

The Vine

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

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I have recently noticed something about Paul the apostle in the scriptures. In his writings, I can't find anywhere that he thanks another person. I will be glad to be wrong on this if anyone can show me.

That doesn't mean that Paul is not thankful. It also doesn't mean that he doesn't appreciate others.

When you read Paul's epistles, you will find in the first few verses of many his letters that Paul thanks God for them. He thanks God for the Romans, for the Corinthians, for Timothy and Titus, for their prayers and their giving, etc.

That doesn't mean when Paul met them face to face that he didn't thank them personally. I'm sure he probably did. Everyone likes to hear the words, "Thank you."

There is something special about hearing, "In my prayers, I thank God for you." It means whatever you did for that person or whatever you are to that person, they remembered it later. It wasn't simply a fleeting 'thanks,' never to be remembered again.

When someone says they thank God for you, it means they consider you a blessing from God. It means you are a gift from God!

As believers, we know we should give thanks always. **1 Thessalonians 5:18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **Ephesians 5:20** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. November and Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to focus on giving thanks even more.

So we thank God for all his blessings and provision – especially each other! I want to encourage everyone to join me in reading the daily scripture references about giving thanks to God. Pray about them. Read surrounding verses to get a better context. Follow the related references your study Bible may give you.

An attitude of gratitude toward God will lead us to peace and contentedness as we see how much God has actually blessed us.

Mike

30 Days of Thanksgiving

- Nov 1: Deut 8:7-10
- Nov 2: 1 Chron 16:8-12
- Nov 3: 2 Chron 5:13-14
- Nov 4: 2 Chron 29:13; Ezra 3:11
- Nov 5: Psalm 7:17; 9:1-2
- Nov 6: Psalm 26:6-7; 28:6-7
- Nov 7: Ps 30:11-12; 75:1; 79:13
- Nov 8: Psalm 100
- Nov 9: Psalm 106:47-48
- Nov 10: Psalm 107:1, 8, 15, 21-22, 31-32, 43
- Nov 11: Psalm 118:1-9
- Nov 12: Psalm 118:19-29
- Nov 13: Ps 140:12-13; 147:7-11
- Nov 14: Isaiah 12
- Nov 15: Matthew 15:32-38
- Nov 16: Matthew 26:26-29
- Nov 17: 1 Cor 11:23-26
- Nov 18: Rom 1:8; 1 Cor 1:4; Eph 1:16; Php 1:3; Col 1:3
- Nov 19: 2 Cor 1:11; 2:14; 4:14-15
- Nov 20: Eph 5:4; 18-21
- Nov 21: Php 4:4-9
- Nov 22: Col 1:9-14
- Nov 23: Col 2:6-7; 4:2
- Nov 24: Col 3:12-17
- Nov 25: **Thanksgiving** Psalm 136
- Nov 26: 1 Thes 1:2-3; 5:18
- Nov 27: 2 Thes 1:3; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 4:4-5
- Nov 28: Rev 4:9-11
- Nov 29: Rev 11:16-17
- Nov 30: Rom 6:17-18; 1 Cor 15:57

Community Thanksgiving Service

We want to encourage you to attend the community Thanksgiving service presented on behalf of the Valley Falls Community Christian Council. This year, the service is Sunday evening, November 21st, at 7 P.M. at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church. After the service pie will be served. We are asked to provide two pies, so if you are able to donate one, please inform Mike Kirby or Linda Durand.

Daylight Saving Time

Remember to 'fall back' by setting your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 6.

Thank you

Thank you so much for all you did for me when I had knee surgery. For taking me to the hospital, being there during surgery, and bringing me home. For being there when I returned home and doing the things I couldn't do. For all the delicious meals you brought to me and the ride to the Dr.'s office. It's wonderful to be a part of a loving church family.
Love in Christ,
Leah Brown

Needed:

Deb Gerstner is needing shoe boxes for the Christmas Boxes we will be filling and delivering in December. Please start saving now so we're ready in December!

Church Thanksgiving Dinner:

Sunday, November 21st will be the annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner after church service Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer, so watch for that and sign up and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, November 13th, 8:00 AM. Mike Kirby 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. 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

Nov 07	Burden Bearer Matthew 11:28-30
Nov 14	The Prodigal Son Luke 15:20-24
Nov 21	Thanksgiving Sunday God Requires Thanksgiving Luke 17:11-19
Nov 28	The Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20

Nov	Greeters	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
07	Flack	Flack Matt 11:28-30	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Wayne F/ Brian	Tiffany/Abby
14	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Luke 15:20-24	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Ray/ Chad	Debbie/Aleyna
21	Welborn	Welborn Luke 17:11-19	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Steve/ Jackson	Aisha/Rhonda
28	Durand	Durand John 19:28-30	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Clinton/ Kyle	Brittany/Dakota

November communion devotion and prayer: Jarret Mitchell

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Pat Petesch, Leah Brown,

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

Church Offerings:

Sep 19 - \$ 1,510
 Sep 26 - \$ 859
 Oct 03 - \$ 2,044
 Oct 10 - \$ 1,604
 Oct 17 - \$ 1,318

Gyve 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

A Season of Hope

This year, people are hurting more than ever. Whether it is division over COVID, the economy, joblessness or another issue, many feel hopeless and powerless as we approach Christmas.

We have the opportunity to give hope to a few people this year as we once again adopt a family for Christmas through God's Storehouse. The sign up list will appear in the foyer as soon as we receive it. Please be prayerful about how you can participate and help those less fortunate in the name of Jesus.

Psalm 9:18 *For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.*

Free Resources

Just a reminder that free copies of Our Daily Bread and The Christian Standard are available in the foyer on a first come, first served basis.

Also, we provide anyone in our church family with a membership to RightNow Media. Instructions to sign up are also in the foyer.

Sunday School Update:

A class for ladies has been added to our Sunday morning class time. The class will focus on lessons pertaining to women who have children at home. All ladies are welcome, however. If you'd like to know more contact Rhonda or Aisha Mitchell

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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 7-12) – 5:00 PM **Midweek:** Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
	1	3	4	6
	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters	6 PM – Worship prac 7 PM Bible Study		
7	8	10	Veteran’s Day 11	13
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters	6 PM – Worship prac 7 PM Bible Study 8 PM Board Meeting		8 am Men’s Breakfast
14	15	17	18	20
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters	6 PM – Worship prac 7 PM Bible Study		
21	22	24	Thanksgiving 25	27
11:30 Church Thanksgiving Dinner 5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters	No Evening Activities		
28	29			
5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters			