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>		
<p>28</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>					
<p>5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>Memorial Day</p>							



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Mike Kirby, Pastor

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

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Philippians 3:20-21 *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

We will mount up with wings like eagles; we shall run and not be weary; we shall walk and not faint. We will have a body like the glorious body of Jesus' resurrection body. It won't wear out, expire, or become outdated. It will be perfect for us and in it we will live in perfect peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I can say with confidence that this is an upgrade I am looking forward to!

Mike

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CHANGES FOR THE DIRECTORY

We have some changes for the church directory. Please add these to yours so we won't have to be constantly redoing it.

Donna Slavens' phone number is 785-806-8268. Please replace the one in the directory.

Matthew Branam address until he goes overseas: SPC, Branam, Matthew
A2-130th FA (MOB)
1011 Chaffee Rd
Fort Bliss, TX 79916

Add- Susan Klawuhn
15807 Doniphan
Valley Falls, KS 66088
Home- 785-945-3815;
Cell- 816-390-3815