

# The Vine

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

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## Labor Day

Labor Day is the unofficial end of the summer. For many it is a day off from work they look forward to. It's time for football to begin. It is an occasion for family get-togethers, cookouts and picnics. And a time for a LOCK-IN!

That's right! And you know what lock-ins require? Labor. Work. Up all night. With teens.

There are many ways your labor can be used as we pull off this event for our students. You can actually be here and help supervise. You can provide snacks or meals. You can help set up or clean up. You can donate items or money to help provide food. Many of you have already signed up to help. Thank you!! It is all labor for the Lord.

God doesn't NEED anything, but he desires you to work for Him. We are called to "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Here are several things the Bible teaches us about our labor for the Lord.

1. Our labor doesn't save us.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

2. God still requires us to work.

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

**2 Corinthians 9:8** *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

3. God will equip us for our labor.

**Colossians 1:28-29 (NIV)** *We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.*

**Ephesians 4:11-12** *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

4. God will reward us for our labor.

**1 Corinthians 15:58** *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

**Ephesians 6:7-8 (NIV)** *Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.*

**Hebrews 6:10 (ESV)** *For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.*

5. Refusing to work is not an option.

**James 2:14,17** *What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

**James 4:17** *So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.*

And we all know the parable of the talents, where the wicked servant who refused to put the Master's talent to work was *thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Jesus tells us in Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." We are the workers Jesus is talking about. He is calling us to go and make disciples, baptize them and teach them to obey Jesus' commands. He didn't say wait for a church program. He didn't say wait for permission from a church board or elders. He said go. So let's make every day a labor day and get to work for the Lord!

Mike

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 6 PM

Spencer Family Concert  
Valley Falls Christian Church



<http://spencerfamilymusic.com/>

### Come JAM with us!

Valley Falls Christian Church  
is inviting all elementary kids K-6  
to participate in our  
Jesus and me (JAMs) after school program!

What: all students in grades K-6 are invited to come learn about Jesus through activities, games, songs, and fellowship with other students (and have a small snack!)

When: every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 PM, starting September 5, 2018 throughout the school year.

Where: Valley Falls Christian Church (VFCC) - we will meet the kids outside the elementary school main doors and walk over to the church, escorted by JAMs staff.

Please fill out an enrollment form for your child prior to sending them to the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Thomas 785-817-4158 or the VFCC office 785-945-6757.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast will be Saturday, September 8th at 8:00 AM. Mike is cooking.

**Pocket Change for Progress:** We take a special offering of the pocket change you have been saving every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.valleyfallsc.org).



August 31<sup>st</sup>-Sep 1<sup>st</sup>

Jr. & Sr. High School

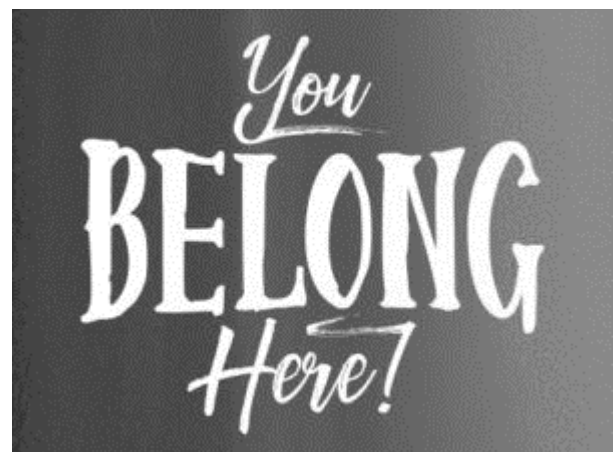
6 p.m. Friday thru 7:30 a.m. Saturday

Signed Consent forms required, ask Jarret or Mike and take extras for your friends!

### Back to Church Sunday

Sep 16<sup>th</sup>

Invite your friends and neighbors  
Flyers available in the foyer!



September	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
2	Debbie/Ashley	Flack	Flack	Flack 1 Timothy 1:15-17	Clint/Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Brian
9	Laura/Aleyna	R Mitchell	R Mitchell	R Mitchell 1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Clint/Stan/Jay/ <b>Jarrett</b> /Andy
16	Nancy/Allison Thomas	Welborn	Welborn	Welborn Acts 2:42-47	Clint/Jay/Stan/ <b>David</b> /Wayne F
23	Glee/Allison Thomas	Cook	Cook	Caitlyn T Psalm 27:1-5	Clint/Stan/Jay/ <b>Wayne A</b> /Kyle
30	Tiffany/Ashley	Farr	Farr	Farr	Clint/Jay/Stan/ <b>Clint</b> /Jackson

### September communion devotion and prayer: Clint Thomas

**Prayer Requests:** Becky, Wayne & Christy Arnold, Clay Beister, Emma Dockweiler,

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

#### Church Offerings

July 15 - \$ 1,720  
 July 22 - \$ 1,247  
 July 29 - \$ 1,311  
 Aug 5 - \$ 1,347  
 Aug 12 - \$ 1,615  
 Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

- 3 Jay Farr
- 7 Ray Mitchell  
Elaine Worner
- 12 Brody Olson
- 13 Dawson Branam
- 19 Chad and Tiffany Spencer (2014)  
Todd Spencer
- 21 Jaxson Temm
- 25 Kyle Reich
- 27 Kevin Gatzemeyer
- 28 TREY WATKINS  
David Branam



Mission Lake Christian Camp

Men's Retreat - 2018

September 21-22

Pray for ....

Encourage ....

**"ONE ANOTHER"**

Build Up ....

Fellowship With

*Have a safe Labor Day*



# Valley Falls Christian Church

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RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

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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
				<b>1</b>
				Lock In dismissal @ 7:30
<b>2</b>	<b>Labor Day 3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
2 PM – Midland		3:30 JAMS 5:30 Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study	1 PM - Elders	8 AM – Men’s Breakfast
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 5:30 Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		
<b>Back to Church 16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>23/30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
5 PM – Youth Group  <b>30<sup>th</sup> CARRY IN DINNER: Guest Bart Hinz from Show Me Youth Home</b> 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 5:30 Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		