

The Vine

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

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"Suppose a nation in some distant Region should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God... What a Utopia, what a Paradise would this region be." — John Adams, 2nd president of the United States.

The very first governing document for what would become the United States that originated with the European settlers was the Mayflower Compact in 1620.

Part of the body of the document reads like this: *Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia...* After which it declares a government for the purpose of advancing said faith, along with order, protection, and equality. Sounds like they wanted a government based upon Christian principles.

Whether one wishes to accept it or not, by the time of independence from Great Britain, those same Christian principles continued to guide our founders. While the faith of some is debatable, like Thomas Jefferson or Benjamin Franklin, even they quoted scripture and admitted a Christian framework was the best one for establishing the nation.

Most of the founding fathers were Christians, period. Some were more devout than others, but they professed a faith in Jesus Christ. The first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay, wrote this: *"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."*

Our constitution has Biblical underpinnings for its principles of freedom and equality. We are even told people are, "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Look for words this month like freedom, bondage, slavery, dominion, liberation, captivity. We don't live in a perfect nation. It in no way compares

with the worship due to our Lord Jesus Christ. But we are blessed.

Pray for the United States. Pray for true repentance, for revival, for godly people to be elected, and that Christ will bless us as we return to him.

Mike

F r e e d o m

- July 1: Psalm 33:10-19
- July 2: Psalm 144:12-15
- July 3: 2 Chronicles 7:14
- July 4: John 8:31-36
- July 5: Isaiah 61:1-3
- July 6: Psalm 118:1-9
- July 7: Jeremiah 29:4-14
- July 8: Matthew 11:28-30
- July 9: Matthew 22:15-22
- July 10: Luke 4:18-21
- July 11: Acts 13:36-41
- July 12: Romans 6:15-22
- July 13: Romans 8:1-4; 20-25
- July 14: Romans 13:1-7
- July 15: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- July 16: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
- July 17: 1 Corinthians 9:1; 19-23
- July 18: 1 Corinthians 10:23-33
- July 19: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18
- July 20: Galatians 5:1; 13-14
- July 21: Philippians 2:1-11
- July 22: Colossians 2:6-10
- July 23: 2 Timothy 2:22-26
- July 24: Titus 3:1-7
- July 25: Hebrews 2:10-15
- July 26: James 1:19-27
- July 27: James 2:8-13
- July 28: 1 Peter 2:13-17
- July 29: 2 Peter 2:17-22
- July 30: Isaiah 58:6-12
- July 31: Micah 6:8

Board Meeting - Monday, July 5th, following church. Board Members, please plan to attend.

CELEBRATE 250! Sunday, July 5th. Join us for a church cookout and fellowship at the Moffet's beginning at 5 p.m. Hot dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert, lawn chairs, and games if you like.

MEN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED!

VFCC will be hosting the **1613 Men's Conference** livestream—two days focused on biblical truth, strong faith, and meaningful encouragement. Invite a friend and plan to join us. July 17, 6-9 p.m. and July 18, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lunch provided. To learn about the speakers, go to: 1613mensconference.com

Register here:



VBS! VBS! VBS! VBS! - Save the dates!
VBS: August 3 - 7, 6 - 8 p.m. Dinner before.
Workdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. July 14 and July 16.
Still needing volunteers. See Tannah to volunteer .

PLEASE CONSIDER! Donetta would like to step down from doing the bulletin. She says, "I was considering this before our trip and my accident sealed the deal that it is time. I have done the bulletin for 25 years!! It has been a very fun and rewarding process. I have a computer to pass on that has the bulletin program. The overhead announcements come along with the deal. Cecelia is backup person for the times you are unable. You do not need to be very computer technical and Pastor Mike has always helped me when needed. Please consider this service opportunity.

Men's Breakfast - July 11th, 8 a.m. Steve 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

July 5 We Hold These Truths
John 8:31-36

Acts: The Birth of the Church

July 12 The Power to Go
Acts 1:6-11

July 19 A New Apostle
Acts 1:12-14

July 26 Pour Your Spirit Out
Acts 2:1-8

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

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

July	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
5	Boyce	R Mitchell	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Debbie/Isaac
12	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Stephen /Levi	Brittany/Wade
19	Ragan	Stephen	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Leane/Sawyer
26	Barret	Brian	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Leigh Ann/Malia

July Communion Devotion and Prayer:

Camera Monitor	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	
Sunday School	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen	Jay	
Worship	Nancy	Ray	Tiffany	Lori	

Prayer Requests: James Hathaway - for grace, patience and love for his Dad after the loss of his Mom; Continued healing for Donetta after her fall; Rex Foley - healing; Susan Feldkamp healing; Jill Boyce, Leah Brown, Elaine Worner, Christy & Becky Arnold, Dodie Bolz.

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

Church Offerings:

May 24 \$ 1257
May 31 \$ 1416
June 7 \$ 7898



Gyve online: Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

5 Laura Reich
10 Tiffany Spencer
19 Abby GrandPre
20 Aleyna GrandPre
22 Mike Kirby
 Jacob Mitchell
24 Christy Arnold
25 Wade Boyce
28 Jade Thayer

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



**Return Service
Requested**

Phone: 785-945-6757
 Email: office@valleyfallsc.org
 On the web: www.valleyfallsc.org
 Find us on Facebook!

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 - starts again in the fall

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
			1	2/3	4
5 Board Meeting 5 p.m. Celebrate 250th	6 1:30 p.m. Crafters	7	8	9/10	11 8 a.m. Men's Break-fast
12 5 p.m. Youth Group	13 1:30 p.m. Crafters	14	15	16/17	18
19 Biscuits & Gravy 5 p.m. Youth Group	20 1:30 p.m. Crafters	21	22 Newsletter Items Due	23/24	25
26 5 p.m. Youth Group	27 1:30 p.m. Crafters	28	29	30/31	