

# The Vine

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

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One of the ways people know we are Christians is by the fruit in our life. We are called to walk in the Spirit. That means we keep in step with the character of the Holy Spirit so he will produce spiritual fruit in our lives.

We are specifically also told in Galatians 5 to NOT walk according to the sinful nature (or the flesh). The two are not compatible.

People who are not Christians are controlled by the sin nature within which has been passed down since Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

The behaviors that result from living according to the flesh include sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

Those whose lives are marked by these behaviors will not inherit the kingdom of God.

In the next verse, however, we read about the fruit of the Spirit. The 'fruit' is the harvest or the product of a person controlled by the Spirit of God. You can only be controlled by the Spirit if you are indwelt by Him and filled by Him.

When one walks with the Holy Spirit, he or she will exhibit the godly qualities of the Spirit.

This month, I will list the nine characteristics of the fruit. I will cite a reading showing how God exhibits the characteristic followed by verses that show how his followers should also walk this way. You will find that many of these traits overlap from one verse to another. That is, verses about love may also name kindness, or those mentioning peace also talk about joy.

As always, read, meditate on, and pray over the following verses. If you have extra time, read the context and look up related references. The goal is to understand and live a life that looks like Jesus.

*Mike*

## 31 Days Fruit of the Spirit

- May 1: Galatians 5:22-23  
Love
- May 2: 1 John 4:7-12
- May 3: Romans 5:1-11
- May 4: 1 John 3:11-18
- May 5: John 15:9-17  
Joy
- May 6: Zephaniah 3:14-17
- May 7: Philippians 4:4-9
- May 8: Psalm 16:5-11  
Peace
- May 9: Isaiah 9:6-7
- May 10: Colossians 3:15-17
- May 11: Romans 11:14-21  
Patience
- May 12: 2 Peter 3:8-10
- May 13: I Corinthians 13:4-7
- May 14: Ephesians 4:1-3
- May 15: James 5:7-11  
Kindness
- May 16: Romans 2:4
- May 17: Ephesians 4:29-32
- May 18: Colossians 3:12-14  
Goodness
- May 19: Psalm 107:1-9
- May 20: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
- May 21: Micah 6:8  
Faithfulness
- May 22: Psalm 36:5-10
- May 23: Hebrews 13:1-6
- May 24: Matthew 25:14-30
- May 25: Revelation 2:10; 3:10-13  
Gentleness
- May 26: Matthew 11:28-30
- May 27: I Timothy 6:11-16
- May 28: 1 Peter 3:13-17  
Self-control
- May 29: Matthew 4:1-11
- May 30: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- May 31: 2 Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Pet. 1:3-11



Church Garage Sale/Bake Sale  
 Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 8AM-6 PM  
 Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7AM-3PM  
 Please have items marked with prices and initials. Now is the time to start bringing the garage sale items. Call Cecelia when your ready to deliver them. All items not sold will need to be picked up by owner.  
 Bake Sale items can be delivered Thur, May 12<sup>th</sup> or Fri, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Cecelia Ragan, 785-762-2195 for questions or to volunteer



Join Us  
 this Summer

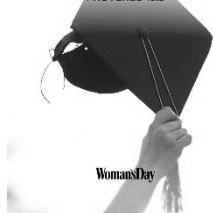
WHAT: VBS  
 WHEN: MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>-JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>  
 6PM-8PM

WHO: AISHA MITCHELL, DIRECTOR  
 WHERE: VFCC

NEEDED: YOU TO VOLUNTEER, PLAN NOW TO BE A PART OF A FUN FILLED VBS ON "WONDERFULLY MADE"

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

PROVERBS 16:3



Lift all Graduates  
 Up in prayer  
 As they celebrate  
 Their accomplishments.

WomansDay

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast is cancelled for May and will continue June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Past sermons are available online at [www.valleyfallsc.org](http://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



**Sermon Series, Scripture**

May 01 No Turning Back  
 Numbers 14:1-4

May 08 **Mother's Day**  
 The Next Generation  
 Deuteronomy 34:9-12

**Series: The Revelation of Jesus Christ**

May 15 Prophecy  
 Revelation 1:1-3

May 22 Church Pt. 1  
 Revelation 2:3-5

May 29 Church Pt. 2  
 Revelation 3:15-22

May	Greeters Communion Prep	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
01	Gerstner	Gerstner Numbers 14: 1-4	Jay W	Jay/Stan/ <b>Steve</b> /Jackson	Debbie/Abby
08	Boyce	R Mitchell Dut 34:9-12	Jay W	Jay/Stan// <b>Brian</b> /Jarret	Brittany/Dakota
15	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Rev 1:1-3	Jay W	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad	Tiffany/Aleyna
22	Welborn	Welborn Rev 2:3-5	Jay W	Jay/Stan/ <b>Steve</b> /Jackson	Leann/Ashley
29	Durand	Durand Rev 3:15-22	Jay W	Jay/Stan/ <b>Kyle</b> /Jarret	Aisha/Rhonda

**May communion devotion and prayer: Jay Welborn**

**Prayer Requests:** Becky Arnold, Christy Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Ukraine & Afghanistan, Erhart Family

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

**Church Offerings:**

Mar 06- \$5,257  
 Mar 13- \$ 611  
 Mar 20- \$1,067  
 Mar 27- \$1,268  
 Apr 03- \$5,970

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<https://gyve.io/give/valleyfallsc>



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**May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 2 Sarah Toy
- 4 Charles Moffet
- 5 Gina Kirby
- 8 Lauren Thomas
- 10 Dan Strang
- 19 Glee Hosler
- 24 Jodee Thayer  
Gary Smith
- 27 Wayne & Christy Arnold (1978)
- 28 Malia Boyce



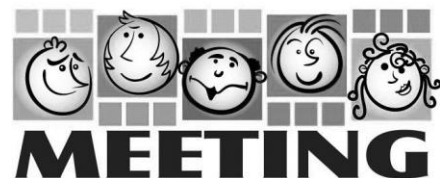
**FLAMING SPIRIT CAMP 2022 Schedule**

	Registration Deadline	Camp Week
HS	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	June 5-10
JR High	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	June 12-17
Jr.	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	June 19-23
Day Camp,	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	June 25
Middler &	"	June 26-28
1 <sup>st</sup> Chance	"	June 28-29

All registrations are online at:  
[www.flamingspirit.com](http://www.flamingspirit.com)



**Fellowship Meal**  
 Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Right after church,  
 Carry-in Dinner



Church Board of Meeting  
 Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 8 PM

# Valley Falls Christian Church

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RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

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On the web: www.valleyfallsc.org  
Find us on Facebook!

**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

**Wednesday:** Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>7</b>
5 PM – Youth Group		6:00 PM Worship prac 7:00 PM Bible Study		
<b>Mother's Day 8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>14</b>
NO Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	6:00 PM Worship prac 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Mtg	8 AM-6 PM Friday Church Garage & Bake Sale	7 AM-3 PM Church Garage Sale & Bake Sale
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>21</b>
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	6:00 PM Worship prac 7:00 PM Bible Study		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26/27</b>	<b>28</b>
11:30 AM Church Carry in Dinner 5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	6:00 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters <b>VBS 6-8PM</b>			