

The Vine

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

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NEWSFLASH: ICOM is coming to Kansas City!

What in the world is ICOM? Now if you know what ICOM is, you may have caught the pun! World – international. Get it?

ICOM is the International Conference on Missions. It is a weekend of immersion into world missions. There will be over 300 missionary booths set up. Worship, teaching and preaching and workshops will all be missions minded – but it isn't just for missionaries!! It is for anyone who has a heart to know more about missions or wants to become more involved. It is also so much more than a weekend!

Mission Statement: (from their website) The International Conference on Missions exists to Encourage, Equip and Enlist workers for the Harvest.

Our extensive international conference serves as a connection point for global missions but we are more than a five day event. ICOM is 365 days a year – telling God's stories, providing resources in multiple ways and uniting the world with missions!

1. Missionary resources: ICOM works year-round to support missionary partners around the globe by encouraging, equipping, and enlisting.

2. Online resources: ICOM provides online resources year round to connect people with the world of missions. The ICOM website is a great resource for staying informed on missions news, upcoming events, prayer needs, and connecting with a cause.

3. Family resources: ICOM offers strategic programming for all ages, from babies to middle and high school seniors to college students there are ways for every age to get involved and learn about missions.

4. Church resources: ICOM serves churches by providing support for missions programs, training, and assisting with enlisting new kingdom workers.

The theme of ICOM this year is MIND THE GAP – Embracing the City.

Here is a note from this year's president of ICOM, Jeff Fife: Introduced in London in 1969, the phrase "Mind the Gap" is a sound or visual warning phrase issued to train passengers to take care when crossing the horizontal and in some cases vertical opening between the train door and the station platform.

93% of the Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ in the USA are in cities that have less than 175 thousand population. When we look to the largest cities in the world the presence of our churches is even smaller.

According to new resources, by 2030, 72% of the world population will be living in cities that have over two million in population. The Church needs to mind the gap concerning the number of churches serving our cities! As God told the prophet Jonah to go to the wicked city of Nineveh, as He told the apostle Paul to stay at the wicked city of Corinth, because He had many people there... we want to invite you to come to ICOM in Kansas City, so we can learn together how we can Mind The Gap and Embrace the City. See you November 14-17!

NEWSFLASH #2: VFCC is going to ICOM!

We have registered the entire church for the conference. Here's what that means. With the church code, you can register to attend for free. YOU MUST HAVE THE CODE!! You can choose to attend only one day or every day. You can decide to only go in the evenings. You have the freedom to use this in a way that best suits you – and you have no financial cost associated with registering!

There are also student events we plan on taking the youth group to. That is included in the church registration!

This is an exciting opportunity to see what the restoration movement is doing on the mission field – here at home and abroad. Keep an eye out for more details as the date draws near.

Mike



ICOM – November 14-17.
 Location: Kansas City Convention
 Center, 301 West 13th Street
 Kansas City, MO 64104
 Church registration code: **kc19**
 You can visit their website,
 theicom.org, to find a lot more
 information.



**“SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN
 THE PRESENT”**

Set up **FRIDAY, August 2nd @ 7 PM**
 Here at the church
Volunteers needed
SATURDAY, August 3, 2019
 Give away begins
 8 AM until noon
Volunteers needed
 Lunch following the Giveaway for
 volunteers
 Contact Tiffany Spencer for details

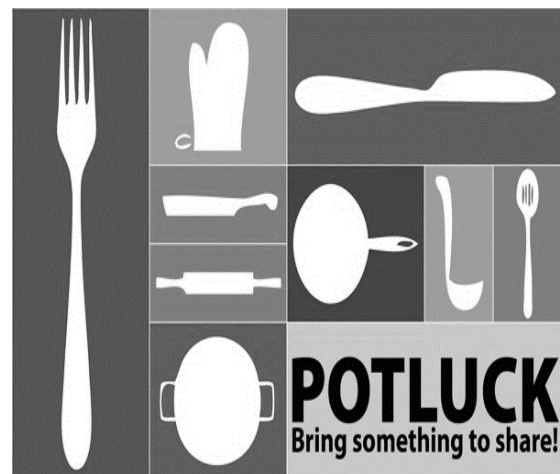
Men’s Breakfast: The men’s breakfast will be Saturday, August 10th at 8:00 AM. Kevin Gatzemeyer is cooking.

JAMS: Is on summer break, but continued prayers for next year’s attendance and volunteers is always welcome.

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 VFCC Youth programs and the School Supply Giveaway Fund.

Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org. If you cannot access them this way, you may ask Pastor Mike for a cd copy.

Service opportunity: The church is looking for someone willing to oversee the ordering and distribution of Sunday school curriculum on a quarterly basis. If interested, please see Pastor Mike.



Quarterly Carry in Dinner: Sunday, August 25th, after church. Don’t miss it, it’s a great time to fellowship and enjoy some awesome food. Plan to bring your favorite dish or two!

Aug	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
4	Glee/Allison	Flack	Flack	Flack Gen 3:1-7	Stan/Jay/Ray/Jarret
11	Tiffany/Aleyna	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas Gen 3:16-19	Jay/Stan/Wayne F/ Chad
18	Brittany/Myles	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Isaiah 53:3-6	Stan/Jay/Wayne A/ Aaron
25	Aisha/Ashley	Farr	Farr	Farr Rev 22:1-5	Jay/Stan/Ray/Curtis

August communion devotion and prayer: Clinton Thomas

Prayer Requests: Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Andy Arnold, School supply giveaway,

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

Church Offerings

June 30 - \$ 1,030
 July 07 - \$ 1,932
 July 14 - \$ 2,581
 July 21 - \$ 994

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Landon Mitchell
- 4 JENNA WATKINS
- 6 Becky Arnold
Curtis & Aubrie Mitchell (2016)
- 10 Brian Barrett
Harper Mitchell
- 12 Clinton & Erin Thomas (2000)
- 15 CYNTHIA MCAFEE
- 17 Jeremiah Mitchell
RALPH & CINDY SHEAD (1974)
- 18 Rhonda Mitchell
- 21 Carolyn Starkey
- 23 Rylan Cook
- 26 SARAH SHEAD
- 28 PHIL MCAFEE
- 31 Kevin Olson

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



Welcome Back!

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Sponsored by the
Community Christian Council
Needed: 2 Freezers homemade ice cream
2 dozen homemade cookies

Valley Falls Christian Church has partnered with **rightnow MEDIA** to bring you a video library with thousands of selections of Bible studies, teaching on apologetics, creationism, finance and Christian history. It offers Christian children's programming, men's and women's studies, selections for the entire family, as well as marriage helps and many other options. This is free to you provided by the church. Go to the church website to sign up if you haven't. If you are already using it, please give Pastor Mike some feedback as to how useful it is for you!

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RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

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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 7 PM School Supply Set Up	8 AM – Noon Schol Supply Give Away Lunch Following
4	5	7	8	10
2 PM – Midland 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba		8 AM Men’s Breakfast
11	12	14	15	17
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba	1 PM – Elders	
18	19	21	22	24
10 AM – Pocket change for progress 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba		
25	26	28	29	31
11:30 AM Carry in Dinner 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba		