

The Vine

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

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The Bible and Education

Wow! It seems too soon to be on the backside of summer and looking at kids going back to school this month.

This is a good opportunity to pray for the teachers, administrators and all school staff. We want them to be safe, healthy and wise as they teach young minds.

We also need to pray for the students. Pray they can get back to a normal school routine without Zoom and masks! We want our young people to excel so that they can be marked by the same words that described a young Jesus. **Luke 2:52 (ESV)** *And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*

Let us also pray for parents. If you watch much news, or have seen certain social media posts, you find there are always some teachers who want to usurp the authority of the parents. Some administrators want to push the envelope and have their districts teach sexuality to very young students. They want to normalize abortion and behaviors that the Bible calls sin.

Parents need prayer support so they can stay vigilant about what their children are being taught. They need wisdom from God about how to handle different situations that they may find objectionable.

Jesus famously said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Caesar, of course, represented the Roman government.

Parents, your children don't belong to Caesar! God gave them to you to raise and to teach to know the Lord and follow his word. **Psalms 127:3 (NLT)** *Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.*

As such, parents are responsible for their upbringing, including education. This is why so much oversight and diligence should be taken to know what your children are being taught.

Here are some verses that tell us about teaching our children.

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring*

them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Psalms 34:11 (ESV) *Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

2 Timothy 1:5 (ESV) *I am reminded of your (Timothy's) sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.*

Proverbs 4:1-2 (ESV) *Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (ESV) *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

I know some great teachers who love the Lord. This article is not designed to run down teachers, but we all know there are forces at work in all areas of government control that are anti-God.

So I would encourage any teacher with this: **Colossians 3:23 (NIV)** *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, work as if working for the Lord.*

All Christians have a responsibility to God before all else. **Joshua 24:15 (ESV)** *And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

Mike



19th Annual School Supply Giveaway
Saturday, August 7th 2021 from 8am-11am
Valley Falls Christian Church
511 Oak Street
Valley Falls, KS 66088

- Book bags and school supplies for grades Pre-K through 12
- Community information and resources
- No income requirements
- Available for students of all districts
- First come, first served

Check valleyfallsc.org for the most current info or
Contact Tiffany Spencer for details

Set up for the annual school give away is pending.....stay tuned for details.

We will begin passing the offering plate and the communion trays August 1. The prepackaged communion cups will be available in the foyer for those wishing to take them instead.

Greeters continue to be responsible for preparing and cleanup of communion. Communion prep of trays will be just like pre-Covid. The Bread, trays, juice and cups are found in the kitchen.

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, August 14th, 8:00 AM. Stan Farr 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. 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

Aug 01	My Father's House John 14:1-6
Aug 08	I Am the Bread of Life John 6:35-40
Aug 15	I Am the Light of the World John 8:12-16
Aug 22	I Am the Good Shepherd/Door John 10:1-5
Aug 29	I Am the Resurrection and the Life John 11:21-27

Aug	Greeters	Scripture reader	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
01	Barret	Barret	Stan	Stan/Jay/ Jarret /Brian	Debbie/Abby
08	Spencer	Spencer	Stan	Stan/Jay Wayne F /Jackson	Brittany/Dakota
15	R Mitchell	R Mitchell	Stan	Stan/Jay/ Ray /Chad	Aisha/Rhonda
22	Farr	Farr	Stan	Stan/Jay/ Clinton /Kyle	Tiffany/Aleyna
29	Gerstner	Gerstner	Stan	Stan/Jay/Steve/Jackson	Brittany/Dakota

August communion devotion and prayer: Stan Farr

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Pat Petesch in rehab, Praise and continue prayer for Tabita McAfee's fight with Covid, Employees and family's at Midland

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

Church Offerings:

- June 20 - \$576
- June 27 - \$1092
- July 04 - \$2488
- July 11 - \$230

Gyve to VFCC online through our partnership with Gyve at: <https://gyve.io/give/valleyfallsc>

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Landon Mitchell
 - 6 Becky Arnold
Curtis & Aubrie Mitchell (2016)
 - 7 Charles & LeighAnna Moffet (2010)
 - 10 Brian Barrett
Harper Mitchell
 - 11 Nora-Jane Mitchell
 - 12 Clinton & Erin Thomas (2000)
 - 17 Jeremiah Mitchell
RALPH & CINDY SHEAD (1974)
 - 18 Rhonda Mitchell
 - 21 Carolyn Starkey
 - 23 Rylan Cook
 - 28 PHIL MCAFEE
 - 29 Henry Moffet
- (Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



Church Dinner

Sunday, August 29th.
11:30 AM
Everyone Welcome

**Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of
my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord,
my strength, and my redeemer.**

Psalm 19:14

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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 7-12) – 5:00 PM

Midweek: Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1	2	4	5	7
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters	4:30 PM – Worship prac		8 A.M. School Supply Giveaway
8	9	11	12	14
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters	4:30 PM – Worship prac		8 am Men’s Breakfast
15	16	18	19	21
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22	23	25	26	28
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters	4:30 PM – Worship prac		
29	30			
11:30 AM Church Dinner 5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters			