

# The Vine

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

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Webster's Dictionary defines **soteriology** as the "theology dealing with salvation especially as effected by Jesus Christ." *Soter* is Greek for savior. *Soterion* is Greek for salvation.

There are lengthy books and entire seminary classes teaching us about soteriology.

There are also secular forms of soteriology. Secular "salvation" won't mean the same thing as Christian salvation. First, if there is no belief in heaven or hell, salvation could only be understood as having had a meaningful life. That might be achieved by doing good works or saying and thinking according to worldly philosophies.

Other (false) religions may deem salvation as becoming one with mother nature or the universe, or even having your own new world to populate and be god over. None of these secular or pagan methods can save you for eternity.

You don't need fancy words to know how to be saved. You don't need a college class to understand how it works. You need someone to share the gospel (and a Bible would be helpful).

You need to know that the God of the Bible is real. He is perfect and holy and we all sin and fall short of his perfect righteousness and deserve death. That means we need saving.

You need to know Jesus. You need to know he is God the Son, who took on flesh and was born of a virgin. He lived the perfect life we couldn't and his death on the cross paid the price for the death we deserve for sin.

You need to know that his resurrection is the proof that God the Father accepted his sacrifice on our behalf, and that he defeated sin and death to guarantee eternal life for those who receive him by faith.

You need to know salvation is only through Jesus Christ. *Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*"

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who died for us. The scriptures this month speak to us of salvation and take us through Holy Week. So dig in and know the salvation of the Lord. If you aren't a Christian, please receive Christ as your Lord and Savior!

*Mike*

## SALVATION

- March 1: Exodus 15:1-12
- March 2: Psalm 27
- March 3: Psalm 40
- March 4: Psalm 62
- March 5: Psalm 98
- March 6: Matthew 1:18-25
- March 7: Mark 16:14-20
- March 8: Luke 9:23-27
- March 9: Luke 19:1-10
- March 10: John 3:14-21
- March 11: John 10:1-11
- March 12: Acts 2:37-47
- March 13: Acts 16:25-34
- March 14: Romans 5:1-11
- March 15: Romans 10:5-17
- March 16: Ephesian 2:1-10
- March 17: Philippians 1:27-30
- March 18: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- March 19: Titus 3:3-7
- March 20: 1 Peter 3:18-22
- March 21: Revelation 7:9-12
- March 22: Revelation 19:1-5
- March 23: Psalm 118:19-29
- March 24: Zech 9:9; Mark 11:1-11
- March 25: Matthew 24:3-14
- March 26: John 14:1-6
- March 27: John 15:1-17
- March 28: John 17
- March 29: Isaiah 53
- March 30: Luke 22:39-49
- March 31: Luke 24:1-27

**We Would Like** to put the church's activities for the entire year on the calendar. Please help! If you are in charge of an activity or mission through the year, let Donetta know dates and times so she can get it on the calendar now. This would include activities such as: VBS, school supply giveaway, family hayrack ride and wiener roast, Sonrise service, food boxes and all Christmas and Thanksgiving activities, ladies' Christmas party, youth group activities, men's fellowship activities, men's breakfast, etc.

**THANK YOU** - from **L.A.T.M.** For the VFCC generous gift to help publish books in the world's languages.

**Alpha Christian Children's Home** in Perry is asking for help to "stock the shelves". VFCC has provided financial assistance for the non-perishable items. But, if a church member would like to provide additional assistance for perishable items (fresh fruits, vegetables, milk and eggs), this can be done by a cash donation or gift card to Walmart. If you want to help, please call Jeff Mulpas, Alpha Director of Mission Development, at 785-760-6355 to coordinate your giving.

**NEED VOLUNTEERS** - We need 1 or 2 to direct Vacation Bible School in 2024. See Aisha with questions and to find out what is involved.

**Nursery Workers Needed** - We need adult leaders and teen helpers (6th grade and up). Those interested in volunteering, please call Brittany Boyce at 785-217-0685 or the church at 945-6757.

**Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group** will now include all students from the 6th to the 12th grade.

**KUCC meal** --We will be feeding the KU Campus Christians Monday, March 18. More info upcoming.

**Resurrection Sunday** --Sonrise service at 8am and breakfast following. Cooks plan to arrive at 7 am. See Stan to volunteer.

**Board Meeting** - Sunday March 3rd, following church. Board Members, please plan to stay and attend.

**Daylight Savings** begins March 10. Be sure and set your clocks.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, March 9, 8 a.m. Tim is cooking.

**Pocket Change for Progress:** We take a special offering every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.valleyfallsc.org).

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



### Sermons

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| Mar 3  | The Love of God<br>Psalm 36:5-12   |
| Mar 10 | How Great Thou Art<br>Psalm 19:1-6                                       |
| Mar 17 | Be Thou My Vision<br>Psalm 19:7-14                                       |
| Mar 24 | O Sacred Head Now Wounded<br>Psalm 22:1-5                                |
| Mar 31 | <b>Resurrection Sunday</b><br>Christ the Lord Has Risen<br>Psalm 16:5-11 |

Mar	Greeters	Scripture	Communion	Servers
3	R Mitchell	Rhonda	Stan	Jay/Stan/ <b>Jackson/Clinton</b>
10	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Stan	Jay/Stan/ <b>Brian</b> /Charles
17	Welborn	Carol	Stan	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad
25	Gerstner	Debbie	Stan	Jay/Stan/ <b>Clinton</b> /Kyle
31	Wistuba	Rhonda	Stan	Jay/Stan/ <b>Jarret</b> /Steve

**March communion devotion and prayer: Stan**

Camera Monitor	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar24	Mar 31
Sunday School	Charles	Tiffany	Kevin	Donetta	Steve
Worship	Ray	Jarret	Lori	Brian	Nancy

**Prayer Requests:** Larry Thomas, Leah Brown, Donetta Farr - healing from surgery, Elaine Worner, Christy Arnold. Condolences to the families of Grace Thompson and Allene Mattox during this time of loss of their loved ones. Students, Teachers and support staff in our schools. Israel, Ukraine and Afghanistan.

**OUR SOLDIERS:** 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:**

Jan 28        \$1210  
Feb 4         \$1993  
Feb 11        \$11,105  
Feb 18        \$ 1272



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

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

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 2 Emery Mitchell
- 4 Donetta Farr
- 5 Ronnie Pruitt
- 8 Caitlyn Thomas
- 11 Kaylie Mitchell  
Levi Baker
- 14 Gary & Betty Smith (1983)  
Madelyn Gerety
- 19 Peyton Barrett
- 28 Jeff & Carolyn Starkey (1981)
- 29 Isaac Reich  
Jodie Cook

**JAMs** - Wednesdays through the end of April, grades K-5, 3:30-5pm. Plenty of space still available. **Don't forget to pick up a prayer slip in the foyer to pray for the needs of our kids.**

**Bible Study** - Wednesday 7PM. We are studying the Minor Prophets.



**Return Service  
Requested**

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 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:** JAMs 3:30 -5PM  
 Bible Study - 7:00 PM

**March**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7/8	9 8 a.m. Men's breakfast
10 5 p.m. Youth group Daylight Savings Begins	11 Crafters	12	13 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study	14/15	16
17 5 p.m. Youth group	18 Crafters KUCC Meal	19	20 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study	21/22	23
24 5 p.m. Youth group	25r Crafters	26	27 3:30-5 p.m. JAMs 7 p.m. Bible Study	28/29	30
31 8 am Sunrise Service Breakfast following					