

The Vine

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

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Courageous Parenting

On Father's Day, I recommended Family Life materials from the pulpit for help for families and marriage. The following week I received a couple of emails about courageous parenting. I want to just share the highlights of them both.

When most people think of courage, the day to day drudgery of parenting is usually not the first thing that comes to mind. However, we need massive doses of courage if we are going to raise families according to the Scriptures.

"Courage is demanded of parents who desire to do the following:

- Establish godly standards and boundaries for how their sons and daughters are to relate to the opposite sex*
- Impart God's perspective of sexual identity for men and women in contrast to a culture that is promoting perverted distortions of what God created*
- "Intrude" into the lives of their children when they sense something isn't right*
- Avoid conforming to the values of other Christian parents in terms of curfews, acceptable dress, movies, language, Internet use, etc."*

What can you do when the world we live in is so opposed to godly families?

First, don't take the easy way out by ignoring the situation and doing nothing. Also, remember even though you love your children, you will make mistakes.

Perhaps you will go too far in establishing some of the rules; but if your child has a secure, loving relationship with you, then you are better off to challenge your children to a high standard rather than one that is too low.

Next, pray. Someone has said, "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." Pray for courage. Pray that God will always give you the wisdom and strength you need.

Third, agree to establish courageous boundaries for your family. *"Set some clear rules about the following:*

- Movies*
- Use of the Internet and the phone*
- Dating (i.e., if so, when, how and whom to date?)*
- Relating to the opposite sex (i.e., how far do you want your child to go with the opposite sex prior to marriage? What is off limits?)*
- Curfews*
- Dress*

Perhaps the most courageous thing you can do is determine to remain involved in the lives of your children. Being a parent calls for repeated, heroic action. Doing your duty."

Mike



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**OUTREACH-H.O.P.E.
16th ANNUAL
"SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN
THE PRESENT"
SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018,
8:00 AM -12:00 PM**

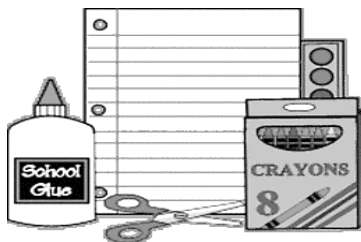
The school bell is about to ring and it is time to start bringing your donations for the 16th annual school supplies outreach project.

WE WILL BE MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 27th AT 6:00 PM TO SET UP. WE WOULD LIKE HELPERS TO BE AT THE CHURCH, SATURDAY MORNING AT 7:00 AM.

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:

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



"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

**VBS planning meetings after church
July 1st and July 8th.**

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, July 14th at 8:00 AM. David Grove is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress: We take a special offering of the pocket change you have been saving every 3rd Sunday during church. The money is divided between Mission Lake Camp and the School Supply Giveaway Fund.

Copies of the sermons are available on cd by request:

If you would like a copy please see Mike. You can also listen to them online at www.valleyfallsc.org.

Save the Date!



Valley Falls
Christian Church

Vacation
Bible School

Monday July 16, 2018
through
Friday July 20, 2018

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

July	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
1	Debbie/Catilyn	Starkey	Starkey	Starkey Mark 9:21-24	Stan/Jay/ Clint /Kyle
8	Laura/Jackson	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett 1 Corinthians 10:12-14	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Jackson
15	Brittany/Ashley	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer 1 John 2: 15-17	Stan/Jay/ Wayne A /Chad
22	Nancy/Aleyna	Arnold	Arnold	Arnold Galatians 3: 19-29	Jay/Stan/ David /Brian
29	Cheyenne/Allison	Durand	Durand	Durand Ephesians 5:25-30	Stan/Jay/ Wayne F /Andy

July communion devotion and prayer: Stan Farr

Prayer Requests

Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Camp, VBS

OUR SOLDIERS: Curtis Mitchell, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam, Noe Garza

Church Offerings

May 6 - \$ 2,348

May 13 - \$ 1,541

May 20 - \$ 2,806

May 27 - \$ 698

June 3 - \$2,172

June 10 - \$ 1,587

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

5 Laura Reich

8 Allene Mattox

Sheila Sears

10 Tiffany Spencer

11 PHIL & TABITA MCAFEE (1981)

16 Caleb Mitchell

17 Kaori Cazares

18 Curtis Smith

19 Abby GrandPre

20 Aleyna GrandPre

22 Mike Kirby

Jacob Mitchell

24 Christy Arnold

David and Helen Grove (1966)

25 Wade Boyce

30 Taylor Farr

31 CINDY SHEAD

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



July 7 th	Auction Concession's
July 16 th -20 th	VBS
July 27 th	Set up School Supply Give A Way
July 28 th	School Supply Give A Way
August 26 th	Quarterly Carry in Dinner



July 7 th -8 th	Girls Purity Camp	7 th -12 th grades
July 8 th -13 th	Deeper Life	7 th -12 th grades

As Camp season comes to a close this month, a big thanks to all who helped in any way to make this a successful season for Mission Lake Christian Camp.

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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 (grades 6-12) – 5:00 PM

Midweek:

JAMs (grades K-6): Wed. 3:30-5:00

Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1	2	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4	5	7
VBS Meeting after church 2 PM – Midland 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	No Zumba		Auction Purity Camp @ MLCC
8	9	11	12	14
VBS Meeting after church Deeper Life @ MLCC 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Board Meeting	1 PM - Elders	8 AM – Men's Breakfast
15	16	18	19	21
VBS Decorating after church 5 PM – Youth Group	VBS 6:30-8:30	No Zumba 		
22	23	25	26	28
10 AM – Pocket change for progress 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac	Newsletter items due	School Supply Give Away
29	30			
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters			