

The Vine

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

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My how life changes in the matter of a month. Last month I had Bible study on Wednesday nights at church and Tuesday mornings at VMHC as well as a monthly worship service at Midland care.

This month those two facilities are quarantined and society has pretty much shut down.

One person said, "All of a sudden, every preacher is a televangelist." I jokingly asked when I would get my private jet.

Pastors of small churches have had to dive headfirst into trying to get our services online, tackle new technology, and give sermons to empty rooms in front of cell phone cameras, among other things. Many of these things were already being done by the large churches.

One friend called me Techno Preacher Geek. A term which I wholeheartedly embrace. I love technology, so while this is a challenge, it is one I relish – although I find as I age, I am falling behind in keeping up with the latest and best new tech.

I know your life is changing, too. Kids are at home and school is online. Some people continue to work but risk exposure to the virus – God bless you for being on the front lines. Others are able to work from home. Some are on furlough or laid off. This makes everyone's financial situation scary.

Actually, everything is scary, topsy-turvy, unreliable, (add in your own description here).

We need to remember, when the world and our circumstances are uncertain, we serve a God who is unchanging. He has always been sovereign; He is sovereign today. He has always been omnipotent; He is still all powerful today. He has always loved you with an everlasting love; His unconditional love is still there for all of us today.

What can we learn from all this?

God is willing to remove everything we might rely on so we are forced to rely only on Him.

Job had everything taken from him. I am pretty sure that none of us have reached Job's level of severity. Yet in the midst of his trial and heartache, Job remained faithful to God. **Job 1:21-22 (ESV)** *And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.*

Job's wife challenged him to just curse God and die. **Job 2:10 (ESV)** *But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.*

Job's friends were no help. Yet in the midst of their accusations, Job was able to say, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth." ²⁶ *And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God."* **Job 19:25-26 (ESV)**

God vindicated Job in the end. Job never knew why all the bad things happened to him, but through his trial he better understood the power and sovereignty of God. He also experienced the love and blessing of God as God restored Job in the end. **Job 42:12 (ESV)** *And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning.*

Take encouragement! The God of Job is our same God today. Through this trial, believe in him, trust him, and know he is bigger than the circumstances we are experiencing. Remember He loves you with an everlasting love!!

Mike

COME, MY PEOPLE, ENTER INTO
YOUR ROOMS, AND SHUT YOUR
DOORS BEHIND YOU. HIDE
YOURSELF FOR A LITTLE MOMENT,
UNTIL THE INDIGNATION IS PAST.

ISAIAH 26:20

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GRADUATE NOTE

If you have a student who is graduating this year, as a church body, we will recognize their achievement. If you or your child is graduating, middle school, high school, technical school or college, send their names to the church office.

CAMP NEWS

Flaming Spirit Camp has not changed camp dates at the time of this publication. However, they are watching the situation closely and will notify us of any updates.

VBS NEWS

VBS is set for the week of June 15th this year. Let's be prayerful the climate of illness is subsided and we are able to serve our community with a fabulous VBS.

No Men's Breakfast this month

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.

Past sermons available online

Listen at www.valleyfallscc.org. If you cannot access them this way, you may ask Pastor Mike for a cd copy.

DUE TO THE INABILITY TO GATHER, THE EASTER SONRISE SERVICE FOR THIS YEAR IS CANCELLED.

VFCC has partnered with Gyve to enable us to receive your offering online. You can set up your account from a pc or download the app for android or Apple. This will allow the church to continue to receive your donations while we are not meeting.

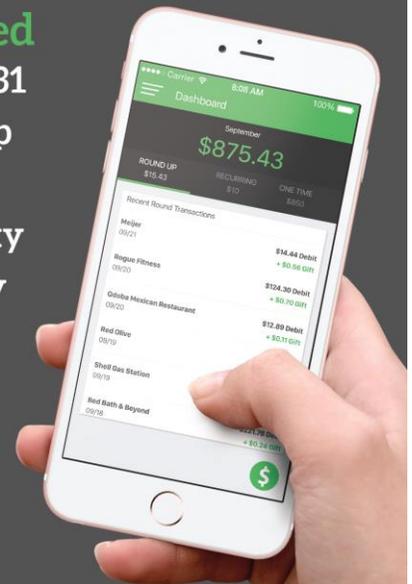
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April	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
5	Debbie/Ashley	Farr	Farr	Farr John 12:20-26	Stan/Jay/ Wayne F /Brian
12	Tiffany/Abby	Starkey	Starkey	Starkey Luke 24:28-35	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Kyle
19	Brittany/Lauren	Durand	Durand	Durand Luke 9:51-56	Stan/Jay/ Clinton /Chad
26	Aisha/Allison	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett John 11:38-44	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Jackson

April communion devotion and prayer: Jarret Mitchell

Prayer Requests: Our nation, our President and Leaders, Becky Arnold, Clay Beister, Emma Dockweiler, Christy Smith Dow and baby Faith

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

Church Offerings:

Unable to make a report for March Giving

Our expenses average \$1500 a week

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4 Betty Smith
- 11 Debbie Gerstner
- 12 Aaron and Cheyenne Cook (2016)
- 19 Martha Gilleece
- 22 Erin Thomas
- 26 Susan Klawuhn
- 29 Stan Farr

Looking Ahead...



GARAGE SALE FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Start stock piling your unused items for the all church garage sale in May. Proceeds benefit the School Supply Give Away. The event will be during the VF City Wide Garage Sales, providing they are permitted.



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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 7-12) – 5:00 PM

Midweek: JAMs (grades K-6): Wed. 3:30-5:00 Bible Study: 7:00-8:00 P

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
		1	2	4
			1 PM - Elders	
PALM SUNDAY 5	6	8	9	11
			----- 10 GOOD FRIDAY	
EASTER 12	13	15	16	18
			1 PM - Elders	
19	20	22	23	25
10 AM – Pocket change for progress				
26	27	29	30	