

# The Vine

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

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## A CAT'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. My human will never let me eat her pet hamster, and I am at peace with that.
2. I will not puff my entire body to twice its size for no reason after my human has finished watching a horror movie such as "Pet Cemetery".
3. I must not help myself to Q-tips, and I must certainly not proceed to stuff them down the sink's drain
4. I will not fish out my human's partial plate from the glass so that the dog can "wear" it and pretend to be my human. (It is somewhat unnerving to wake up, roll over in bed, and see the dog grinning at you with your own teeth.)
5. Screaming at the can of food will not make it open itself.
6. I will not assume the patio door is open when I race outside to chase leaves.
7. I will not back up off the front porch and fall into the bushes just as my human is explaining to his girlfriend how graceful I am.
8. I will not intrude on my human's candle-lit bubble bath and singe my bottom.
9. I will not stick my paw into any container to see if there is something in it. If I do, I will not hiss and scratch when my human has to shave me to get the rubber cement out of my fur.
10. It is not a good idea to try to lap up the powdered creamer before it dissolves in boiling coffee.
11. When I am chasing my tail and catch my back leg instead, I will not bite down on my foot. This hurts, and my scream scares my human.
12. When it rains, it will be raining on all sides of the house. It is not necessary to check every door.
13. Birds do not come out of the bird feeder. I will not knock it down and try to open it up to get the birds out.
14. I will not teach the parrot to meow in a loud and raucous manner.
15. When the humans play darts, I will not leap into the air and attempt to catch them.
16. When my human is typing at the computer, her forearms are \*not\* a hammock.
17. Computer and TV screens do not exist to backlight my lovely tail.
18. I am a walking static generator. My human doesn't need my help installing a new board in her computer.
19. I will not bring the city police to the front door by stepping on the speaker phone button and then the automatic 911 dial button.
20. I will not speed dial the overseas numbers.
21. I will not walk on the keyboard when my human is writing important emiognaiorp ga3qi4taija3gtv aa35 a.
22. I will not eat spider plants and hallucinate behind the toilet.
23. The goldfish likes living in water and should be allowed to remain in its bowl.
24. I will not be miffed at my human all day and then kiss her on the nose at 2:00 AM to tell her that she is forgiven and can now pet me.

## New Year's Resolutions from the Bible.

In 2012, I resolve to:

**Read the Bible.** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. *Psalms 119:105* All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

**Serve others.** You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. *Galatians 5:13*

**Forgive often.** Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. *Matthew 18:21-22*

**Attend church faithfully.** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:25*

**Quit worrying.** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. *1 Peter 5:7*

**Deny myself.** Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. *Luke 9:23*

**Share my faith.** How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" *Romans 10:14-15*

**Be joyful.** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! *Philippians 4:4* Be joyful always; *1 Thessalonians 5:16*

**Be more generous.** But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving. *2 Corinthians 8:7* Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. *1 Timothy 6:17-18*

**Love like I have never loved before.** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome. *1 John 5:1-3* This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. *1 John 3:11* This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. *1 John 3:16*

I guess if we followed God's word like we were supposed to, we would never have to make another resolution again. So for 2012, let's work on this list. Maybe we won't need one for 2013. May God bless you in the year to come as you bless Him with your love and service.

Mike

## Recipe Swap

### HAM BUNS

½ c. butter or margarine  
1 small onion, grated  
1 T. poppy seed  
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
2 tsp. prepared mustard  
1-1/4 c. finely chopped fully cooked ham  
1 c. shredded swiss cheese  
16 to 20 mini buns or 6-8 hamburger buns

In a bowl, mix butter, onion, poppy seed, worcestershire sauce and mustard until well blended. Add ham and cheese, mix well. Divide evenly among buns. Place in a shallow baking pan and cover with foil. Bake at 350\* for 15-20 minutes or until hot.

### CHOCOLATE CHIP CHEESE BALL

8 oz. cream cheese  
½ c. butter, no substitutes  
¼ tsp. vanilla  
¾ c. powdered sugar  
2 T. brown sugar  
¾ c. mini semisweet chocolate chips  
¾ c. chopped pecans

Beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla in a mixing bowl until fluffy. Add sugars and combine. Stir in chocolate chips by hand. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Place in plastic wrap and shape into a ball. Refrigerate for another hour. Before serving roll in chopped pecans. Serve with graham crackers and vanilla wafers.

I served this at the Ladies Christmas Party and was told it needed to be put in the newsletter. So ladies here it is. Enjoy. Christy Arnold

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**OUR SOLDIERS:** Luke Cummings, Ryan Meyers, Jacob Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Greg Morales, Ryan Kirby, Josh Montgomery, Zach, Josh Lackey, Dan Cook, Rick Huertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Steve Grove, Carl Herring, Austin Everhart  
June Dedeke needs prayers.  
Amy Cummings is in the hospital  
Bill Schoonover  
Travelers this weekend  
Christine Hile's friend, Florence Van Tuyl has macular degeneration in both eyes.  
Pat Maxwell- he was burnt in explosion in Atchison

## COPIES OF THE SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE

**ON CD UPON REQUEST:** If you would like a copy please see Mike. You can also listen to them online at valleyfallsc.org.

**POCKET CHANGE FOR PROGRESS:** This will be a special offering every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday during church. The money will be split between Mission Lake Camp and the School Supply Giveaway Fund

**RECYCLING:** We have a recycling box beside the copier in the office.

**COLLECTING FOR ALPHA:** Alpha Christian Children's Home can use Campbell soup UPC labels and lids, Best Choice UPC labels and General Mills Box Top Symbols coupons (Box Tops for Education.) We will have a box in the hallway outside the nursery under the mailboxes.

