

# The Vine

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

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*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! Psalm 139:23 (ESV)*

These times weigh heavy on one's heart. They bring up a lot of different emotions in a lot of different people. Anger, worry, frustration, confusion, hopelessness.

The cause? Nationwide, just some of the causes may be COVID-19, a very contentious election, protests turning into riots, a Supreme Court vacancy, or the economy.

Personally? In the midst of the national unrest, people still deal with household budgets, car problems, home repairs, broken relationships, and uncertainty about their jobs. Plus, social distancing and quarantines have kept many people from seeing the ones they love.

We are broken people living with other broken people in the middle of a broken world. Why wouldn't all that make people nervous wrecks? Or angry? Or worn out?

God doesn't want it to be that way. He never wanted it to be that way. Sin brought death and destruction into this world. The curse is that we all have within our nature a bent toward sin. We all have a tendency toward the negative. We all will face disease, unrest, broken relationships, and eventually, death.

It doesn't make life in this world sound very good, does it?

The curse has made sinners out of every one of us and it causes us to fail to measure up to the requirements of our righteous and holy God.

Good news! The curse has a cure. We find it in the Bible. The ultimate solution to the devastation in this world is Jesus Christ. He loves you. He died to pay the sin debt you owe to God that you could never pay. Only through faith in Jesus Christ alone can we find the remedy for what ails us.

Unfortunately, faith in Christ doesn't make all the bad disappear. I wish it did. What our salvation through Jesus does do is give us strength for today and the hope for eternal life in heaven.

Heaven, and one day when there will be a new, recreated earth after Jesus returns and Satan is thrown into the lake of fire forever, is that place where perfection and holiness reign.

No more death, or tears, or pain or plague will afflict us again. It is a place of peace and beauty and safety and the Bible tells us we should long for it.

Until then, we have to endure this world with the grace and strength God gives us.

So for the next couple of months, we are going to look at some of the emotions this world inflicts upon us. Even though we may be Bible believing Christians, we still suffer from our humanness!

We are asking God to search our hearts. We want him to reveal our own emotions to us. We should ask him to force us to be honest with him and with ourselves as we examine our reactions to this temporary world we are traveling through.

Then we want to lay those feelings at the foot of the cross and ask God for the strength and the grace to overcome them and to live for him in spite of them.

O God, please don't let my own emotions hide from others your goodness that should shine through my life!!

Look forward to messages that express to the Lord our struggles with anger, depression, anxiety, weariness and other feelings we struggle with.

***Psalm 55:22 (NIV) Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.***

*Mike*

# GARAGE SALE

and  
*Fundraiser*

Church garage sale coincides with the City-wide garage sales. We will be open Friday/Saturday Oct 9-10, beginning at 8 am. Anyone who is willing to help, contact Jay or Carol. They will have a signup in church. People can begin dropping things off On October 4 and throughout the Following week. Call the church to make sure someone is here if you don't have a way to get in. Please price your own items before you bring them. This year we are asking that each person pick up their unsold items and take them to a thrift store themselves (or keep them, or toss them!).

Mike will be out of the office the week of Oct 12-18. Matt Myer from KU Campus Christians will be here Sunday the 18th. He will update us on the ministry during Sunday school and preach during the worship time.



Youth group has started up again. We are meeting Sunday evenings from 5-7 in the church basement.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 17th 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.valleyfallscc.org](http://www.valleyfallscc.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

Fall Sermon series is entitled  
**Search Me, O God.**

Oct 4	Search Me O God	Psalm 139:1-6
Oct 11	God...I'm Weary	Hebrews 12:3-6
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Matt Myer from KUCC preaches</b>	
Oct 25	God...I'm Depressed	Psalm 42:5-11



Oct	Greeters	Scripture reader	Communion Devotion
4	Barret	Barret Psalm 139:1-6	Wayne Flack
11	Spencer	Spencer Hebrews 12:3-6	Wayne Flack
18	Farr	Farr	Wayne Flack
25	Flack	Flack Psalm 42:5-11	Wayne Flack

**October communion devotion and prayer: Wayne Flack**

**Prayer Requests:** Our schools, Danny Harris, Allene Mattox, Our Nation to find unity

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

**Church Offerings:**

- Aug 23 - \$ 1,165
- Aug 30 - \$ 721
- Sep 06 - \$ 1,250
- Sep 13 - \$ 545

Gyve totals not included in totals.

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

**October Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 3 Kevin & Nancy Gatzemeyer (1970)
- 12 Jocelin Thomas
- 13 Kyle & Laura Reich (2001)
- 19 Randee Jo Gatzemeyer  
Aubrie Mitchell
- 20 Jay Welborn
- 21 Lori Barrett

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)



RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

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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 6-12) – 5:00 PM

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

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
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4	5	7	8	9/10
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		Friday 8 a.m Church. Garage Sale      Saturday 8 a.m. Garage Sale
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