

The Vine

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

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Things are dirty and chaotic in the back of the church. Two doors have been torn out and replaced. This will make our nursery safer. The outside exit for the nursery is now an emergency exit only. The interior door is a Dutch door. We can open the top part without the danger of losing a toddler as they dash for 'open territory.' Also, those doors lock from the inside, in case there is an unwanted incident at the facility.

The class just to the east of the nursery is also being redone. As I write, walls have been torn out. A new one will be constructed which will give the classroom more square footage. The space we are giving up for that extra space was a wasted open area, so we aren't losing anything.

Once walls and doors are constructed, fresh paint will give these rooms an updated look. Finally, old carpet will be torn up to be replaced with laminate flooring (a padded vinyl type floor in the nursery).

The hope here is that families with children will understand we value them. They will see clean, safe, updated spaces for their kids. Hopefully they will understand that, more importantly, we teach the word of God that is clean and safe as well.

It is important that this doesn't remain the best kept secret in town. As we prepare nice areas for children, our family needs to inform new and visiting families these nice areas exist!

I believe the transformed product will look great! It is the waiting in the midst of dirt and chaos that is hard.

This reminds me a bit of the transformation that takes place in our lives when we come to Jesus. **2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed*

away, behold, the new has come.

The new has come...inwardly. We are looked upon by God and he sees the righteousness of Christ. He has given and forgiven. He has given us a new nature and forgiven us of our sin. This is justification. Importantly, God does NOT want us to stop there!!

Though we are forgiven, the desire to sin usually doesn't immediately disappear. Life is chaotic as our new nature struggles with the 'old self.' There is some demolition that must occur in our lives. Dirty language. Filthy habits. Walls of separation between ourselves and others need to be torn down and replaced with a fresh coat of Jesus.

This process is sanctification. It is the act of becoming more like Jesus over time as we follow him. It is a messy process as we struggle to live daily through the demo and new construction going on in our spirit.

As we all go through this process – and it is a life-long process – keep in mind how good it will be when God is finished with us.

1 John 3:2-3 (ESV) *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

The construction is complete when we are done with this life and in the presence of Jesus. One day, we will be like Jesus – inside and out – with new glorified bodies.

Until then, keep hammering away at the sinful nature and through the power of the Holy Spirit in you, become more and more like Jesus.

Mike



Quarterly Carry in Dinner
Sunday, February 23rd
After church service, 11:30 a.m.
Everyone welcome

CHURCH ACTIVITY FOLDERS

Activity folders contain information on a particular event that the church participates in each year (or has participated in past).

The folders are in the foyer on the table. We need someone to chair each activity but then we also need several people available to help. Please take a look at them and see if there is a perfect activity for you to either chair or at least help with. Picking up a folder means you direct that activity this year.

You may see a board member or a past activity leader for any questions you may have. Activities include: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduate Banquet, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Church Celebration, Vacation Bible School, Food Boxes, and a few others.

Please be in prayer for God's direction for you. It is important that each person feels invested in the activity they choose to lead. If you think the activity is a good outreach for our church, please consider leading it.



Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, February 8th at 8:00 AM.

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.valleyfallsc.org. If you cannot access them this way, you may ask Pastor Mike for a cd copy.

Renewal of Vows

Wayne and Judy Flack request the honor of your presence as they renew their wedding vows on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Please join them on Thursday, February 13th at 7 p.m. at the church. There will be a short reception afterward. They request you bring no gifts.

Super Bowl Bound!

While we know there is nothing super spiritual about football...it's the Chiefs!! It has been 50 years since the Chiefs have been in the Super Bowl, so feel free to wear your team apparel to church on Super Bowl Sunday.

If you are a 49ers fan and want to wear their team gear...we're Christians, we won't hurt you. Promise!

Super Bowl Parties

Youth Group: Begins at 5 p.m. at the church until the game is over. Check with Jarret and Mike for what to bring.

Rest of the church: Begins at 4 p.m. at the Farr's.



Feb	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
2	Glee/Allison	Flack	Flack	Flack Matt 14:25-32	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Brian
9	Tiffany/Aleyna	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas John 6:61-69	Stan/Jay/ Clinton /Kyle
16	Brittany/Myles	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer John 21:15-19	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad
23	Aisha/Ashley	Farr	Farr	Farr Luke 10:25-29	Stan/Jay/ Wayne A /Jackson

February communion devotion and prayer: Clinton Thomas

Prayer Requests: The family of Woodie Parker, Rick Dorr, Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Clay Biester, Grace Hale, The family of Donna Duckworth (Friend of Susan K)

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

Church Offerings:

- Dec 01 - \$ 2,672
- Dec 08 - \$ 1,320
- Dec 15 - \$ 1,020
- Dec 22 - \$ 1,350

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries


- 2 JODI WATKINS
- 7 Natalie Barrett
- 8 Aisha Mitchell
- 12 Jay & Carol Welborn (1965)
Cheyenne Cook
- 13 David Grove
Wayne and Judy Flack (1970)
- 14 Charlie Brown
- 15 Kari Mitchell
Clinton Thomas
- 16 Alison Olson
- 19 Wayne Flack
- 20 Nancy Gatzemeyer
- 22 Dakota Boyce
- 26 Evie Gatzemeyer

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



Alpha Christian Children’s Home Collection

It’s time for the churches of JF County to collect food items for Alpha Christian Youth home. A few suggested items include: canned fruits & veggies, pasta sauces and soups. Household items include toilet paper, trash bags, dishwasher detergent, and Ziploc freezer bags. Many more items are needed and you can find a complete list on the church website, or hard copy in the church foyer. We will begin collecting items Feb 2nd, through March 22nd. Thank you for your generous giving to help this mission serve children in need.



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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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) – 5:00 PM

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

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
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2	3	5	6	8
2 PM – Midland 4 PM Super Bowl Party @ Farr's 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Board Meeting	1 PM Elders meeting	8 AM Men's Breakfast
9	10	12	13	15
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		
16	17	19	20	22
10 AM – Pocket change 5 PM Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study	1 PM Elders meeting	
23	24	26	27	29
11:30 AM Church Carry In Dinner 5 PM Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	3:30 JAMS 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		