### SISTERS OF STRENGTH (S.O.S.)-

(Mission Statement: We are a lifeline to glorify God through service to the church and community and to build personal relationships with our Christian Sisters.)  
We will be not be having our regular meeting in Jan.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Don Carder  
5 Henry Cummings  
7 Chelsea Meyer  
10 Matthew Branam  
12 Leah Brown  
13 Jackson Reich  
17 Trinity Gomez  
19 Jarret Mitchell  
24 Lindsay Starkey  
29 Leah Martin  
30 Wayne Arnold  
31 Linda Durand  
Peyton Taliaferro  
Nik Branam

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

## Serving in January

### Congregational Prayer:

Jay Welborn

### Scripture Readers:

1-Anna Kirby-Is. 43:10-13

8-Tichenors-Gal. 1:6-12

15-Arnolds-John 4:21-24

22-Thomas'- John 10:7-15

29-Christine Hile-1 Kings 8:56-61

### Nursery:

1-Debbie Gerstner/Jarret Mitchell

8-Karie Turner/Christine Hile

15-Glee Hosler/Grace Arnold

22-Linda Durand/Curtis Mitchell

29-Rachel Arnold/Jarret Mitchell

### Greeters/Ushers:

1-Linda Durand

8-Tichenors

15-Arnolds

22-Thomas'

29-Kirbys

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

1- Linda Durand

8-Tichenors

15-Arnolds

22-Thomas'

29-Kirbys

### Communion Table:

1-Stan, Jay

**Ray Mitchell**, Lance Turner

8- Jay, Stan

**Dennis Turner**, Austin Kirby

15- Stan, Jay

**David Grove**, Curtis Mitchell

22- Jay, Stan

**Steve Carson**, Andy Arnold

29-Stan, Jay

**Dennis Tichenor**, Cylus Tichenor

### Musicians

Worship Leader: Mike Kirby

Organ: Leah Brown

Drums: Grace Arnold

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Austin Kirby

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Vocals: Anna Kirby, Rachel Arnold

## Church Offerings

Nov. 27-\$1663.27

Dec. 4-\$

Dec. 11-\$2075.66

Dec. 18-\$1724.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

**Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!**

[www.valleyfallsc.org](http://www.valleyfallsc.org)

**THANK YOU NOTES:** The church received thank you notes for the Christmas boxes from the following people: Mary Huffman, Mary Courter, Wilbur DeLong, Edna Jackson, Jeanette Smith, Jeanette Gronniger, Don Carder, Wendell Sales  
Thank you's for Thanksgiving Dinner- Jeanette Smith, Edna Jackson

*We would like to thank our church family for the wonderful Christmas gift. You have blessed us in so many ways.*

*Mike and Gina*

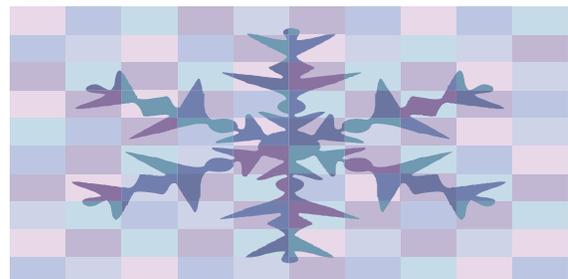
**BIBLE STUDY:** The adult bible study will meet this Wednesday. The ladies bible study will not meet until Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The men's breakfast will be on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Dennis Turner will be hosting.

**SWEET ENCOURAGEMENT:** 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Conference at Ozark, April 27-28, 2012. Linda Mirante and Dinelle Frankland will be speakers.

**MID WINTER RETREAT:** The Sr. High Mid Winter Retreat will be Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. The Jr. High Mid Winter Retreat will be Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>. The forms are in the foyer if you would like one.

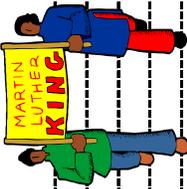
**COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER:** The Community Soup Supper will be on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Church. The dinner will start at 6:00 PM and the service will be at 7:00 PM.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>  New Years Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
<b>8</b> 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Mid Winter Retreat Sr. High	<b>14</b>  Mid Winter Retreat Sr. High
<b>15</b>  Community Soup Supper at Lutheran Church-Dinner at 6PM Service at 7PM	<b>16</b>  MARTIN LUTHER KING	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Mid Winter Retreat Jr. High	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 				

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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 – 5:00 PM

**Midweek Bible Study:**

Wednesday 7:00 PM

**Items needed for Mission Lake Camp**

*(Please, we would prefer new items not from the dollar store so they will last.)*

- Ice cream scoops
- Metal spatulas
- Wash cloths and towels
- Handheld or electric can openers
- Electric knife sharpener (professional grade)
- Heavy duty hot pads
- Heavy duty oven mitts
- Liquid and dry measuring cups
- 24 count muffin tins (non-stick)
- Small plastic salad bar tongs (only available through restaurant supply houses)
- Spoons (eating)

If you decide to contribute any of these items, please let us know (reply on Facebook or to [jimruth@sunflower.com](mailto:jimruth@sunflower.com)) so that we can find a way to get all of them into Becky Arnold's hands by June 2012.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Tough Questions: Biblical Answers**

Coming this spring! YOU get the chance to help shape the messages in this series. Do you have a life situation that you need biblical help with? Do you have a particular scripture that you have trouble understanding? Is there a topic that you would like to get a biblical perspective on? Do you have a question that you need answered? We will receive forms through the end of January. The requests will then be categorized and compiled into a series of messages for Sunday mornings. Fill out this form and turn it into the offering plate or give it to Mike. You can also email the question to [mike@valleyfallsc.org](mailto:mike@valleyfallsc.org).

Name (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

Question about the Bible or life: \_\_\_\_\_

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Scripture or topic you struggle with: \_\_\_\_\_

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