

The Vine

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

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Fall is here. The daylight hours grow shorter while darkness invades our nights.

We live in a world of spiritual darkness as well. The Bible depicts evil as darkness. God is light. Darkness stands for sin, the works of the devil and anything opposed to God. Light stands for goodness, purity and all things that flow from God.

This time of year there is a greater focus on darkness because of Halloween. Slasher and horror movies often premier on or around October 31. Many costumes focus on violent, gruesome and scary images. The occult receives more attention.

Perhaps in your family Halloween is simply a time of dress-up, fun, and eating a lot of candy. You may even forego the scary aspect and focus on fall and harvest themes. One still cannot deny that a dark cloud surrounds aspects of the holiday. (I struggle calling it a holiday, because holiday derives from "holy day." While Halloween seems harmless and fun for a lot of people, I can find nothing holy about it.)

How you decide to recognize the day is between you and the Lord. I would remind everyone that as Christians we are not to be like the world. **Romans 12:2 (ESV)** *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

My challenge is for everyone regardless of how you see the day. Every day through the month of October, read the appointed scripture references about good and evil, light and dark, purity and defilement. Pray about them. Read surrounding verses to get a better context. Follow related references your study Bible may give you. Pray that we can all be people of light.

30 Days of Light

- Oct 1: Gen 1:3-4; John 1:1-5
- Oct 2: Isa 9:2; John 1:9-10, 14
- Oct 3: John 8:12; John 9:5
- Oct 4: John 3:19-20
- Oct 5: John 12:35-36
- Oct 6: John 11:10; John 12:46
- Oct 7: Matt 5:14-16
- Oct 8: Luke 11:33-36
- Oct 9: Matt 6:22-23
- Oct 10: Psalm 24:3-4; 51:10; 96:9
- Oct 11: Romans 12:1, 9; 13:12
- Oct 12: 2 Cor 4:6; 7:1
- Oct 13: 1 Thes 4:7; 2 Tim 2:22
- Oct 14: Eph 1:3-4; 1 John 2:8-11
- Oct 15: Ezek 44:23; Hosea 4:6
- Oct 16: Gal 6:10; 1 Pet 1:22
- Oct 17: 2 Chron 7:14; Rom 1:18-21
- Oct 18: Prov 4:19; 1 Pet 2:9
- Oct 19: Php 4:8
- Oct 20: Php 2:14-16; James 1:27
- Oct 21: Eph 5:3-12
- Oct 22: Eph 4:17-24
- Oct 23: 1 Cor 10:21, 31
- Oct 24: James 4:7-8; 1 John 1:5-7
- Oct 25: 1 John 5:19; 3 John 1:11
- Oct 26: 1 Thes 5:21-22; 1 Tim 4:1
- Oct 27: Prov 22:6; Matt 18:6
- Oct 28: Rom 14:13-18
- Oct 29: 2 Cor 6:14-17
- Oct 30: Deut 18:9-14
- Oct 31 [Bonus day]: Eph 6:11-18; Rev 21:22-26

It has been brought to our attention that The Gyve app for online giving wasn't working properly. They had a major update in July and some phones either didn't automatically update or didn't take the update well. If you have experienced this issue, Gyve tech support said delete the app and reinstall the newest version and hopefully that will fix the problem.

If you are still having problems, reach out to the Gyve tech support team through the app or website. Please give feedback to the office any time there are issues with technology. Giving, streaming the service, prayer chain notifications, etc.

This is a good opportunity to encourage everyone to support your church with your tithes and offerings. Erratic attendance and sheltering at home due to COVID has caused a drop in support. If you prefer not to give online, you can always mail it to the church.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 the point is this:

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 9th, 8:00 AM. Brian Barret 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. 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

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| Oct 3 | Have You Not Read Matthew 19:3-9 |
| Oct 10 | Judging Matthew 7:1-5 |
| Oct 17 | The Narrow Road Matthew 7:13-14 |
| Oct 24 | The Sifting Process Luke 22:31-34 |
| Oct 31 | Sheep and Goats Matthew 25:31-36 |

| Oct | Greeters | Scripture | Devotion | Servers | Nursery |
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| 03 | Barret | Barret | Wayne F | Jay/ Stan /Steve/ Jackson | Debbie/Abby |
| 10 | Spencer | Spencer | Wayne F | Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Brian | Brittany/Dakota |
| 17 | J Mitchell | J Mitchell | Wayne F | Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad | Aisha/Rhonda |
| 24 | Farr | Farr | Wayne F | Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle | Tiffany/Aleyna |
| 31 | Gerstner | Gerstner | Wayne F | Stan/Jay/Steve/ Jackson | Brittany/Dakota |

October communion devotion and prayer: Wayne Flack

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

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

Church Offerings:

Aug 15 - \$ 1,612
 Aug 22 - \$ 231
 Aug 29 - \$ 377
 Sep 05 - \$ 2,930
 Sep 12 - \$ 816

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



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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: Bible Study-7:00 PM

| Sunday | Monday | Wednesday | Thursday | Saturday |
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| 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| 5 PM – Youth Group | | 6 PM – Worship prac 7 PM Bible Study 8 PM Board Meeting | | 8 am Men’s Breakfast |
| 10 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 16 |
| 5 PM – Youth Group | 1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters | 6 PM – Worship prac 7 PM Bible Study | | |
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| 24 | 25 | 27 | 28 | 30 |
| 5 PM Youth Group 31 | 1:30 PM – Sunflower Crafters | 6 PM – Worship prac 7 PM Bible Study | | |