

# The Vine

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

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As we begin a new year, many will say they 'hope' it isn't like the last couple of years. COVID, lockdowns, mandates, divisiveness over mandates and lockdowns, the economy and the divisiveness over politics have led to a lot of hopelessness.

We need hope. Real hope, not wishful thinking. Biblical hope can be defined as the confident expectation of good, that what God has promised will come to pass.

Biblical hope is not wishful thinking because God has kept all his promises in the past. He is all sovereign, all knowing, all powerful, ever present and all loving.

He can't be taken by surprise. He is great and he is good. His plans will come to pass. Even when things in this world seem hopeless, we can live in hope through Jesus Christ.

He teaches us to be content in all situations. When we are weak, then we are strong. If we become his slaves, we have freedom. We find true life when we finally die to ourselves.

This world is hopeless. But Jesus said, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33

As we enter into the New Year, let's resolve to live in hope. Not hope found in circumstances or the power of man, but hope in Christ.

This January, read, meditate on, and pray over the following verses in light of the hope we find in Christ. Read the context and chase related references.

Don't put this off! *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.* Proverbs 13:12

My prayer is that this sets the tone for the year to come. That should be a year that no matter what happens, we will shine in this world with the hope of Jesus.

Mike

## 30 Days of Hope

- Jan 1: Luke 4:18-21
- Jan 2: Jeremiah 29:11-15
- Jan 3: John 3:13-21
- Jan 4: Psalm 25:1-7, 20-21
- Jan 5: Psalm 33:12-22
- Jan 6: Psalm 37:1-11
- Jan 7: Psalm 62:5-8
- Jan 8: Psalm 71:1-8, 14-18
- Jan 9: Psalm 119:43, 49, 74, 81, 114, 147
- Jan 10: Psalm 130:5-8
- Jan 11: Psalm 146:5-10
- Jan 12: Isaiah 40:27-31
- Jan 13: Lamentations 3:19-26
- Jan 14: Isaiah 42:1-4
- Jan 15: Matthew 12:15-21
- Jan 16: Matthew 1:18-25
- Jan 17: Luke 1:46-55
- Jan 18: Matthew 5:1-12
- Jan 19: John 4:13-14; 6:35, 39-40, 50-51
- Jan 20: John 14:12-21
- Jan 21: Romans 5:1-5
- Jan 22: Romans 8:18-30
- Jan 23: Romans 12:12; 15:12-13
- Jan 24: 1 Corinthians 13:7-13
- Jan 25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
- Jan 26: Eph 1:18; Col 1:27; 1 Tim 1:1; Titus 2:13; Heb 10:23
- Jan 27: 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Jan 28: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
- Jan 29: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Jan 30: Revelation 21
- Jan 31: (Bonus day) Revelation 22

**THANK YOU:** To all who brought gifts for the adopted family for Christmas or gave throughout the year so the missions committee could help fill out the list, thank you. You helped give a needy family a better Christmas.

**THANK YOU:** From Joan Hosler for the Christmas Box.

**THANK YOU:** From Darlene Glassel for the Christmas Box.

**THANK YOU:** From Sylvia, Leslie & Nigel Woodgate for the Christmas Box

**THANK YOU:** From Dodie Bolz for the Christmas Box.

**THANK YOU:** From Mary Jane Burns for the Christmas Box



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The Unity Soup Supper and Service sponsored by the CCC is January 16 at the Catholic Church this year. The supper is at 6 p.m. with the service following at 7.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast will be Saturday, January 8th at 8:00 AM. Jay Welborn 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.valleyfallscc.org](http://www.valleyfallscc.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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| Jan 2  | Trust God in the Face of Evil<br>Habakkuk 2:2-4                               |
| Jan 09 | Praise God in the Face of Evil<br>Habakkuk 3:17-19                            |
| Jan 16 | <b>Sanctity of Life Sunday</b><br>Beautiful in God's Sight<br>Exodus 1:22-2:8 |
| Jan 23 | Prepared for Service<br>Exodus 2:11-15  |
| Jan 30 | Called into Service<br>Exodus 3:1-6   |

Jan	Greeters Communion Prep	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
02	Flack	Flack Habakkuk 2: 2-4	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Steve</b> /Brian	Debbie/Abby
09	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Habakkuk 3:17-19	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Wayne F</b> / Jackson	LeAnn/Ashley
16	Welborn	Welborn Exodus 1:22- 2:8	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad	Tiffany/Aleyna
23	Durand	Durand Exodus 2:11- 15	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Clinton</b> /Kyle	Aisha/Rhonda
30	Barret	Barret Exodus 3:1-6	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Jarret</b> /Brian	Brittany/Dakota

**January communion devotion and prayer: Jay Welborn**

**Prayer Requests:** Becky Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Pat Petesch, Kendra Page and baby, Families and individuals continuing to be affected by Covid.

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

**Church Offerings:**

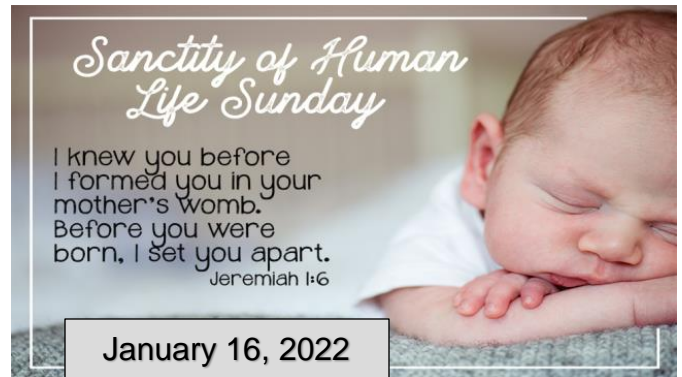
Nov 14-\$1,238  
 Nov 21-\$1045  
 Nov 28-\$ 856  
 Dec 05-\$2,134

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

**January Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 4 Emilee Mitchell
- 10 Matthew Branam
- 12 Leah Brown
- 13 Jackson Reich
- 14 Joe & Janelle Thayer (2003)
- 19 Jarret Mitchell
- 27 Ashley Grand Pre
- 30 Wayne Arnold
- 31 Linda Durand

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY** is January 16. 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.



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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:** Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	6:15 PM – Worship prac No Bible Study		8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast
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<b>Sanctity of Life 16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
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