

The Vine

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

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How much faith do you have in the weather forecast? I have some faith. At least they give us percentages. 50%, 2%, 90%, you know what I mean.

I recently checked the weather forecast on my phone. An 85% chance of rain was forecast overnight. Based upon the report, I decided to NOT put down some insect control on the yard. I woke up the next morning, no rain. It wasn't even cloudy. That was three days in a row the forecast had been miserably off. Not just a little bit, but like it was for an entirely different part of the country.

When I looked at the weather app again, I noticed it was still set on Indiana as the location. Woops on me!

Do you have enough faith to get on a Boeing jet and fly across the United States? "Pay no attention to the parts falling off!" Do you have less faith in air travel than you did a few years ago?

Our religion is based upon faith. We call it 'the faith.' Paul said he was an apostle for the sake of 'the faith,' meaning Christianity.

Some people don't want to take a step of faith and believe in Jesus. They say they must be 100% sure before they could become a Christian. They claim to be based upon reason, but in reality, it is a silly stance.

You can never be 100% sure about anything. You go to the pharmacy to pick up your latest prescription. Do you take your chemistry set and analyze one of the pills on the counter to make sure it is the right medicine and right dosage? No, you have faith they got it right.

There are so many things in everyday life we put our faith in that we don't even think about it. Oh, things could go wrong, but they usually don't. The evidence tells us that.

Yet when it comes to Christianity, skeptics say something like, "How can you believe in your invisible Santa in the sky? You must be weak to have to put your faith in God."

Our faith in Christ is not a leap into the dark, but a step into the light. It is based upon evidence, but if we were 100% sure, then it wouldn't be faith!

Why do so few people have faith in our government? Because they have witnessed the poor budgeting, poor management, poor enforcement of laws, and corruption. Evidence tells us it is not very deserving of our faith.

What is our evidence for faith? The risen Christ! It is the witnesses that have written down the accounts of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Since Christ promised to rise from the dead and kept that promise, I choose to believe every claim he makes.

Read about God's faithfulness, our faith, and 'the faith.' Look for words like believe and trust. If you have the faith of a mustard seed... well, look that one up in your Bible!

Mike

FAITH

- June 1: Hebrews 11
- June 2: Genesis 15:1-6
- June 3: Galatians 3:1-9
- June 4: Exodus 34:5-9
- June 5: Deuteronomy 7:6-11
- June 6: Psalm 25:1-10
- June 7: Proverbs 3:1-8
- June 8: Lamentations 3:19-24
- June 9: Matthew 14:22-33
- June 10: Matthew 25:14-30
- June 11: Mark 11:20-26
- June 12: Luke 5:17-26
- June 13: John 11:17-27
- June 14: John 14:1-14
- June 15: Acts 3:11-16
- June 16: Acts 26:15-18
- June 17: Romans 1:8-17
- June 18: Romans 3:21-31
- June 19: Romans 10:5-17
- June 20: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- June 21: Galatians 2:15-21
- June 22: Ephesians 2:1-10
- June 23: Philippians 3:8-16
- June 24: Colossians 1:15-23
- June 25: 1 Timothy 6:6-16
- June 26: 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- June 27: James 1:2-8
- June 28: 1 Peter 1:3-9
- June 29: 1 John 5:1-5
- June 30: John 3:1-21, 36

Promotion Sunday - June 2. All will gather in the fellowship at the beginning of the Sunday School hour to recognize the students moving up to the next level.

Sabbatical for Mike Kirby, June 3-July 5

Mike will be away from all ministry duties for a month. For any ministry needs you may have, reach out to someone else from the church. Here are some people you can call or text.

If you need a pastor, call one of our elders:

Jay Welborn – 785-865-6134

Stan Farr – 785-640-3631

To start the prayer chain, call:

Donetta Farr – 785-224-3497

Questions/concerns about the church building:

Steve Ragan – 785-493-5007

Newsletter items / questions re: the newsletter:

Cecelia Ragan – 785-762-2195

Questions about youth:

Jarret Mitchell – 785-231-4735

Questions about the website:

Wait until Mike gets back!

While Mike is gone, live streams of worship services will be available on the church YouTube channel, but they will not be linked to on the website or Facebook page. There will not be notes on Youversion Bible app.



Men's Breakfast: Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m. Brian is cooking.

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.valleyfallsc.org.

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



Sermons

June 9 I Will Be a Functioning Member
1 Cor 12:12-19

June 16 **Father's Day**
I Will Be a Unifying Church Member
Eph 4:1-6

June 23 I Will Not Let the Church Be About Me
Gal 5:22-26

June 30 I Will Pray for My Church Leaders
Hebrews 13:7-8; 17-19

June	Greeters Communion prep	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
2	Barret	Brian	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Steve	Debbie/Dakota
9	Spencer	Tiffany	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Leane/Malia
16	Wistuba	R Mitchell	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Steve /Jackson	Tiffany/Dakota
23	Farr	Donetta	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Rhonda/Aisha
30	Gerstner	Debbie	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Charles	Brittany/Malia

June communion devotion and prayer: Jarret

Camera Monitor	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Sunday School	Tiffany	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen	Jay
Worship	Jarret	Lori	Brian	Nancy	Carol

Prayer Requests: Leah Brown, Larry Thomas, Freda Roberson, Elaine Worner, Matt Cook, Nevaeh Rivera, Christy Arnold. Condolences to the families of Joan Hosler during this time of loss. Our President, our nation and our government. Decisions being made in our nation's leadership. Israel, Ukraine and Afghanistan.

OUR SOLDIERS: Allison Thomas - leaving for basic training, 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:

Apr 21 \$2261
 Apr 28 \$ 816
 May 5 \$1313
 May 12 \$1838



Gyve on line: Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Donna Slavens
- 6 Carol Welborn
Brian & Lori Barrett (1992)
- 9 Ronnie and Chelsea Pruitt (2018)
- 10 Sawyer Wistuba
Rowdy Wistuba
- 17 Leigh Anna Moffet
Janet Strang
- 25 Curtis Mitchell
- 28 Steadfast Nilges
- 29 Stan & Donetta Farr (1974)
- 30 Kelly Heinen

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



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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

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
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2 Promotion Sunday	3	4	5	6/7	8 8 a.m. Men's breakfast
9 5 p.m. Youth group	10 Crafters	11	12	13/14	15
16 5 p.m. Youth group	17 Crafters	18	19	20/21	22
23/30 5 p.m. Youth group	24 Crafters	25	26	27/28	29