

# The Vine

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

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In the wee hours of Sunday morning, November 1, we will once again set our clocks back one hour in recognition of Daylight Saving Time. Most will actually adjust their clocks Saturday night before going to bed while a few will forget and arrive somewhere early Sunday morning.

There are those for and against this chronological sleight of hand. Some prefer to avoid the confusion and wish to stay on standard time forever. Others wish to maintain that extra hour of daylight even through the winter and stay on DST continually. Many are content to just keep springing forward and falling back.

Originally instituted in the United States as an energy saver during wars, the original purpose is no longer served. There are enough devices that continually draw power that an extra hour of daylight at the beginning or end of a day produces negligible energy savings.

Pros and cons abound as to the wisdom of continuing DST. The lost hour of sleep in the spring is said to be the cause of accidents and injuries. The onset of early darkness after DST ends causes depression in some people.

The bottom line, however, is that you can't 'save' time by simply switching it around. There are still 24 hours in a day. If you cut an inch off of a foot long piece of string and tie it onto the other end, it is still twelve inches long.

Personally, I don't find I gain an extra hour of sleep in the fall. Knowing I can begin the next day an hour later just motivates me to stay up another hour the night before. I guess I'm not very wise in the way I manage that time!

The Bible has quite a bit to tell us about time. While God is eternal, with no beginning or end, our days on this earth are numbered. I am sure someone in this nation will set a clock back on Saturday night this year, only to have the Lord call them home before they awaken Sunday morning.

**James 4:14 (ESV)** *yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. We just don't know how many hours the Lord has given us, so it is important that we use our time wisely.*

The Apostle Paul encourages the wise use of time. **Ephesians 5:16 (ESV)** *making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.* He teaches us that because our days are limited, we should walk wisely with the Lord.

**Colossians 4:5 (ESV)** *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. We should be gracious to unbelievers, ready to give a reason for the hope we have in Christ Jesus. We don't know if we will ever meet again!*

Jesus told us we are wise if we don't waste time worrying. **Luke 12:25 (ESV)** *And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?*

He also told us we should always be ready to meet him face to face. **Matthew 25:13 (ESV)** *Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour [of his return].*

The most important use of time is to make sure you are born again, and encourage others to consider the same.

**2 Corinthians 6:2 (NIV)** *For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.*

No matter how you might arrange your hours, you only have only been given so many of them by God. **Psalms 90:10; 12 (ESV)** *The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

Mike

## All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

# Thanksgiving



The church will have a Thanksgiving dinner after church on November 22, PROVIDED enough people sign up to attend. If we have the dinner, it will be served instead of buffet style to avoid cross contamination.

The Community Christian Council has decided there will not be a community Thanksgiving service this year



Sunflower Crafters are still having Craft meetings on Monday's, 6-8 p.m. Crocheting, knitting, and embroidery. Making hats, booties, baby blankets, Big hats for cancer patients, and quilt For nursing homes.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast will be Saturday, November 14th at 8:00 AM. Jay Welborn is cooking.

**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

### Scriptures:

Nov 1	God...I'm Confused	Jeremiah 29:10-14
Nov 8	God...I'm Angry	Jeremiah 12:1-4
Nov 15	Stan preaches (Mike is off)	
Nov 22	God...I'm Unhappy	Psalms 90:9-17
Nov 29	God...I'm Afraid	Psalms 27:1-5

**Sunday Nov 1st-Daylight Savings ends, Fall Back.**



Nov	Greeters	Scripture reader	Communion Devotion
1	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer	Stan Farr
8	Welborn	Welborn	Stan Farr
15	Durand	Durand	Stan Farr
22	Barret	Barret	Stan Farr
29	Spencer	Spencer	Stan Farr

### November communion devotion and prayer: Stan Farr

**Prayer Requests:** Emma Dockweiler, Christy, Wayne & Becky Arnold, Clay Biester, upcoming elections, Schools

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

**Church Offerings:**

Sep 27 - \$ 913.00  
 Oct 04 - \$ 1875.00  
 Oct 11 - \$ 1676.00

Gyve totals not included in totals.

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

**November Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 4 Nolan Reich
  - 7 Matthew & Brittany Boyce
  - 15 Joan Hosler
  - 16 Brittany Boyce
  - 25 Dodie Bolz
- (Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



God's Storehouse will still make families available to adopt for Christmas gifts this year. There are some changes due to COVID. Only kids are eligible for gifts this year. If anyone is uncomfortable getting out to shop, they can donate directly to God's Storehouse so they can buy gift cards to be given to families or for vouchers for the local grocery stores. Once we get more information, we will make it available.



Deb Gerstner is asking for donations of shoe boxes for the Christmas Food Box project. She will accept wrapped or unwrapped boxes. All shoe box types are acceptable, even those with the attached lids. Leave them in the foyer as you bring them in. Thanks in advance.

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***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

**Midweek:** Wed. Bible Study: 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	9:30 AM – Elders 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY 26</b>	<b>28</b>
Church dinner @ 11:30 a.m. 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	NO Worship prac NO Bible Study		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
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