

The Vine

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

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If one wants to increase his or her daily Bible reading, turn to the Psalms and Proverbs. There are 31 proverbs, so you could read one each day for a month beginning in January. If you then read one Psalm each day [there are 150 psalms] it will take you to the end of June. Start over in July, and by the end of the year, you have read the Psalms and Proverbs in their entirety twice.

For two months we will highlight the Psalms. There are many beloved Psalms that are very recognizable. They are often read at funerals or for responsive readings in churches with a more liturgical bent.

The Psalms are basically the hymnal of ancient Judaism. They are poems, set to be played along with ancient Hebrew music. You will often see terms we can only assume are musical terms, like Maskil, Miktam or Selah. They will sometimes be addressed, "To the choirmaster."

Most people think of the Psalms as being written by David. He wrote around half. Asaph wrote a few, as did the 'Sons of Korah.' Solomon wrote a couple and Moses wrote one. About a third of the Psalms are of unknown authorship.

Some of the Psalms are high praise for God. Some are prophetic in nature. Many use figurative language, for instance, comparing the word of God to honey. Some Psalms are complaints, others are mournful laments, and many call upon God to exact justice or his vengeance upon an enemy. They are certainly honest.

Many Psalms are prayers, and you can read them as prayers, or pray them back to God. For instance, if you prayed the twenty-third Psalm to God, you could thank him for being your shepherd and protecting you. You would thank him for provision [I shall not want] and pray he continues to provide. You could pray that he would lead you and give you peace [beside still waters]. Be glad he gives us energy to do his will [he restores my soul].

You might continue and praise God for the victory that we have in Christ [a table before my enemies]. You could end by giving God glory for preparing a dwelling place for eternity – I shall dwell in

the house of the Lord forever. All of this he does with abundance - my cup overflows.

Don't simply read one verse, but read those surrounding the selection. Read the entire chapter if you have time, or 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 [Psalm 119:105].

Mike

Psalms

- Oct 1: Psalm 1
- Oct 2: Psalm 2:1-6
- Oct 3: Psalm 8
- Oct 4: Psalm 9:1-10
- Oct 5: Psalm 13
- Oct 6: Psalm 14
- Oct 7: Psalm 15
- Oct 8: Psalm 16:5-11
- Oct 9: Psalm 17:6-9
- Oct 10: Psalm 18:1-6
- Oct 11: Psalm 19
- Oct 12: Psalm 22:1-5
- Oct 13: Psalm 23
- Oct 14: Psalm 24
- Oct 15: Psalm 29
- Oct 16: Psalm 30:1-5
- Oct 17: Psalm 32:1-7
- Oct 18: Psalm 34:1-10
- Oct 19: Psalm 42:1-4
- Oct 20: Psalm 46:1-7
- Oct 21: Psalm 47
- Oct 22: Psalm 51:1-12
- Oct 23: Psalm 51:13-19
- Oct 24: Psalm 53
- Oct 25: Psalm 57
- Oct 26: Psalm 61
- Oct 27: Psalm 63
- Oct 28: Psalm 67
- Oct 29: Psalm 71:1-6
- Oct 30: Psalm 73:23-28
- Oct 31: Psalm 27:1-6

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child is all about Jesus! *Can we fill 30 boxes?*

Time to start thinking and planning how you can fill a box for a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Please be praying for the child recipient, their family and community. Each shoebox packed, communicates God's love to a child and their family, reinforcing the message of eternal hope shared with them by the local ministry partners. 232 million children in over 170 countries have received a gift-filled shoebox and more than 50 million of these recipients have been disciplined through programs such as "The Greatest Journey". The \$10 fee per box is not only shipping but also pays for training these ministry partners and for biblical classes for the kids and their families. Stay tuned for more information and we will have boxes out very soon. Thank you to those who have participated before and we hope you plan to do so again.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH - Be sure to let Mike know how much we appreciate him and Gina!

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES for our shut-ins. 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. We plan to fill 30 boxes.

Join The Celebration - Saturday, October 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Farmington Christian Church, 5628 Hodgeman Rd, Effingham. The Atchison County Historical Society and Friends of the Farmington Christian Church will be celebrating Pardee Butler who helped establish numerous Christian Churches, including the Farmington Christian Church and the Valley Falls Christian Church. There will be refreshments and a reenactment of Mr. Butler by Steve and Suzanne Germes.

Men's Breakfast: October 11, 8 a.m. Brian 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

Oct 5	The Impossible Made Possible Luke 18:22-30
Oct 12	I Want to See! Luke 18:35-43
Oct 19	The Words You Want to Hear Luke 19:15-21
Oct 26	The King Is Coming Luke 19:33-40

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.

Oct	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
5	Barret	Brian	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Tim /Levi	Tiffany/Junior
12	Spencer	Tiffany	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Brittany/Malia
19	R Mitchell	Rhonda	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Aisha/Wade
26	Farr	Donetta	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Leane/Sawyer

October Communion Devotion and Prayer: Jarret

Camera Monitor	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	
Sunday School	Donetta	Kevin	Jay	Stephen	
Worship	Stephen	Lori	Kevin	Cecelia	

Prayer Requests: 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:

Aug 24 \$1176
Aug 31 \$1528
Sept 7 \$2019
Sept 14 \$ 917
Sept 21 \$ 896



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

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Kevin & Nancy Gatzemeyer (1970)
5 Levi and Tannah Baker
12 Jocelin Thomas
Jera Kunkle
13 Kyle & Laura Reich (2001)
16 Emma Branam
20 Jay Welborn
21 Lori Barrett
27 Courtney Nilges
Clayton Mitchell

Church Email Address - to get items included in the newsletter:

news@valleyfallsc.org. Or call or text Cecelia Ragan - (785)-762-2195.



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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

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
			1 7p.m. Bible Study	2/3	4
5 5 p.m. Youth group	6 1:30 p.m. Crafters	7	8 7p.m. Bible Study	9/10	11 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12 5 p.m. Youth group	13 1:30 p.m. Crafters	14	15 7p.m. Bible Study	16/17	18
19 8:30 a.m. Biscuits and Gravy 5 p.m. Youth group	20 1:30 p.m. Crafters	21	22 7p.m. Bible Study Newsletter Items Due	23/24	25
26 5 p.m. Youth group	27 1:30 p.m. Crafters	28	29 7p.m. Bible Study	30/31	