

The Vine

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

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When a culture believes it can control everything, including climate, gender and even the very thoughts of men (making everyone believe as they do), an unpredictable contagion like COVID-19 actually shows us how little we are in charge of.

Week by week, the consensus concerning the virus seems to change. Masks are good. Masks aren't good. Masks are good again...sometimes. Sanitize everything – except now the virus doesn't seem to spread very easily at all from surfaces. Maybe next week it will change again. Who knows?

The Bible shows us how very little we actually control in this world. The curse of original sin and the sin in the heart of each person makes this world quite unpredictable. Yet, God still sits on His throne and has a complete handle on what is going on. To say God is in control doesn't mean he causes every little thing, but that His plan will prevail in the end and he has the power and sovereignty to step in at any time.

So man tries to control, but God is really in charge. **Proverbs 19:21** *Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.*

Since God has the power to step in at will, it seems wise to ask Him to step in and bring healing to this world. We need physical healing AND spiritual healing. The rest of this space is dedicated to scripture that will hopefully encourage you to get on your knees and pray to Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals (Exodus 15:26). *(All scripture is from the ESV)*

Jeremiah 17:14 *Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.*

Malachi 4:2 *But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

Isaiah 53:5 (ESV) *But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that*

brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Psalm 103:2-3 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.*

Psalm 147:3 (ESV) *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Matthew 4:23-24 *And [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.*

Matthew 8:16 *That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and [Jesus] cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.*

James 5:13-15 *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

Finally, let's make this the prayer for our nation so God will look down on us with blessing:

Isaiah 1:16-20 *Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.*

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Mike



Due to the circumstances of the summer, we will not be hosting VBS for the community this year.



Service opportunity: We don't know when we will restart Sunday school, but when we do we need a nursery age Sunday school teacher and a helper for the same class. If you feel led by God to step into one of these roles, please see Mike.

No Men's Breakfast this month

Pocket Change for Progress: Please continue saving your pocket change for VFCC youth programs and School Supply Project. There will be a place to deposit that in the near future at the Church building.

Past sermons available online

Listen at www.valleyfallsc.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

Mike is still needing six or seven more testimonies about how this church has blessed you in your walk with Christ. Teens can do this too! It can be as short as a minute-no more than five minutes. The ones we have heard so far have been very encouraging! Please contact Mike if you are willing to do this.

**MEDIA
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

If you are technologically proficient - or at least willing to learn and spend some time weekly helping out with 'techie stuff', please see Mike so you can talk about what he has in mind.

July	Greeters	Scripture reader	Communion Devotion
5th	Farr	Farr Ephesians 2:4-10	Jarret
12th	Flack	Flack Ephesians 2:18-22	Jarret
19th	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Ephesians 3:7-13	Jarret
26th	Welborn	Welborn Ephesians 3:14-21	Jarret

July communion devotion and prayer: Jarret Mitchell

Prayer Requests: Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, School supply giveaway

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

Church Offerings: June information unavailable

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

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Laura Reich
- 8 Allene Mattox
- 10 Tiffany Spencer
- 11 PHIL & TABITA MCAFEE (1981)
- 17 Kaori Cazares
- 19 Abby GrandPre
- 20 Aleyna GrandPre
- 22 Mike Kirby
Jacob Mitchell
- 24 Christy Arnold
- 25 Wade Boyce
- 31 CINDY SHEAD
(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



**OUTREACH-H.O.P.E.
17th ANNUAL
"SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN THE
PRESENT"**

**SATURDAY, August 8, 2020
Give away begins at
8 AM
Contact Tiffany Spencer for
details**

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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) – 5:00 PM

Midweek:

JAMs (grades K-6):

Bible Study:

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
		1	2	Independence Day 4
			1 PM – Elders	
5	6	8	9	11
12	13	15	16	18
			1 PM – Elders	
19	20	22	23	25
10 AM – Pocket change for progress				
26	27	29	30	