

The Vine

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

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2026 is just around the corner. The new year is a time people often look back. Let's see what was going on 100 years ago.

Walt Disney studios was established. Marilyn Monroe was born. So was Queen Elizabeth, David Attenborough, Chuck Berry and Andy Griffith. Calvin Coolidge was president for the United States' sesquicentennial [150th] birthday. The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the N.Y. Yankees in the World Series, four games to three. Escape artist Harry Houdini, and sharpshooting artist Annie Oakley, as well as the actual artist Claude Monet all died that year.

This is also a time to look forward. People make resolutions about things they would like to change or improve in their lives.

We may look forward to new challenges in 2026, such as retirement, career changes, graduation, a move, or the birth of a child.

The United States will celebrate her 250th birthday. Hopefully it will be an event the nation can come together on.

The new year is also a good time for the Christian to resolve to grow closer to God. 2 Peter 3:18 tells us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is not a call to develop a legalistic routine. It is more along the lines of Paul's desire: *that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:10-11.*

We should want to draw closer to God through Bible study, prayer, and church life. We need God's vision for that personally and as a church body. Proverbs 29:18 tells us, "Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law."

This list of verses encourages us to trust God's plans as we make ours. We should chase the prize God has set before us. Let's ask for the wisdom that is from above. Encourage one another in the faith, and commit to use our presence and giftedness to strengthen the life of the church. We need servants and leaders [who are also servants]! We need ideas to serve others, meet needs,

and make disciples. This is why God called us out of darkness and into his wonderful light.

We should look back at how God has blessed us and this church. Celebrate our victories and learn from our mistakes. Let's also set our hearts to have a vision for how the church can grow this year, and how each one can grow individually as part of the body.

Mike

Vision

- Jan 1: Proverbs 29:18
- Jan 2: Philippians 3:8-17
- Jan 3: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Jan 4: Isaiah 43:4-7
- Jan 5: Jeremiah 29:11-14
- Jan 6: James 4:13-17
- Jan 7: James 1:5-8
- Jan 8: Matthew 7:7-11
- Jan 9: Hebrews 10:24-25
- Jan 10: Acts 2:42-47
- Jan 11: Romans 12:1-8
- Jan 12: 2 Timothy 1:6-9
- Jan 13: Joshua 1:6-9
- Jan 14: Psalm 37:3-7
- Jan 15: Proverbs 16:1-4
- Jan 16: Isaiah 46:8-10
- Jan 17: Proverbs 3:1-8
- Jan 18: Psalm 32:6-8
- Jan 19: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Jan 20: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Jan 21: Ephesians 1:15-23
- Jan 22: Romans 8:26-28
- Jan 23: Ephesians 2:8-10
- Jan 24: James 2:14-17
- Jan 25: Colossians 3:23-24
- Jan 26: Galatians 6:2, 7-10
- Jan 27: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
- Jan 28: Philippians 1:3-6
- Jan 29: Proverbs 4:20-27
- Jan 30: Matthew 28:18-20
- Jan 31: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Youth Group Late Night - Jan. 1st, 3:30pm to 2 a.m. Jan. 2nd for all students, 6th - 12th grade. If anyone is interested in helping provide food, please see Jarret or Aisha.

Board Meeting is Sunday, Jan 4th immediately following church service. All Board members please plan to attend.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY is January 18th. Rescue the Perishing will be a special message teaching that we are all created in the image of God! Life at every stage is precious to God. Please pray for the protection of all life and that the heartbreak of abortion can be eliminated.



Thank You Cards are in the foyer from Leah Brown, Darlene Glassel, Mary Ann Eisermann, and Chuck and Mary Jo Hamon.



IF:Gathering will be Feb. 28th (one day only). Registration will open soon so plan to attend.

Men's Breakfast: January 10th, 8 a.m. Jay is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress: Every 3rd Sunday, we take a special offering of the pocket change you have been saving. The money is divided between VFCC outreach and youth.

Church live stream is on the Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube Channel. Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.

Sermons

Jan 4 The Call to Serve
John 13:12-17

Jan 11 The Way
John 14:1-6

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Jan 18 Rescue the Perishing
Proverbs 24:8-12

Jan 25 The Holy Spirit
John 14:25-31

Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group - We want to invite all students from 6th - 12th grades to join us Sunday evenings, 5-7 p.m. in the church basement.

Church Email Address - to get items included in the newsletter: news@valleyfallsc.org. Or call or text Cecelia Ragan - (785)-762-2195

HELP! Donetta is asking for someone to take over the sale of the church shirts. Talk to her if you are available.

Jan	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
4	Barrett	Brian	Jay	Jay/Stam/ Brian /Nick	Debbie/Daxton
11	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Jay	Jay/Stam/ Stephen /Levi	Brittany/Malia
18	Wistuba	Leanne	Jay	Jay/Stam/ Ray /Chad	Tanya/Junior
25	J Mitchell	Aisha	Jay	Jay/Stam/ Clinton /Kyle	Leane/Sawyer

January Communion Devotion and Prayer: Jay

Camera Monitor	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	
Sunday School	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen	Jay	
Worship	Stephen	Kevin	Cecelia	Ray	

Prayer Requests: Louie Mitchell, Jill Boyce, Leah Brown, Elaine Worner, Christy & Becky Arnold, Dodie Bolz

OUR SOLDIERS: Allison Thomas, Curtis Mitchell, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam, Noe Garza, All of our troops and leaders. Our President, our nation and our government. (1 Tim 2:1-2) Decisions being made in our nation's leadership.

If you would like to be included on the text prayer chain, notify Donetta by text at 785-224-3497.

Church Offerings:

Nov 16 \$ 858
Nov 23 \$1412



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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Kinze O'Neill
4 Emilee Mitchell
5 Liam Wistuba
 Luke Wistuba
 Danny Harris
10 Matthew Branam
12 Leah Brown
13 Stephen Ragan
 Jackson Reich
18 Shiloh Branam
19 Jarret Mitchell
21 Sam Ketcherside
24 Joel Nilges
27 Ashley GrandPre
30 Wayne Arnold
31 Linda Durand
 Jr. O'Neill



**Return Service
Requested**

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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 6 -12) 5-7 PM

Wednesday: Bible Study - 7:00 PM

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
			No Bible Study	1/2 Youth night	3
4 Board Meeting following church service 5 p.m. Youth group	5 1:30 p.m. Crafters	6	7 7 p.m. Bible Study	8/9	10 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
11 5 p.m. Youth group	12 1:30 p.m. Crafters	13	14 7 p.m. Bible Study	15/16	17
18 8:30 Biscuits/Gravy 7 p.m. Youth group	19 1:30 p.m. Crafters	20	21 7 p.m. Bible Study	22/23	24
25 5 p.m. Youth group	26 1:30 p.m. Crafters	27	28 Newsletter Items Due 7 p.m. Bible Study	29/30	31