

The Vine

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

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Mark 14:8 (ESV) *She has done what she could;*

How would you like Jesus to say that about you? You did what you could. You didn't keep anything in reserve. You gave your all.

The account in Mark 14 is right before Jesus is to be betrayed, arrested and crucified. An unnamed woman (who is Mary according to John's gospel) enters the home of Simon the (former) leper where Jesus was dining. She breaks open a very expensive flask of ointment and poured it over Jesus head.

Those in attendance were indignant; they thought the perfume should have been sold instead of wasted. Jesus knew their thoughts and rebuked them. He told them she had anointed his body beforehand for burial. Her giving of the expensive perfume and her service was her act of worship. She did what she could.

In Mark 12, Jesus has his disciples watch those giving at the temple. Many rich people put in large sums, though it may not have even put a dent in their bank accounts. Then he points out the widow who put in two small copper coins. Jesus' math said the widow put in more than the others!

Mark 12:44 (ESV) *"For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

For the kingdom of God to function properly on earth, believers need to be like these two women. Their service and worship was between them and God. It wasn't done for fame or recognition.

They did all they could.

Could Jesus say that about you? You did what you could? You put in everything?

This is personal. Only Jesus and you know your own heart, and sometimes you don't. One might look down upon your level of service or giving, but only the Lord knows all the mitigating circumstances that might prevent you from doing more. If you honestly do what you can, and the Holy Spirit confirms that within your spirit, keep up your good work!

The Lord also knows when you are holding back, putting too much time into worldly endeavors, or giving a lukewarm effort. Remember the words of scripture: **Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV)** *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

The purpose of this is not to shame anyone into serving. It needs to be from the heart. The purpose is to inspire self-examination and to provide opportunity.

Here are two areas where opportunities exist (and they are not exhaustive):

Church: Look at the ministry folders on the table in the foyer. Yes, the ones that have been there for over a month now. Those folders. Each folder is an opportunity to do what you can. It would be wonderful if someone with some computer skills could take over some of the technology in church. There are almost always some kind of maintenance to do and Jay and Kevin would welcome help. Summer is right around the corner. Who wants to mow or help keep the grounds looking good?

Camp: Our camp is at a crossroads. The situation with the city of Horton still hangs over our head like a cloud. Camp is proceeding just like any other year, but even if the city drops the issue, camp still needs help. We need a maintenance person on site during camp weeks. Right now there are three weeks in June that need help. Camp has maintenance needs before it even begins. Camp needs volunteers for counselors, dorm parents, etc. to work with the deans during their weeks. Camp also needs campers. Without more volunteers and campers, camp will not survive.

All the Lord wants is for each one to do what they can.

Mike

CHURCH ACTIVITY FOLDERS

Activity folders contain information on a particular event that the church participates in each year (or has participated in past). The folders are in the foyer on the table. We need someone to chair each activity but then we also need several people available to help. Please take a look at them and see if there is a perfect activity for you to either chair or at least help with. Picking up a folder means you direct that activity this year.

REVIVAL COMMITTEE

If you are interested in being on a committee to plan and schedule a revival at VFCC in 2018, please contact Pastor Mike.

FUNDRAISING FOR ALPHA CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Several churches in Jefferson County along with us are collecting canned goods the month of March for Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry, KS. Final Collection day is not determined so bring your canned goods early in March. Goods can be placed in the tub in the foyer.

NEEDS: UPC labels from Campbell's, General Mills, and Best Choice. Canned vegetables, canned fruits, Campbell's soup, Velveeta, breakfast cereal, easy mac packs, ramen noodles, snack crackers, pudding cups, fruit juices, pancake mix, stuffing mix, canned chicken gravy, nacho cheese dip, cream of chicken soup, cream of mushroom soup, salsa, taco kits, spaghetti sauce, salt and pepper, onion powder, parmesan cheese, Splenda, coffee, disposable cups and plates, HE free and clear laundry detergent (no Tide due to allergy to it) HE Gain laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Clorox wipes, water softener salt, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels.

