

# The Vine

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

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## No Sweat

(Reprint from August 2004)

As I write, the forecast for tomorrow is supposed to be 93°; the next day is supposed to be 98°. Toss in 80% humidity and I can think of one word to describe that: oppressive! It seems as the dog days approach, our desire to be outside plummets. We would much rather be inside in front of the TV as opposed to outside working up a sweat.

When it gets hot like this, I can't help but think of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace. They were officials in King Nebuchadnezzar's court, yet they refused to bow down to the statue made in the king's image. This infuriated the king and he brought them before him for one last opportunity to pay homage to him. I love their response to the threat.

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

In essence, their response to the threat of a fiery furnace was, "No sweat! Do what you want, but we will not deny our God." They refused to stay in the comfortable places just so they could avoid the heat!

Do we have this same resolve to stay true to God? Are we willing to stand firm when confronted by those who would have us worship something else?

Some would have you believe that it is illegal to have a bible at school or to start bible studies. They would like you to believe that it is wrong to wear Christian T-shirts or pray before meals. They repeat the mantra that

Christians should not be involved in the political process. They would rather have you bow before their ideologies and worldviews, and when you refuse they turn up the heat. People in schools and the workplace alike have been threatened with lawsuits if they don't tow the ACLU line and bow before the gods of political correctness (tolerance for every and all viewpoints; diversity even if it means accepting something we disagree with on moral grounds).

Perhaps you have experienced this already. If not you probably will at some time in the future. What will your response be? Live and let live? Go with the flow even if you don't agree with it? Just make sure you don't rock the boat? The bible tells us we are to submit to the authorities God has placed over us (Romans 13) but obedience to God takes precedence (Acts 4:19-20).

It is my prayer that you have the same attitude as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. That your response would be, "I will do nothing that will cause me to deny my God or His precepts. Nothing you do can harm me and my God will protect me through anything you can dish out. But even if he does not - if He has some purpose unknown to me that would cause me to go through the fire - I will not deny my God."

In essence, "God's got my back. No sweat!"

Partners in Christ,

*Mike*



Please vote  
YES  
August  
2nd.

Sunflower & Meadowlark Crafters of KS

This little group of 6 members has been actively sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting and embroidering now for 5 years, and we've donated hundreds of items. (Christine Hile was an active member too). Our donation spots include both hospitals in Topeka, Birthright, all the nursing homes in Jefferson County, VF Fire Dept and the pregnancy center in Holton. This means we are making the items they need, rather than making items and then finding someone who needs them, and we will continue to donate to the places mentioned above.

Having the materials needed has been our biggest problem and we've had to donate ourselves. But then one day we received some yarn, then another person donated a large supply of fabric ad most recently boy and girl flannel, just as we needed it. God is providing!! The hotels in Jefferson County ad Atchison were contacted and several are donating us their used towels and bedding for us to use as backing for quilts, bibs, etc. So we have a great supply now.

Bibs, burp rags and draw string bags are requested so that is what we are working on now. If you have a heart and time to donate, we could use you. You don't sew, you say. We could use someone ironing for us, cutting out patters, or helping turn the bibs, etc. You don't have to be real crafty to join us, just have a little time. We meet on Monday afternoons from 1:30-3:30ish. See Susan Klawuhn or Donetta Farr if you have donations or just come some Monday and join us.

**Men's Breakfast:** men's breakfast will be Saturday, August 13th at 8 AM. Mike Kirby 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](http://www.valleyfallsc.org).** If you cannot access them this way, you may ask Pastor Mike for a cd copy.

**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**

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|--------|---------------------------------|
| Aug 07 | Wrath<br>Revelation 16:5-11     |
| Aug 14 | Babylon<br>Revelation 18:1-3    |
| Aug 21 | Return<br>Revelation 19:11-16   |
| Aug 28 | Millennium<br>Revelation 20:1-6 |

Aug	Greeters Communion Prep	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
07	Barret	Barret Rev 18:1-3	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan/ <b>Jarret</b> /Brian	Debbie/Jodie
14	Spencer	Spencer Rev 19:11-16	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan// <b>Charles</b> / Jackson	Leane/Dakota
21	Wistuba	Wistuba Rev 20:1-6	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad	Tiffany/Abby
28	Farr	Farr Rev 21:1-4	Brian Barrett	Jay/Stan / <b>Clinton</b> / Kyle	Brittany/Dakota

**August communion devotion and prayer: Brian Barrett**

**Prayer Requests:** Becky Arnold, Christy Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Ukraine & Afghanistan, Pat Petesch, Brian Kirby, and the resurge of Covid

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

**Church Offerings:**

June 05 \$5,141  
 June 12 \$ 447  
 June 19 \$2,055  
 June 26 \$ 933

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<https://gyve.io/give/valleyfallsc>



Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.



Friday & Saturday  
 August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday help is needed to fill bags  
 Saturday help is needed at the give away  
 See Tiffany Spencer for questions

**August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 2 Landon Mitchell
- 3 Stephen and Cecelia Ragan
- 6 Becky Arnold
- 7 Charles & LeighAnna Moffet (2010)
- 10 Brian Barrett
- 11 Nora-Jane Mitchell
- 12 Clinton & Erin Thomas (2000)
- 15 Cecelia Ragan
- 17 Jeremiah Mitchell  
 RALPH & CINDY SHEAD (1974)
- 18 Rhonda Mitchell
- 21 Carolyn Starkey  
 Johnny and Leane Wistuba (2010)
- 23 Rylan Cook  
 Ruth Nilges
- 28 PHIL MCAFEE
- 29 Henry Moffet
- 30 Leane Wistuba

Sunday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, will be the quarterly carry in dinner after church. Everyone welcome.

*Let's play ball!*



A ball game against the Valley Falls Baptist Church, is coming September 17<sup>th</sup>! Jarret is looking for co-ed team members, so see him to join in all the fun!

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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:**

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>6</b>
	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters		SCHOOL SUPPLY Set-up	GIVEAWAY
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>13</b>
	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>20</b>
	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25/26</b>	<b>27</b>
	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>		
11:30 AM Church carry in dinner 5 PM Youth Group (?)	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			