

The Vine

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

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*As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."
Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)*

Spring has sprung. School is almost over and summer is just around the corner. Think of all the things that come with summer. Ballgames (mosquitoes), camping (mosquitoes), yard work (mosquitoes), vacations (mosquitoes)...

Get the picture? Summer is a time for distractions. Those pesky little bloodsuckers are a major distraction for me. I have yet to see why God in His infinite wisdom lets them exist. The little flying menaces can keep us from enjoying a plethora of summer activities. Working in the flowers or the garden can be miserable as dusk approaches and the squadrons of little buzzing monsters come out. They always seem to know where the best fishing holes are as well. Ah, but there is always Off™ to keep us safe.

The things that the mosquitoes distract us from can be distractions themselves. Perhaps a ballgame every night. Cookouts, lawn care, that special project around the house.

The next thing you know it is dark. Time to shower up and get into bed; another day is gone. We often get so caught up in the activities of summer that everything else becomes an afterthought. I know I have fallen prey to this very predicament. I have awakened early, spent a day at work, and come home to chores, projects or activities until dark and fallen into bed exhausted.

Some people call that life. It is what we do. The problem is when we are so busy that we, like Martha, *are worried and upset about many things, when only one thing is needed.*

Do we fall into bed exhausted while neglecting time with our Lord and Savior? Do we schedule our week so fully that we 'have to' miss church for activities? Are we of the mindset that we can miss church activities if there is a conflict in schedules but would never think of missing the other activity so we can be involved with our church family?

Like mosquitoes, everyday life can be distracting. Our 'Off™' is our relationship with the Lord. Time spent with Him keeps our activities in the proper perspective and keeps our busyness from buzzing around in our heads. I encourage everyone this summer to NOT let yourselves slowly drift away from time spent with the Lord and your church family. As Jesus said, *"One thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better."* When you choose Christ, you have always chosen the better.

I pray everyone has a great summer in the Lord!

Mike

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Col 3:2)



GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

Bring items to the church beginning the first week of May
Place in fellowship hall – northwest corner
Please **price** your **items**
The event will be May 17th and 18th
We will have a bake sale during the garage sale

Please bake goodies and price them for the:



Proceeds from the garage and bake sales go to School Supply Project.



Saturday, May 11th, 6 PM
Families are welcome to bring soda and/or a snack.
EVERYONE WELCOME
INVITE FRIENDS

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, May 11th at 8:00 AM. Jay Welborn is cooking.

JAMS concluded for the year Wed, April 24th. Thanks to those who provided snacks, time and prayers throughout the school year.

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.

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.



Quarterly Carry in Dinner
Sunday, May 19th
After church service
Everyone welcome



KU Campus Christians
Year End Celebration
Thursday, May 9th at 7 PM
Lawrence Heights Christian Church
2321 Peterson Rd.
Lawrence, KS 66049

May	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
5	Judy/Allison	Flack	Flack	Flack Acts 9: 1-6	Jay/ Stan/ David / Jackson
12	Tiffany/Ashley	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas Luke 2: 46-51	Stan/ Jay/ Wayne A / Kyle
19	Aisha/Myles	K&N Gatzemeyer	K&N Gatzemeyer	K&N Gatzemeyer John 3:1-8	Jay/ Stan/ Clint / Brian
26	Brittany/Aleyna	Grove	Grove	Grove John 4:7-14	Stan/Jay/ Ray /Curtis

May communion devotion and prayer: Stan Farr

Prayer Requests

Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Men at Kiamichi, 2019 Graduates, Doug and Dorothy Schuyler

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

Church Offerings

Mar 24 - \$ 1,364
 Mar 31 - \$ 1,228
 April 07- \$ 2,522
 April 14 -\$ 1,519

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Sarah Toy
 4 ERIN SHEAD
 5 Gina Kirby
 8 Lauren Thomas
 10 Dan Strang
 19 Glee Hosler
 22 Myles Reich
 Aaron Cook
 24 Gary Smith
 27 Wayne & Christy Arnold (1978)
 28 Malia Boyce

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



Show Me Christian School
 2019 Graduates
 Amanda Jo & Cassie B Watkins
 May 11th @ 2 PM



Flaming spirit Christian Church Camp
 HS June 2nd-7th
 JH June 9th-14th
 JR June 16th-20th
 Middler June 23rd-25th
 1st Chance June 25th-26th
 Day Camp June 22nd

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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	4
		5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study		
5	6	8	9	11
2 PM – Midland 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study 8 PM Board Meeting	1 PM – Elders KU Campus Christian Celebration, 7 PM @ Lawrence Heights Christian Church	8 AM – Men’s Breakfast
12	13	15	16/17	18
10 AM – Pocket change for progress MOTHER’S DAY	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study	1 PM – Elders FRIDAY 17TH GARAGE SALE	GARAGE SALE
19	20	22	23	25
11:30 Carry in Dinner 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study		
26	Memorial Day 27	29	30	
PROMOTION SUNDAY 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study		