On behalf of Alpha, thank you in advance.



WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Church: We WILL have church as long as Mike can get there. *For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20.*

Assume Mike can get to the church, in the extreme case that he can't, we will post the cancellation on the media listed below.

Bible Study/other activities: If the Valley Falls schools are closed that day, we will cancel activities.

Also, check postings on the church Facebook page and the church website, valleyfallsc.org, for cancellations.

We will also pass cancellations down the texting prayer chain. If all else fails and you aren't sure, call Mike at 785-817-6920

TIME CHANGE: Time change will be Mar. 11th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be on Mar. 10th at 8:00 AM. Mike Kirby 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.

JAMs: Please sign up to provide snacks for JAMs at the table in the foyer. Don't forget to take prayer slips weekly to pray for the children's needs.

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.



Serving in March

Mar	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
4	Debbie/ Alison	C&S Gatzemeyer	C&S Gatzemeyer	C&S Gatzemeyer Matthew 6:5-18	Jay, Stan David, Andy
11	Brittany/ Ashley	Mitchells	Mitchells	Mitchells Matthew 6:19-24	Jay, Stan Wayne A, Curt
18	Laura/ Caitlyn	Welborns	Welborns	Welborns Matthew 6:25-34	Jay, Stan Clinton, Brian
25	Nancy/ Jackson	Cooks	Cooks	Caitlyn Thomas Matthew 7:1-6	Jay, Stan David, Jackson

March communion devotion and prayer: Ray Mitchell

Prayer Requests

Emma Dockweiler
Clare Brown

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

Church Offerings

Jan 21 - \$1,377
Jan 28 - \$1,374
Feb 4 - \$1,161
Feb 11 - \$2,971
Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Emery Mitchell
4 Donetta Farr
Mary Breitsprecher
6 Joy (Farr) McGuire
Katie (Mitchell) Handke
8 Caitlyn Thomas
10 Jennifer Guffey
11 Peggy Meyer
Kaylie Mitchell
14 Gary & Betty Smith (1983)
15 RALPH SHEAD
19 Peyton Barrett
20 Grace Thompson
Lance Turner
CASSIE WATKINS
28 Jeff & Carolyn Starkey (1981)
29 Isaac Reich
Jodie Cook
(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

LOOKING AHEAD:

***EASTER SONRISE SERVICE, Sunday, April 1st:** The service will be at 8:00 AM followed by breakfast at 8:30 AM. See Stan if you would like to help with the breakfast.

***GARAGE SALE FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**
Start stock piling your unused items for the all church garage sale in May. Proceeds benefit the School Supply Give Away. Jay and Carol Welborn are spearheading the event, contact either of them for questions or to volunteer. The event will be May 18th and 19th, during the VF City Wide Garage Sales.



BABY SHOWER, YOU'RE INVITED

A Princess Is On Her Way
Please Join Us for a baby shower honoring
Rachel Detring
Saturday, March 10th @ 2pm
Winchester Community Building,
411 Spruce, Winchester, KS
RSVP to Keisha @ 785-548-6611
Registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby

Please bring a book instead of a card. The book will remind baby of you. Write a note on the inside cover and your words will be cherished over and over.

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RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

Phone: 785-945-6757
Email: office@valleyfallsc.org
On the web: www.valleyfallsc.org
Find us on Facebook!

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	3
			1 PM - Elders	
4	5	7	8	10
2 PM – Midland 5 PM – Youth Group 5:30 - Zumba	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 PM – JAMs 5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study		8 AM – Men’s Breakfast 2 PM Rachel (Arnold) Detring Baby Shower/Winchester, KS
DAY LIGHT SAVINGS 11	12	14	15	17
5 PM – Youth Group 5:30 - Zumba	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 PM – JAMs 5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study	1 PM - Elders	
18	19	21	22	24
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PALM SUNDAY 25	26	28	29	31
5 PM – Youth Group 5:30 - Zumba	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 PM – JAMs 5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study		