

The Vine

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

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I encourage you again this month to make reading through the Psalms and Proverbs part of your daily routine. Reading a chapter a day through June, and repeat in the second half of the year.

While there are many wonderful Psalms, most of the ones chosen for this month have something to do with giving thanks.

The Psalms are the hymns of ancient Judaism. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave thanks for the bread before saying, "This is my body." He gave thanks for the wine, saying, "This is my blood." He then gave instructions that we were to observe this memorial until he returned.

After the Last Supper, Mark and Matthew tell us they sang a hymn before going to the Mount of Olives. I wonder if Jesus chose a hymn of Thanksgiving, Psalm 136 perhaps, after establishing the Lord's Supper.

Paul, a former Pharisee that Jesus converted, was well schooled in the Old Testament Scriptures. When you read his letters, you see that he gives thanks, and commands thanksgiving often. Most of his letters have some sort of message of thanksgiving for the recipients in the first section. (Rom 1:8; 1 Cor 1:4; Eph 1:15; etc.)

I can imagine his deep sense of gratitude, that God would actually choose to save him who had previously persecuted the church and call him to evangelize the gentiles, would let him see the Psalms of thanksgiving in a new light.

We get these gems from Paul's writings – under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

Colossians 3:15-16 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms

and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Read the following verses in context, reading the entire chapter if you have time. See if there is a certain verse you might commit to memory. Remember, His word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Mike

Psalms

- Nov 1: Psalm 75:1-5
- Nov 2: Psalm 79:8-13
- Nov 3: Psalm 86:8-13
- Nov 4: Psalm 92:1-4
- Nov 5: Psalm 95
- Nov 6: Psalm 97:8-12
- Nov 7: Psalm 100
- Nov 8: Psalm 105:1-6
- Nov 9: Psalm 106:1-5
- Nov 10: Psalm 106:44-48
- Nov 11: Psalm 107:1-16
- Nov 12: Psalm 107:17-32
- Nov 13: Psalm 108:1-6
- Nov 14: Psalm 109:26-31
- Nov 15: Psalm 111
- Nov 16: Psalm 116:12-19
- Nov 17: Psalm 118:1-13
- Nov 18: Psalm 118:14-29
- Nov 19: Psalm 121
- Nov 20: Psalm 122
- Nov 21: Psalm 127
- Nov 22: Psalm 138
- Nov 23: Psalm 139:1-12
- Nov 24: Psalm 139:13-24
- Nov 25: Psalm 140:6-13
- Nov 26: Psalm 142
- Nov 27: Psalm 136
- Nov 28: Psalm 145:8-13
- Nov 29: Psalm 147:1-11
- Nov 30: Psalm 150

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV. 2nd.

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child shoe-boxes need to be brought to the church by Sunday, Nov. 16th so they can be delivered. Items to purchase are at the church and for sale until gone. See Donetta for soccer balls with pumps, flashlights that wind up (don't use batteries), harmonicas, jump ropes, tooth brushes and more. Our goal is 30 boxes so won't you help by filling a box or two. Boxes are for a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Please be praying for the child recipient, their family and community. Thank you to those who have previously participated and those helping this year. See Donetta with any questions.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES for our shut-ins. We plan to fill 30 boxes on Dec 7th. We need shoe boxes to fill with food goodies and give to the elderly during the Christmas holiday. Please bring them in and place them in the foyer anytime.

Thanksgiving Dinner - November 23. Watch for lists for attendance and for food.

Ladies Christmas Party - Dec 14th at 2 p.m. Nancy Gatzemeyer is hosting again this year. Last year was so much fun and she promises even more fun and fellowship this year. Plan to attend.

Board Meeting - Sunday Nov. 2nd following church. Board Members, please plan to stay and attend.

HELP! Donetta is asking for someone to take over the sale of the church shirts. Talk to her if you are available.

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 church basement.

Men's Breakfast: November 8th, 8 a.m. Aaron 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.

Online sermon opportunity: For those who need to watch at home, church service is live streamed on YouTube (and Facebook). Previous services are also available on YouTube. Subscribe to Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube Channel.

Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.

Sermons

Nov 2 Christ, Our Cornerstone
Luke 20:13-18

Nov 9 Caesar vs. God
Luke 20:19-26

Nov 16 God of the Living
Luke 20:34-38

Thanksgiving Sunday

Nov 23 Whole Hearted Thanks
Psalm 138:1-8

Nov 30 Mike is off
Stan preaches

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

Nov	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
2	Gerstner	Debbie	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Charles	Debbie/Becky
9	Barret	Brian	Stan	Jay/Stan/Steve/Jackson	Brittany/Dakota
16	Spencer	Tiffany	Stan	Jay/Stan/Brian/Nick	Tiffany/Junior
23	J Mitchell	Aisha	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Aisha/Malia
30	Baker	Tannah	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Tim /Aaron	Leane/Rowdy

November Communion Devotion and Prayer: Stan

Camera Monitor	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
Sunday School	Charles	Jarret	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen
Worship	Ray	Chad	Lori	Stephen	Kevin

Prayer Requests: Pat Petesch, Nancy G's sister, in hospital with infection, Jill Boyce, Leah Brown, Elaine Worner, Christy & Becky Arnold, Dodie Bolz

OUR SOLDIERS: Allison Thomas, 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.

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

Church Offerings:

Sept 28 \$2283
Oct 5 \$1812
Oct 12 \$2101



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

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Tanya O'Neill
4 Nolan Reich
5 Zoe & Israel Caballero
7 Cassie O'Neill
Kim Ketcherside
Matthew & Brittany Boyce
10 Tim Ganger
Evie (Evangeline) Kunkle
11 Britten Gerety
Alexa Gerety
16 Brittany Boyce
23 Providence Nilges
25 Dodie Bolz
28 Donna Ganger



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Requested**

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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) 5-7 PM

Wednesday: Bible Study - 7:00 PM

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
2 5 p.m. Youth group	3 1:30 p.m. Crafters	4	5 No Bible Study	5/7	8 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 5 p.m. Youth group	10 1:30 p.m. Crafters	11	12 7p.m. Bible Study	13/14	15
16 8:30 a.m. Biscuits and Gravy 5 p.m. Youth group	17 1:30 p.m. Crafters	18	19 Newsletter Items Due 7p.m. Bible Study	20/21	22
23 Thanksgiving Dinner 5 p.m. Youth group	24 1:30 p.m. Crafters	25	26 No Bible Study	27/28	29
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