

# The Vine

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

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I recently had an ingenious money-making idea that I know I should patent before someone else thinks of it.

Ready? Pumpkin spice communion wafers! The people will flock here!!

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the day some people think of as the first day of autumn. It seems even more people think it is the first day of pumpkin spice season.

Like Halloween decorations (they've been out for about a month now) and Christmas items (I'm sure it is only a matter of days before we see displays in stores), the pumpkin spice craze actually begins in the dog days of summer.

Pumpkin spice coffee and coffee creamer. Pumpkin pie blizzards. Pumpkin spice candles. There are some strange things pumpkin spice. Country Crock has a pumpkin spice spread. There is a pumpkin spice wine. Pumpkin spice bologna (gross). Jello has a pumpkin spice pudding. Tortilla chips. Milk. Oreos. Marshmallows. m&ms. Pumpkin spice SPAM sold out in seven hours! 'Tis the season for pumpkin spice.

Just endure. Before you know it, it will be all about evergreen and peppermint.

Why do we have to be restricted by seasons? I could go for a pumpkin pie for Easter dinner dessert. I don't mind eating watermelon in the winter or having a roasted turkey in the summer.

There are some things that occur at the right season. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes, *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: (Eccl 3:1 ESV).*

A time to be born, a time to die. A time for war or peace. To plant and harvest. A time to be silent and a time to speak. Etcetera.

There is one situation where we should never be silent. When someone needs to hear the gospel. We should always be ready to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Paul wrote: *Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2 ESV)*

There was a time in the United States that it was 'in season' for preaching the gospel. There was a Great Awakening from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The Restoration Movement came into being during a particularly strong time in the early 1800s when it was very 'in season' to preach the word.

Today, however, our culture is trying to make Christianity as out of season as pumpkin pie at Easter. The world wants the church to accept, promote and celebrate ideals and morals that are outside of biblical teaching. Some churches, and some Christians, are following the world in an effort to be relevant or simply be accepted.

The Bible, however says we are to preach the word in season or out of season, i.e. when it is popular and when it is very unpopular. Not only preach, but when others get the word wrong, we reprove (correct). When someone misinterprets the word in order to promote one sin or another, we cannot let that slide. If they want to live in that sin, it is their choice, but they will not use God's word to justify it!

When they willfully sin and call good evil and evil good, we rebuke. We call abortion out for the evil it is. We speak out against redefining the world to allow for sexual deviancy.

When people struggle with doing what is right and standing against the onslaught of immorality, we encourage them to obey the word.

We do all this with grace and love. *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15 ESV)*

Remember, sharing the love and word of God never goes out of season!

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.



**Bring your Bible to school day:**  
October 3.  
Info at [www.bringyourbible.org](http://www.bringyourbible.org).  
Students' rights info at  
[www.adflegal.org/issues/religious-freedom/k-12](http://www.adflegal.org/issues/religious-freedom/k-12)

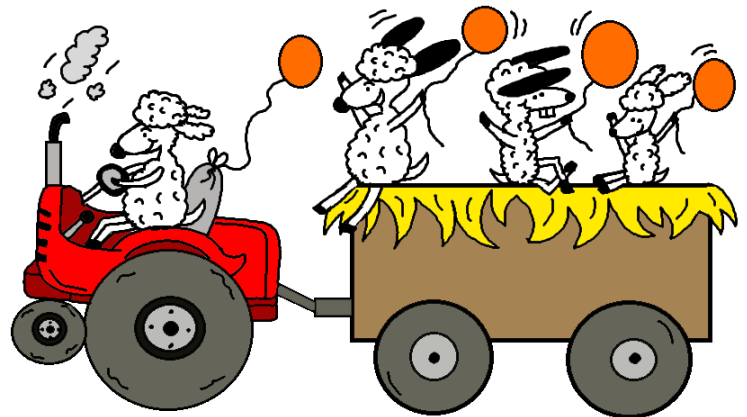
**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 12th at 8:00 AM. Wayne Flack is cooking.

**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.

**JAMS:** Prayers appreciated, for this outreach program, the students and staff. Ask Erin or Tiffany how you can help!

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

**Fall Hayride  
Hot Dog Roast.**  
Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.  
Church provides dogs, buns, drinks.  
Bring a side dish and lawn chair



Oct	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
6	Debbie/Ashley	Farr	Farr	Farr Galatians 3:1-6	Stan/Jay/ <b>Clinton</b> /Brian
13	Tiffany/Abby	Starkey	Starkey	Starkey Galatians 3:21-29	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad
20	Brittany/Lauren	Durand	Durand	Durand Galatians 4:1-7	Stan/Jay/ <b>Wayne A</b> / Aaron
27	Aisha/Allison	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett Galatians 4:12-20	Jay/Stan/ <b>Clinton</b> /Curtis M

### October communion devotion and prayer: Jarret Mitchell

**Prayer Requests:** Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Judy Flack, Doris Bixler, Stan Farr, Clay Biester

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

**Church Offerings:**

Aug 11 - \$ 918  
 Aug 18 - \$ 1137  
 Aug 25 - \$ 1568  
 Sep 01 - \$ 2,641  
 Sep 08 - \$ 1408  
 Sep 15 - \$ 1176

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

**October Birthdays & Anniversaries**

3 Kevin & Nancy Gatzemeyer (1970)  
 12 Jocelin Thomas  
 13 Kyle & Laura Reich (2001)  
 19 Rande Jo Gatzemeyer  
 Aubrie Mitchell  
 20 Jay Welborn  
 21 Lori Barrett

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

**Help finance a mission trip!**

Morgan Bailey (you may remember her as Morgan Ratliff) attended and was baptized at VFCC. She went out from VFCC to attend Ozark Christian College. She is now pursuing a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision through Regent University. She is going on a mission trip to the Ukraine in October. To learn more about her trip and to help her financially, find the link to her Gofundme page from the church website.

**Exciting things are happening at VFCC!**

Have you noticed the paint on the outside of the building? Thank Kevin G. for his hard work. Also, keep your eyes open as we look to update our nursery/children's area in the near future!

**Safety**

We now have our safety team in place. Of that group, the people involved are knowledgeable on first aid, CPR, AED, and active shooter trained. We plan to make the church as safe as possible. You should start seeing some positive changes soon.

**From Brenda Young:**

Change of address: Brenda Young  
 112 Handy Blvd  
 Bardstown, KY 4004  
 Cell # 513-505-4388

With a note that read: "Love to hear from you!"

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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>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
		3:30 JAMS 5:30 Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study	1 PM – Elders	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
2 PM – Midland 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 5:30 Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		8 AM Men’s Breakfast
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>20/27</b>	<b>21/28</b>	<b>23/30</b>	<b>24/31</b>	<b>26</b>
10 AM – Pocket change 4 PM – Fall Hay Ride  5 PM Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 5:30 Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		