

The Vine

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

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As I write, it is the first day of winter and less than a week before Christmas Sunday. Kids are already out of school for break and we are in the middle of a horrible cold snap.

The trees have shed their leaves. I believe most of them have found a home in my yard! The grass is dormant. Our world is in shut-down mode.

Every year winter allows us to look forward to spring. We anticipate buds and blossoms and new growth. We love the days getting longer, the brown trees greening before our eyes and warmer temperatures.

We often begin looking toward change on January first. We know spring isn't quite around the corner yet, but at New Years, we dream of new beginnings.

We resolve to fix things in our own life. We want to lose weight, get healthy, fix relationships or move on from old ones.

Hopefully, you also want to grow closer to the Lord. In fact, that becomes a resolution of many people. They resolve to read the Bible through in a year, do daily devotions, or journal about their prayers or Bible study.

Unfortunately, like many other resolutions, they also have died long before the first tulip blooms in the spring.

We can find some resolutions in the scriptures. Job's resolution for purity looked like this: **Job 31:1** *"I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin? Daniel resolved not to defile himself with Nebuchadnezzar's royal food. Paul's resolution was a focus on Jesus. 1 Corinthians 2:2* *For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

Joshua challenged Israel to serve the Lord only. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! The people of Israel heartily signed on! Yet, if you read the book of Judges, you will see they broke that resolution very quickly.

To help the resolution to grow in faith, this month I have included Bible readings

that lead us to think of newness. How God does new things for us and in us and in Christ we are new creations.

Hopefully, you can stick to your plans for 2023. I pray God does some new things in your life. As you grow closer to him, may he heal what's broken and allow you to see life with fresh spiritual eyes.

Mike

GOD DOES NEW THINGS

NEWNESS

- Jan 1: Genesis 1-2
- Jan 2: Genesis 3
- Jan 3: Genesis 6; 9:1-17
- Jan 4: Genesis 15
- Jan 5: Exodus 24:1-18
- Jan 6: Hebrews 8:7-13
- Jan 7: Psalm 40:1-8
- Jan 8: Psalm 96; 98
- Jan 9: Isaiah 42:1-9; 43:14-21
- Jan 10: Isaiah 48:1-11
- Jan 11: Isaiah 65:17-25
- Jan 12: Jeremiah 31:16-34
- Jan 13: Lamentations 3:19-33
- Jan 14: Ezekiel 11:16-21
- Jan 15: Ezekiel 18:30-32
- Jan 16: Ezekiel 36:22-38
- Jan 17: Matthew 1:18-25
- Jan 18: Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20
- Jan 19: John 1:1-18
- Jan 20: Mark 1:1-11
- Jan 21: John 3:1-21
- Jan 22: John 11:17-44
- Jan 23: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- Jan 24: Luke 24:1-12
- Jan 25: Acts 2
- Jan 26: Romans 6:1-14
- Jan 27: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21;
- Jan 28: Php 3:17-21; 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Jan 29: 2 Peter 3
- Jan 30: Revelation 21
- Jan 31: 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 Marie and Danny Lange for the Christmas Box.

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THANK-YOU: To everyone who helped make the children's program a delightful event. Thanks especially to all the kids for stepping up and stepping in so it could happen.

UPCOMING Events

We will provide the meal for KU Campus Christians on Monday, January 23rd...watch for more details as to how you can be a part of this ministry.

youth group SCHEDULE

There will be no Youth Group Jan 1st.

Youth Group on Jan 15th will be held 4:30-6 PM, due to the Community Soup Supper



Happy New Year!
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
~ Numbers 6:24-26

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, January 14th at 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.

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

Jan 01 Overcoming Bitterness
Ruth a:15-18

Jan 08 Under His Wings
Ruth 2:8-13

Jan 15 Our Kinsman Redeemer
Ruth 3:6-13

Jan 22 **Sanctity of Life Sunday**
The Battle for Life is not Over
Galatians 6:6-10

Jan 29 The Cost of Redemption
Ruth 4:13-17

| Jan | Greeters Communion Prep | Scripture | Devotion | Servers | Nursery |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 01 | Barrett | Barrett Ruth 1:15-18 | Jay | Jay/Stan/ Steve /Jackson | Debbie/Kenzie |
| 08 | Gatzemeyer | Gatzemeyer Ruth 2:8-13 | Jay | Jay/Stan/ Brian /Aaron | Leane/Jody |
| 15 | Welborn | Welborn Ruth 3:6-13 | Jay | Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad | Brittany/Dakota |
| 22 | Durand | Durand Galatians 6: 6-10 | Jay | Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle | Tiffany/Abby |
| 29 | Wistuba | Wistuba Ruth 4:13-17 | Jay | Jay/Stan/ Jarret / Charles | Aisha/Rhonda |

January communion devotion and prayer: Jay Welborn

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Allene Mattox, Cash Stein, Christy Arnold

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

Church Offerings:

Nov 06-\$5,137
 Nov 13-\$1827
 Nov 20-\$1100
 Nov 27-\$ 661
 Dec 04-\$4,890
 Dec 11-\$1,688

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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'Neill

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



The Unity Soup Supper and Service sponsored by the CCC is January 15 at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church this year. The supper is at 6 p.m. with the service following at 7.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY is January 22nd. 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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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/Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 5/6 | 7 |
| No Youth Group | | 7:00 Bible Study | | |
| 8 | 9 | 11 | 12/13 | 14 |
| 5 PM – Youth Group | 1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters | 7:00 Bible Study | | 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast |
| 15 | 16 | 18 | 19/20 | 21 |
| 4:30-6 PM – Youth Group 6 Pm Unity Supper | 1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters | 7:00 Bible Study 8 PM Board Mtg. | | |
| Sanctity of Life 22 | 23 | 25 | 26/27 | 28 |
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| 29 | 30 | | | |
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