

# The Vine

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

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I have a couple of plastic tubs of crayons that I need to move to a cabinet to make them more accessible to the children's workers. They seem to have taken a several week detour in my office.

These crayons neither accessible nor useful hiding in a corner.

I write this after staring at said tub of crayons for several minutes. I want to share how God impressed upon me how we are often like this tub of crayons.

If we remain hidden away and inaccessible to God's leading, we won't be available to do his kingdom work. **Mark 16:15** *And (Jesus) said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

There are many sizes of crayons in this box; each size is useful. God uses all sizes of people. Zacchaeus was small. I picture Peter as a big fisherman, though we don't know for sure what his size was. And remember what Paul wrote to Timothy: **1 Timothy 4:12** *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

Many of the crayons are old. They are still useful. **Titus 2:3-4** *Older women...are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children. No matter what your age is, there is still kingdom work for you!*

Some of the crayons have ugly wrappers. They are still useful. Remember, God cares about the heart more than the outward appearance. **Matthew 23:25** *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.*

A lot of crayons are broken. They still color! God uses broken people to carry out His work and His will every day. People whose lives may be broken financially, physically, or emotionally are still useful to the Lord.

We need to give the Lord our brokenness and sinfulness and let Him heal us and use us.

**Joel 2:25 (ESV)** *I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten... After He restores us and makes us whole, He will often use our past brokenness to minister to other broken people!*

I saw so many different colors of crayons in that tub, all useful for the purpose they were created. Our color and nationality don't matter; God loves us equally and will use everyone who avails themselves to His call. **Revelation 7:9** *... behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes...*

Children often don't care what the crayon looks like as long as it will color. We need to be like that. **Matthew 18:3** *(Jesus) said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Finally, there were a couple of unopened boxes of crayons in there as well. They were pristine and unbroken. Their wrappers were perfect. However, those crayons had never colored anything. God has gifted each one of us and He expects us to use those gifts. **James 1:22** *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* As believers, it is imperative that we 'do' something. Faith without works is a dead faith.

When our kids were young, various pieces of artwork hung from our refrigerator. While those pieces may have not been Rembrandts, they were priceless to us.

God created you for good works. **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.*

Another way of saying this is that you are God's work of art.

Here is the question I want to challenge you with: What have you colored for God lately?

Mike



**Saturday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM**  
**Families are welcome to bring**  
**soda and/or a snack.**  
**Popcorn will be provided**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**INVITE FRIENDS**



**Quarterly Carry in**  
**Dinner**  
**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**After church service,**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**Everyone welcome**

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast will be on Feb 9th at 8:00 AM. David Grove will be 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 VFCC Youth programs 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).

**RESCHEDULED**

**COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE:** The Unity Service and soup supper is rescheduled for Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at Valley Falls United Methodist Church. The soup supper is at 6:00 PM and the service is at 7:00 PM. The offering will go to the Community Christian Council and will mostly be used to help people with financial hardships in Valley Falls.



**WATCH PARTY**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**At the Welborn's in Winchester**  
**Bring Snacks**

February	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
3	Debbie/Aleyna	Flack	Flack	Flack James 1:13-18	Clinton/Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Jarret
10	Cheyenne/Allison	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas James 1:19-27	Clinton/Jay/Stan/ <b>David</b> /Chad
17	Glee/Ashley	K & N Gatzemeyer	K & N Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer James 2: 1-13	Clinton/Stan/Jay/ <b>Wayne A</b> /Aaron
24	Judy/Myles	Grove	Grove	Grove James 2:14-26	Clinton/Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> / Wayne F

### February communion devotion and prayer: Clinton Thomas

**Prayer Requests:** Becky Arnold, Clay Beister, Emma Dockweiler, Joan Hosler, Christine Hile, Natalie Barrett, Donna Johnston, Sandy Williams, Matt & Lexi Myer

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

#### Church Offerings:

Dec 9 - \$ 1,109

Dec 16 - \$ 2,383

Dec 23 - \$ 1,180

Dec 30 - \$ 1,155

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

#### February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 JODI WATKINS
  - 7 Natalie Barrett
  - 8 Aisha Mitchell
  - 12 Jay & Carol Welborn (1965)  
Cheyenne Cook
  - 13 David Grove  
Wayne and Judy Flack ( )
  - 14 Charlie Brown
  - 15 Kari Mitchell  
Clinton Thomas
  - 16 Alison Olson
  - 19 Wayne Flack
  - 20 Nancy Gatzemeyer
  - 22 Dakota Boyce
  - 26 Evie Gatzemeyer
- (Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

### 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.

You may see a board member or a past activity leader for any questions you may have. Activities include: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduate Banquet, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Church Celebration, Vacation Bible School, Food Boxes, and a few others.

Please be in prayer for God's direction for you. It is important that each person feels invested in the activity they choose to lead. If you think the activity is a good outreach for our church, please consider leading it. A folder which does not get picked up means there is a chance that activity will not get done this year

And I heard the voice of the **LORD** saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Then I said,

*"Here I am! Send me."*

Isaiah 6:8



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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 7-12) – 5:00 PM

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

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
2 PM – Midland 4:30 PM Super Bowl Party at the Welborns  5 PM – Youth Group Super Bowl Party	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 5:30 Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study	1 PM - Elders	
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<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	
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