

The Vine

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

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We were supposed to live forever. There was perfect fellowship with God. There was a clear purpose to glorify God and enjoy him, and instructions for living out that purpose — to have dominion over creation and fill the earth. We had a tree that would ensure life! It was paradise.

But then came sin and the curse.

Genesis 3:22-24 *Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.*

Did you ever think about God forbidding Adam and Eve to take from the tree of life after the fall as an act of mercy?

Imagine if you couldn't die, but still had to live under the curse of sin. You would experience the heartache of a million wars. You would suffer the hardship of work year after year after year. You might endure the pain of diseases that couldn't kill you. Every day you would have the never-ending burden of knowing your sin violated the holiness of your creator. That is no life.

We were supposed to live forever, but that life was also supposed to be in a perfect environment free of the curse.

So God limits the lifespan of man, but makes available to us life eternal in a perfect, curse-free paradise through Jesus. Wow! A second chance at life!

Jesus lived the perfect life we couldn't. His death on the cross paid the price to redeem us from our sins. His resurrection proved his power over death and his ability to give eternal life. Only through faith in Jesus Christ can we live forever. With God. In paradise.

As we look toward Resurrection Sunday in April, read these verses about life. Meditate on

them and pray over them as they teach you something about life in Christ – for this life and the life to come. If you have extra time, read the context and look up related references.

Each morning during prayer, pray about what God's will for you is in light of eternity as you ask God's direction for your day.

Mike

Life

- Apr 1: Matthew 12:39-40
- Apr 2: Matthew 28:1-10
- Apr 3: Mark 16:1-11
- Apr 4: John 20:1-18
- **Apr 5: Luke 24:1-12**
- Apr 6: Luke 24:13-35
- Apr 7: Genesis 2:7-17
- Apr 8: Numbers 21:4-9
- Apr 9: Psalm 16:5-11
- Apr 10: Psalm 27
- Apr 11: Psalm 56:3-4, 8-13
- Apr 12: Psalm 63:1-4
- Apr 13: Psalm 103
- Apr 14: Psalm 139
- Apr 15: Proverbs 3:1-8
- Apr 16: John 1:1-5
- Apr 17: John 3:14-21
- Apr 18: John 5:19-29
- Apr 19: John 6:27, 32-40, 57-58
- Apr 20: John 10:7-18
- Apr 21: John 11:17-27
- Apr 22: John 14:1-6, 19
- Apr 23: John 17:1-5
- Apr 24: Acts 17:22-31
- Apr 25: Romans 5:6-11
- Apr 26: Romans 6:1-11, 23
- Apr 27: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26
- Apr 28: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
- Apr 29: Revelation 20:11-21:8
- Apr 30: Revelation 22

EASTER SONRISE SERVICE - Sunday, April 5th, 8 a.m. and presented by the Youth Group. Breakfast to follow. There will be no Sunday School for Jr. High up through adult. Worship Service begins at 10 a.m.

GRADUATES: We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 17th during the worship service. If your child (or you) is graduating from the 8th grade, high school, technical school, or receiving a 2-year, 4-year or post-graduate college degree, turn those names into Mike or email: office@valleyfallsc.org by April 19th. It is essential to have these in a timely manner so we can order gifts for our graduates.

CAMPERS: VFCC uses Flaming Spirit Camp for our youth camp. The church will pay half the camp fees for any student wishing to attend Flaming Spirit. When you pay, tell them the church pays half and they will bill the church. The link is posted on the church website and an information card is in the church foyer. Or go directly to the Flaming Spirit website, flamingspirit.com. Important note: there are registration deadlines! You WILL NOT be able to drive up there and register on the day camp begins!

MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION - We are needing someone to organize a special recognition of our mothers.

GARAGE SALE - Once again, VFCC will participate in the Citywide garage sales, May 8th and 9th. So it is time to purge, mark and get ready to participate. More details coming.

VBS! VBS! VBS! VBS! - Save the dates!
VBS: August 3 - 7, 6 - 8 p.m. Dinner before.
Workdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 6/23, 6/25, 7/14, 7/16

Needing Volunteers - to assist with security cameras both for Sunday School and Worship. Please let Jarret know if you can help so we can put you on the schedule.

Men's Breakfast - April 11th, 8 a.m. Kevin is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress - Every 3rd Sunday, we take a special offering of the pocket change you have been saving. The money is divided between VFCC outreach and youth.

Church live stream is on the Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube Channel. Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.



Sermons

Apr 5 **Resurrection Sunday**
The Resurrection
Luke 24:1-12

Apr 12 The Emmaus Road
Luke 24:28-35

Apr 19 The Ascension
Luke 24:44-53

Objections Sermon Series

Apr 26 Objection 1: If God Is Real, Why
Is There Evil?
Romans 1:18-25

If you would like to be included on the text prayer chain, notify Donetta by text at 785-224-3497.

Church Email Address - to get items included in the newsletter: news@valleyfallsc.org. Or call or text Cecelia Ragan at (785)762-2195

Apr	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
5	Baker	Tannah	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Johnny /Aaron	Debbie/Dakota
12	Spencer	Tiffany	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Brittany/Becky
19	Farr	Donetta	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Stephen /Levi	Tiffany/Wade
26	Gerstner	Debbie	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Tanya/Junior

April Communion Devotion and Prayer: Brian

Camera Monitor	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	
Sunday School	Brian	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen	
Worship	Tiffany	Lori	Cecelia	Nancy	

Prayer Requests: Tim and Donna Ganger, Louie Mitchell, Callan Dempewolf - healing, Jill Boyce, Leah Brown, Elaine Worner, Christy & Becky Arnold, Dodie Bolz

OUR SOLDIERS: Allison Thomas, Curtis Mitchell, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam, Noe Garza, All of our troops and leaders. Our President, our nation and our government. (1 Tim 2:1-2) Decisions being made in our nation's leadership.

Church Offerings:

Feb 22 \$ 1007
 Mar 1 \$ 1942
 Mar 8 \$ 2324
 Mar 15 \$ 759
 Mar 22 \$ 1825



Gyve online: Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 7 Tannah Baker
Keith Ketcherside
- 11 Debbie Gerstner
Jenna Ketcherside
- 12 Aaron and Cheyenne Cook (2016)
- 13 Jozee Thayer
Zoe Woodgate-Caballero
- 22 Erin Thomas
- 26 Susan Klawuhn
- 29 Stan Farr

Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group - We want to invite all students from 6th - 12th grades to join us Sunday evenings 5 - 7 p.m. in the church basement.



**Return Service
Requested**

Phone: 785-945-6757
 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) 5-7 PM

Wednesday: Bible Study - 7:00 PM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
			1 No Bible Study	2/3	4
5 8 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service Easter Sunday	6 1:30 p.m. Crafters	7	8 7 p.m. Bible Study	9/10	11 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12 5 p.m. Youth group	13 1:30 p.m. Crafters	14	15 7 p.m. Bible Study	16/17	18
19 8:30 Biscuits/Gravy 5 p.m. Youth group	20 1:30 p.m. Crafters	21	22 Newsletter Items Due 7 p.m. Bible Study	23/24	25
26 5 p.m. Youth group	27 1:30 p.m. Crafters	28	29 7 p.m. Bible Study	30	