

# The Vine

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

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In 1798, John Adams, a leading Founding Father and our second president said: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

I don't think that the United States is a 'moral and religious people' anymore. Oh, yes, there are a lot of Bible believing Christians and people who try to live by biblical morality, but they are becoming a minority as godlessness is pushed upon us by politicians, Hollywood and academia.

In Texas, a divorced father was trying to keep his ex-wife from transitioning his seven year old son, who is one of a set of twins, to a girl. The mother dresses her son like a little girl and he has been given a girl's name. Yet the father says when he is with him, he acts like a regular boy.

He went to court to try to get Sole Managing Conservatorship in order to stop his ex-wife from medically transitioning his son to a girl. A jury heard the case, and eleven of the twelve jurors agreed that one of the parents should be Sole Managing Conservator – but that it shouldn't be the father!

This likely means that the father will be required to "affirm" James (the boy's birth name) as a girl, despite his religious and moral objections, and will also be forced to take a class on transgenderism.

I truly have a hard time understanding how eleven out of twelve jurors – IN TEXAS – ruled to allow a mother to begin transitioning a seven year old boy into a girl against his father's wishes. It also looks like the mother now has full authority to start him on puberty blockers and eventually cross-sex hormones. These are the same drugs used to administer chemical castration. This could be done to a seven year old!! This is child abuse!

Seven year olds don't know if they want to be a fireman, an astronaut or Captain America when they grow up. They certainly can't decide that they want to change their sex for the rest of their life.

Children are being taught in school at younger and younger ages about sexual orientations that they have no capacity to understand. The intended effect is to normalize behavior the Bible calls sin. By the time they actually do understand it,

it is so mainstream in their thinking that they can't believe anyone would be against it.

Recently, some psychologists and colleges have begun to refer to pedophilia as an unchangeable sexual orientation. Some cities and states have laws against discrimination due to sexual orientation. Do you see where this could end up? None of this would be okay if this nation were still a moral and religious people.

Jesus said, "*Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?*" (Matthew 19:4-5) God has a design for the expression of sexuality. It is only okay in the context of one biologically born (I can't believe I even have to stipulate that!) man and one biologically born woman in a monogamous marriage for life.

These are a couple of stories out of hundreds that show a nation drifting away from God – include abortion rights in this as well.

What do we do? We remember the church began and flourished in the midst of persecution under a pagan government. We don't want a pagan government, but we know the gates of hell will never prevail against the church.

We remember when the government violates God's word, God's people refuse to abide. Peter and John refused the authority's command to stop preaching Jesus. *But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."* (Acts 4:19-20)

We pray for revival. Jonah preached to a godless society in Nineveh, and revival broke out. Nebuchadnezzar was a godless leader, but through an act of God and the witness of Daniel, he became a God-fearer.

We do what is right. We obey the scriptures. We speak out against immorality, injustice and evil. We follow Jesus and take up our cross daily. We tell people about the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, and let God do what God wants to do.

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](http://theicom.org), to find a lot more  
information.



Designed by Vecteezy

Several people have shown interest in  
Attending ICOM, maybe a carpool can  
Be organized. Ask a friend, "Want to  
Ride with me?"

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast will be  
Saturday, November 9th 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday during church. The money is  
divided between VFCC Youth programs and the  
School Supply Giveaway Fund.

**Past sermons are available online at**  
**[www.valleyfallscc.org](http://www.valleyfallscc.org)**. If you cannot access them  
this way, you may ask Pastor Mike for a cd copy.

### **Dear Church Family,**

Wow! We just delivered 24 blankets/afghans to a  
nursing home and the fire department. We also  
donated to the Jefferson County Hospice. We  
have provided a couple of dozen gift bags recently,  
which included hats and booties, blankets and  
pillows to Birthright. We may be small but we're  
mighty and always looking for more members to  
help us make gifts to donate. Ladies who enjoy  
crafting or would like to learn are invited to our  
group that meets on Mondays, from 6-8 PM. We've  
also got a couple of ladies helping us use our yarn  
stash, by crocheting at home and getting the  
blankets to us. However you want to help we can  
use it.

### **The Sunflower Crafters**



Nov	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
3	Debbie/Aleyna	Flack	Flack	Flack Galatians 4:21-31	Stan/Jay/ <b>Jarret</b> /Wayne F
10	Brittany/Allison	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas Galatians 5: 1-6	Jay/Stan/ <b>Wayne A</b> /Kyle
17	Judy/Ashley	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Galatians 5:7-15	Stan/Jay/ <b>Clinton</b> /Brian
24	Laura/Abby	Mitchell	Mitchell	Mitchell Galatians 5:16-26	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Jackson

### November communion devotion and prayer: Wayne Flack

**Prayer Requests:** Tyler Miller Family, Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Stan Farr, Clay Biester

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

**Church Offerings:**  
Sep 22 - \$ 1,721  
Sep 29 - \$ 948

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

#### November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Nolan Reich
- 7 Matthew & Brittany Boyce
- 15 Joan Hosler
- 16 Brittany Boyce
- 22 Woodie Parker
- 25 Dodie Bolz

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

**Sunday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**-Phil McAfee, missionary from Brazil, will be here to report on the Brazilian Mission during the Sunday school hour.

**Sunday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**-Daylight Savings ends, Fall Back.

**All Church Thanksgiving Dinner**-Immediately following worship, Sunday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Community Christian Council**-Annual Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM, our church will host. Each church is asked to provide 2 pies. Contact Linda Durand to volunteer.

**Wednesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**,-No JAMS, No Bible Study

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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: 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2/9</b>
2 PM – Midland  5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study	1 PM – Elders	<del>2 9</del> 8 AM Men’s Breakfast
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Board Meeting		
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
10 AM – Pocket change 5 PM – Youth Group	7 PM Baby Shower for Christy (Smith) Dow	3:30 JAMS 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study	1 PM – Elders	
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>
11:30 Thanksgiving Church Dinner  5 PM Youth Group 7PM Thanksgiving Service	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	NO JAMS NO Worship prac NO Bible Study		