

The Vine

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

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We were supposed to live forever.

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, I have reprinted last year's verses about life. Read, meditate on,

and pray over the following verses that teach about life. 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

30 Days of Life

- Apr 1: Genesis 2:7-17
- Apr 2: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- Apr 3: Psalm 16:5-11
- Apr 4: Psalm 27
- Apr 5: Psalm 56:3-4, 8-13
- Apr 6: Psalm 63:1-4
- Apr 7: Psalm 103
- Apr 8: Psalm 139
- Apr 9: Proverbs 3:1-8
- Apr 10: John 1:1-5
- Apr 11: Numbers 21:4-9
- Apr 12: John 3:14-21
- Apr 13: Matthew 28:1-10
- Apr 14: Mark 16:1-11
- Apr 15: Luke 24:1-12
- Apr 16: Luke 24:13-35
- Apr 17: John 20:1-18
- 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

SONRISE service on Resurrection Sunday is at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast follows around 8:30. The younger Sunday school classes will meet after breakfast until worship. Jr. High through adult classes will help clean up and have fellowship time. Worship begins at 10 a.m.

MEETING: There will be a brief teachers'/nurse workers meeting immediately following church on Sunday, April 16th. All Sunday school teachers please attend.

GRADUATES: We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 21 during the worship service. If your child (or you) is graduating from the 8th grade, high school, technical school, college or receiving a post-graduate degree, please turn in those names to Mike or email the office at office@valleyfallsc.org by April 23rd.

CHURCH WORK DAY: Weather permitting we will have a spring church work day on April 29th from 8 a.m. till? Anybody wishing to help let Steve Ragan know so supplies can be picked up for the projects needing to be done.

BABY SHOWER: Ladies of our church family, we invite you to a baby shower for Caitlin Kirby (daughter-in-law of Mike and Gina). Please join us at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, in the fellowship hall. Caitlin is registered at www.babylist.com . Please RSVP to Gina at 785-817-6930. An invitation is on the entry table.

SPRING GARAGE SALE: The church will again participate in the City Wide Garage Sale in May. Time to start looking at all your treasures you wish to donate for the sale. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

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

Pocket Change for Progress: Please continue saving your pocket change for VFCC youth programs and School Supply Project. There is a bucket for your change anytime, not just the third Sunday.

Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.

On line sermon opportunity: For those sheltering at home, church service will be available to live stream on YouTube (and Facebook). Also available on YouTube, previous services.

Don't forget to subscribe to Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube channel



Sermon Series, Scripture

Apr 2	Palm Sunday A Tale of Two Crowns Luke 23:1-5
Apr 9	Easter Sunday Seek Life Luke 24:1-12
Apr 16	Power Over Disease Mark 5:35-43
Apr 23	Man of Sorrows Mark 6:1-6
Apr 30	God of Compassion Mark 6:30-38

	Greeters Communion Prep	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
02	Barrett	Barrett Luke 23:1-5	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Charles	Debbie/Kenzie
09	Spencer	Spencer Luke 24:1-12	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Aaron	Aisha/Rhonda
16	J Mitchell	J Mitchell Mark 5:35-43	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Tiffany/Abby
23	Farr	Farr Mark 6:1-6	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Leane/Jodee
30	Gerstner	Gerstner Mark 6:30-38	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Charles	Brittan/Dakota

April communion devotion and prayer: Brian Barrett

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Christy Arnold Emma Dockweiler, Mary Breitsprecher

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

Church Offerings:

Feb 19 \$ 1177
Feb 26 \$ 11,107
Mar 05 \$ 2,298

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Betty Smith
11 Debbie Gerstner
12 Aaron and Cheyenne Cook (2016)
13 Jozee Thayer
19 Martha Gilleece
21 Destinee Pruitt
22 Erin Thomas
26 Susan Klawuhn
29 Stan Farr

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

The Gideons will be presenting a short ministry report during Church on Sunday, April 2nd.

THANK YOU: Thank you for all those who helped me when I was ill. Those who did my housework, brought food, game me rides, and prayed for me.

Leah Brown



Ages Pre-K through 6th grade
6PM-8PM

May 29th-June 2nd
Registration Link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/9e3a25>

Or join us as a volunteer!! See Aisha Mitchell for details.

SAFETY REPORT: We have been making strides in the safety and security of our church body. We have security cameras in place, an AED has been installed, exit signs and smoke alarms have been installed as well. The safety team is working on a plan of action in case of an extreme incident.

Another step we will begin to implement is background checks for all people who work with children and youth. It is a sad state of our culture when churches are forced to do this. In today's world, churches large and small are helping to keep the most vulnerable among us safe through background checks. We will be contacting those who will need to submit to a background check. The checks are conducted by a branch of Safe Hiring Solution called Safe Ministry. Your personal information will be kept private and secure throughout this process. The church will bear the cost of the checks.

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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:** Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday	Saturday
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Palm Sunday 2	3	5	6/7	8
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7:00 PM Bible Study	 Good Friday	8 AM Men's Breakfast
Resurrection Sunday 9	10	12	13/14	15
8 AM Son Rise Breakfast Son Rise Service	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7:00 PM Bible Study		
16	17	19	20/21	22
11:30 AM SS Teacher meeting 5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7:00 PM Bible Study		
23/30	24	26	27/28	29
5 PM Youth Group  5 PM Youth Group		7:00 PM Bible Study		2 PM Caitlin Kirby's Baby Shower