

The Vine

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

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Jesus prayed to the Father, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

James wrote, "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

'Logos' is ancient Greek for 'word.' John 1:1 In the beginning was the Logos [Word]... Verse 14 completes the thought with, "and the Logos [Word] became flesh and made his dwelling with man." Jesus is the Word incarnate!

John Lennox stated, "In biology, we have at the heart of every living cell, the longest word ever found, the genetic code. All of that leads me to formulate it as follows: we live in a word-based universe. That is the key of the Logos for me."

He continued, "It means that this universe is not simply a product of natural unguided forces. It is a product of a rational creator, an intelligent creator, and I believe even more than that a personal creator."

Computer code is a series of symbols, numbers, letters and words written by an intelligent source that gives instructions and commands to make a program or app function properly.

The genetic code is a series of protein information, written by an intelligent designer that gives instructions and commands to our bodies at the cellular level to make our bodies function properly.

The word of God is information given by God to us, humans created in his image. It is given by the most wise designer of the entire universe. It gives us instruction and wisdom so we can function and thrive on a spiritual level.

For us to live as God wants us to live and to inherit eternal life, the word of God must be more essential to us than a program is to a computer or DNA is to the body.

Jesus is the Word of God packed into a human body. He doesn't just represent letters formed into words, thoughts and sentences. He is the very essence of all the knowledge of wis-

dom of God given to us on our level so we could receive Him and have life.

This month's scriptures focus on the word of God. Its holiness, usefulness, truth, and necessity for us to know God through Jesus Christ and live the rich life he has so graciously given us.

Mike

GOD'S WORD

- Jan 1: Genesis 1
- Jan 2: John 1:1-18
- Jan 3: 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Jan 4: Psalm 119:1-8
- Jan 5: Psalm 119:9-16
- Jan 6: Psalm 119:17-24
- Jan 7: Psalm 119:25-32
- Jan 8: Psalm 119:33-40
- Jan 9: Psalm 119:41-48
- Jan 10: Psalm 119:49-56
- Jan 11: Psalm 119:57-64
- Jan 12: Psalm 119:65-72
- Jan 13: Psalm 119:73-80
- Jan 14: Psalm 119:81-88
- Jan 15: Psalm 119:89-96
- Jan 16: Psalm 119:97-104
- Jan 17: Psalm 119:105-112
- Jan 18: Psalm 119:113-120
- Jan 19: Psalm 119:121-128
- Jan 20: Psalm 119:129-136
- Jan 21: Psalm 119:137-144
- Jan 22: Psalm 119:145-152
- Jan 23: Psalm 119:153-160
- Jan 24: Psalm 119:161-168
- Jan 25: Psalm 119:169-176
- Jan 26: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- Jan 27: Psalm 19:7-11
- Jan 28: Ephesians 6:10-20
- Jan 29: Hebrews 4:11-13
- Jan 30: Rev. 1:16; 2:12; 19:11-16
- Jan 31: Matthew 4:1-11

We Would Like to put the church's activities for the entire year on the calendar now. Please help do that. If you are in charge of an activity or mission through the year, please let Donetta know dates and times so she can get it on the calendar. This is not an inclusive list but will include activities such as: VBS, school supply giveaway, family hayrack ride and wiener roast, food boxes and all Christmas activities, Thanksgiving dinner, Sunrise service, ladies' Christmas party, youth group activities, men's fellowship activities, men's breakfast, etc.

Bridal Shower for Natalie Barret is being planned for mid January in the Fellowship Hall. Check the Bulletin for final details. Likely to be the weekend of Jan 13 or 14.

Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group will now include all students from the 6th to the 12th grade.

JAMs - Wednesdays through the end of April, grades K-5, 3:30-5pm. Plenty of space still available. **Don't forget to pick up a prayer slip in the foyer to pray for the needs of our kids.**

NEED VOLUNTEERS - We need 1 or 2 to direct Vacation Bible School in 2024. See Aisha with questions and to find out what is involved.

The Unity Soup Supper and Service sponsored by the CCC is January 21st at the Valley Falls Coal Creek Methodist Church this year. The supper is at 6 p.m. with the service following at 7.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY is January 21st. There will be a special message teaching that we are all created in the image of God! Please pray for the unborn and that the heartbreak of abortion can be eliminated.

BOARD MEETING is Sunday, January 7 after church.



Men's Breakfast: Saturday, January 13th, 8 a.m. Steve is cooking and since it is his birthday. Rumor has it there may be birthday cake.

Bible Reading Plans for 2024 are in the foyer.

Pocket Change for Progress: We take a special offering every 3rd Sunday of the pocket change you have been saving. The money is divided between VFCC Youth programs and the School Supply Giveaway Fund.

Online sermon opportunity: For those who need to watch at home, church service will be available to live stream on YouTube (and Facebook). Also available on YouTube, previous services.

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

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



Sermons

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| Jan 7 | Joy to the World
Psalm 132:11-18 |
| Jan 14 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Psalm 29:7-11 |
| Jan 21 | Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Jesus Loves Me
Psalm 139:13-16 |
| Jan 28 | Take My Life and Let It Be
Psalm 51:10-15 |

Jan	Greeters Communion prep	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers
7	Barrett	Brian	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ Steve /Jackson
14	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Steve
21	Welborn	Carol	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Chad
28	J Mitchell	Aisha	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Kyle

January communion devotion and prayer: Jay Welborn

Camera Monitor	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28	
Sunday School	Steve	Jay	Charles	Tiffany	
Worship	Nancy	Carol	Ray	Jarrett	

Prayer Requests: Leah Brown, Jacob Hartl-complications from back surgery, Linda Stansell-lung cancer, Kinze O'Neill--heart issue. Jill Boyce's brother - Health issues. Tracy Brull - Fighting Cancer. Jill Godfrey - for healing and pain relief. Christy Arnold, Natalie Barrett, Pat and Dave Petesch, Barry Farr, Emma Dockweiler, Joan Hosler, Allene Mattox, Elaine Worner, Students, Teachers and support staff in our schools. Israel, Ukraine and Afghanistan.

OUR SOLDIERS: 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.

Church Offerings:

Nov 5	\$2428
Nov 12	\$ 717
Nov 19	\$1306
Nov 26	\$ 194
Dec 3	\$1969
Dec 10	\$1625
Dec 17	\$1805



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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Bible Study - Wednesday 7PM. We are studying the Minor Prophets.

New email address - to get items included in the newsletter: news@valleyfallsc.org
Or call Cecelia Ragan - (785)-762-2195.



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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: JAMs 3:30 -5PM
Bible Study - 7:00 PM

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study	4/5	6
7 5 p.m. Youth group	8 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	9	10 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study	11/12	13 8 a.m. Men's break- fast
14 5 p.m. Youth group	15 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	16	17 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study	18/19	20
21 6 p.m. The Unity Soup Supper and Service 5 p.m. Youth group	22 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	23	24 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study	25/26	27
28 5 p.m. Youth group	29 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	30	31 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study		