

The Vine

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

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Elections Are Important!

*Many, if not most Christians begin with the **wrong question** of who they should vote for rather than how they should vote. Asking the correct question is fundamental to knowing how to arrive at the correct answer. ~.Pastor Tony Evans*

Americans generally provide several reasons for not voting. Unfortunately, Christians don't seem to be much different from the general population. You may recognize some of the more popular reasons people give for not voting:

Dislike of politics. "Politics are too dirty." "I don't like any of the candidates."

Apathy. "I'm too busy." "I'll just pray for whoever gets elected."

Process issues. "I moved and forgot to register." "I didn't know where to go vote."

Disbelief a vote can make a difference. "I'm only one vote."

90 million Christians in America are eligible to vote, but as many as 40 million fail to vote in presidential election cycles and 15 million are not even registered to vote.

Imagine the influence that Christians could have on the future of our nation if we made our voices heard by exercising our right to vote.

By bringing our Biblical worldview into the voting booth, we can exert overwhelming influence on issues and be a force for good in our communities.

Why Should Christians Vote?

While there is no verse in the Bible that reads, 'thou shalt vote,' God's word challenges followers of Christ to seize every opportunity to bring the influence of Biblical principles into their community for the good of others and for the sake of the Kingdom. If we are obedient to this call, we will vote in every election.

Voting demonstrates love for your neighbor. Jesus told us in Matthew 22 the second greatest commandment is to "love your neighbor as yourself." Using our voice and our vote as Christians to influence the political landscape of our country is one way we can show love to our neighbor (Galatians 6:10).

Voting demonstrates reverence for God.

Paul writes in Romans 13 that Christians should respect and be subject to their governing authorities because "there is no authority except that which God has established." The Bible explicitly expresses an obligation to our government that is derived from God's authority.

As Americans, we are allowed the unique opportunity to influence our laws. If Christians begin to remove ourselves from politics, this opens the door for moral decay and culture shift, inevitably changing the direction of a government that honors God.

Christians must bring the influence of faith into all aspects of life. James 2:26 says, "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." As we act on our faith, living out biblical principles in every area of our lives, we become a source for good in our communities and our nation.

The purpose of voting is not to advance one political party's ideology; the objective is to use our vote to advance biblical truth for the good of our communities (Jeremiah 29:7).

It's time for believers to take up the battle cry that we will no longer keep our faith private but will share our faith's solutions to the problems devastating our communities and our nation.

On September 20th, VFCC will join with many churches from across the country for a Voter Registration Sunday to help Jesus-followers stand for religious freedom, the sanctity of life, marriage and family, and care and compassion for those in need.

We long to see an America where believers lovingly live out biblical truth in every aspect of their lives. We believe this is possible when we unite at the ballot box, unite around a biblical worldview, and unite in prayer.

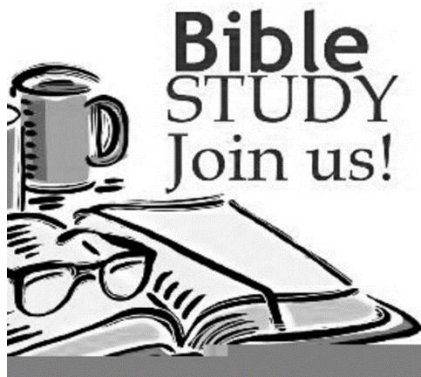
Matthew 5:14, 16 *You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Mike

Most of the information in this article is taken from material provided by the website myfaithvotes.org.



Sunday school resumes
September 13, 9 a.m.



Wednesday Bible study begins
September 9, 7 p.m.

**Praise & Worship
Practice**



Wednesday worship practice begins
September 9, 6:15 p.m.

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, September 12th at 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.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



Happy Birthday

Card Shower for Elaine Worner.

Monday, September 7th, Elaine will be turning 95. Her sister, Imogene, is asking for a card shower for her. Elaine's address is:
Elaine Worner
Midland Assisted Living
Valley Falls, KS 66088

Sep	Greeters	Scripture reader	Communion Devotion
6	Flack	Flack Ephesians 5:15-21	Jay Welborn
13	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Ephesians 5:22-27	Jay Welborn
20	Welborn	Welborn Ephesians 6:1-9	Jay Welborn
27	Durand	Durand Ephesians 6:13-20	Jay Welborn

September communion devotion and prayer: Jay Welborn

Prayer Requests: Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Students and teachers, Our Nation, Charlie Brown still recovering, Allene Mattox from a fall, Faith Dow,

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

Church Offerings:

July 05 - \$ 948
 July 12 - \$ 809
 July 19 - \$1,852
 July 26 - \$ 361
 Aug 02 - \$1,080
 Aug 09 - \$ 466
 Gyve totals not included in totals.

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

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 Mary Lou Clark
- 7 Ray Mitchell
Elaine Worner
- 12 Brody Olson
- 19 Chad and Tiffany Spencer (2014)
Todd Spencer
- 25 Kyle Reich
- 27 Kevin Gatzemeyer
- 28 TREY WATKINS

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Nursery Information: Due to COVID-19, we are starting a new signup for help in the nursery during the worship service. We are looking for adult volunteers as well as teens that are 6th grade and older to be helpers. Children from ages newborn to preschool (up to but not including kindergarten) are allowed in the nursery during worship services. Those interested in volunteering for the nursery contact Brittany Boyce at 785-217-0685 or the church at 945-6757. Also email the church at office@valleyfallsc.org. Whether we are able to provide a nursery during the worship service will depend on if we get enough volunteers to staff it.

Voter Registration Sunday: September 20. VFCC will make information available for anyone who has not registered to vote for the 2020 general election.

Copier: The church has a new copier and would like to make the old one available to anyone who would like it. If there is a lot of interest, we may have to have a drawing for it. It might be good for someone running a small business from their home. Talk to Pastor Mike if interested. The deadline to express interest is September 13.

City Wide Garage Sales are scheduled for October 9-10. Be watching for more information to come.

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RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

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On the web: www.valleyfallsc.org
Find us on Facebook!

Mike Kirby, Pastor

You are welcome to join us!

Sunday Service times:

Bible Study (all ages) – 9:00 AM

Worship – 10:00 AM

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

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
		2	3	5
		9:30 AM Elders 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study		
6	Labor Day 7	9	10	12
		9:30 AM Elders 6:15 PM – Worship prac 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Board Meeting		8 AM Men's Breakfast
13	14	16	17	19
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