

The Vine

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

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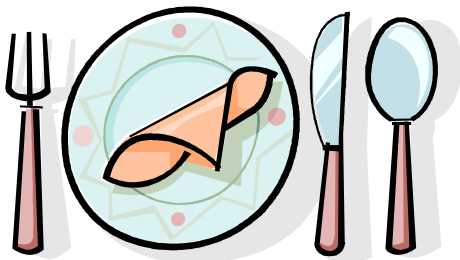
March 2012

A Touch of Class

An elegant dinner fundraiser for
Supplying Our Future in the Present
(Free School Supply Project)



Candlelight dinner with music by
pianist Matt Miller.



The dinner will be held at the Valley
Falls Christian Church on Saturday,
March 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

The cost for the dinner will be donations
of new school supplies, socks and
briefs, or monetary donations.



All monetary proceeds from the dinner
will be used to purchase these supplies.
Seating is limited and reservations are
required. Contact Dennis and Ronda
Turner at 785-945-3775 by March 2nd to
make a reservation.

Super Tuesday

It seems that you can't get away from politics in the news right now. The GOP is in the midst of trying to select a presidential nominee for the November election and there appears to be no established candidate as of yet. All four men who remain in the race think they have the best policies and bring the party the best chance for victory in the general election.

Therefore, we see ads. Even though Kansas is kind of a forgotten state when it comes to presidential politics, the internet and national news shows still enable us to get a belly full of negative ads. "I'm the best and so-and-so stinks!" sums it up nicely.

Ten states will be voting for delegates on March 6, Super Tuesday. Each of the candidates is hoping to come away with huge victories that will knock the others out of the race and seal up the nomination. That seems unlikely to me.

There are a couple of things that really bother me about this election cycle. One is the way the candidates pick at each other. This is not just a tweak here or there or a matter of nuance. They are getting down and dirty. Now eventually, one candidate will emerge. What are the others going to say in the general election? Oh, our candidate is a great guy, you should vote for him! Really? Just six months ago, you were telling us how terrible he was for the country. Now you say he is okey-dokey? Some people just won't buy that.

The other is the way the media is trying to frame the issues for the race. Mainly, that the family values issues don't matter or are losing issues. What the mainstream from both sides seems to be saying is that the issues that should be near and dear to committed Christians are throw-away issues. Issues like same-sex marriage, abortion, moral choices within our healthcare and the general baseness of our culture, i.e. mandatory sex education for the very young in schools or violence, objectionable language and nudity in the media are issues that not only don't matter, but will lose

elections if too much emphasis is placed upon them.

Wow!! Protecting the unborn is a losing issue? Protecting marriage as defined between one man and one woman, the way the bible teaches it should be, is a losing issue? If those truly are losing issues, then our country has gone down even worse than I thought.

The point is, every candidate that claims to be a Christian, whether democrat or republican, should have a moral compass that is guided by the Bible. Period. Jesus said it very plainly, "If you aren't for me, you are against me." If these issues are losers for Christians, then maybe they should reevaluate their faith. Here is what the Bible says. *Isaiah 5:20-21 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.*

Do you know what I would like to see? Instead of Super Tuesday, let's have Super Sunday. Not once every four years, (and not Super Bowl Sunday), but once a week. Let it be a time we can come together and not divide. Let it be a time to lift up and encourage one another instead of tearing one another down. Let it be a time we experience true unity. Not a unity based on a right-wing ideology or a left-wing ideology, but a unity centered on God's word.

Do these 'family values' issues matter in politics? Sure they do. The future of our nation depends on it. What matters more, though, is a life that revolves around Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Living Word, the Bible. If we all had that, the political stuff would just go away.

Sigh...It looks like we'll have to wait a while longer for that to happen. Jesus said we wouldn't have true peace until the Prince of Peace returns and sets up His kingdom in a new heaven and a new earth. Until then, we can strive to have our own 'Super Sunday' every week as we pray, "Come Lord Jesus."

Mike

Recipe Swap

PISTACHIO CAKE

1 pkg. white cake mix
1 pkg. pistachio pudding, instant
4 eggs
¼ c. oil
1 c. water

Mix all ingredients. Place in either a 13x9 pan or 2 layer cake pans. Bake at 350* for 30 minutes or until done.

Frosting:

1-1/2 c. milk
1 envelope dream whip
1 pkg. pistachio pudding, instant

Mix milk and dream whip with a mixer until whipped, add pistachio pudding. Mix well. Frost cake.

Leah Brown

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SOLDIERS: Luke Cummings, Ryan Meyers, Jacob Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Greg Morales, Ryan Kirby, Zach Stiffler, Josh Lackey, Dan Cook, Rick Huertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Steve Grove, Carl Herring, Austin Everhart

June Dedeke needs prayers. She is in the hospital in Chicago with blood clots in her arm.

Christine Hile's friend, Florence Van Tuyl has macular degeneration in both eyes.

Sue Moore has cancer

Steve O'Trimble needs prayers

Lorel Freeman is fighting liver and pancreas cancer.

Becky Arnold needs continued prayer, however PRAISE- she did not need that shot in her eye when she saw the specialist as a matter of fact the dr was shocked by how well her eyes were doing. Thanks everyone for all the prayers.

Clinton Thomas needs prayers for healing from his shoulder surgery.

Amy Cummings has been home, the infection is back. Pray they can do surgery.

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 www.valleyfallsc.org.

POCKET CHANGE FOR PROGRESS: This will be a special offering every 3rd 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 not be having our regular meeting in March.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

4- Donetta Farr

6- Joy (Farr) McGuire
Katie (Mitchell) Handke

8- Caitlyn Thomas

10- Jennifer Guffey

14- Gary & Betty Smith (1983)

15- RALPH SHEAD

20- Grace Thompson

Lance Turner
Cassie Watkins

26- Trey Munson

Marvin Prebble

28- Grady Tichenor

Jeff & Carolyn Starkey (1981)

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Serving in March

Congregational Prayer:

Wayne Arnold

Scripture Readers:

4-Carsons-Gal. 6:7-10

11-Farrs-Col. 3:18-21

18-Carolyn Starkey-Heb. 11:13-16

25-Anna Kirby-Col. 1:15-20

Nursery:

4-Debbie Gerstner/Jarret Mitchell

11-Rachel Arnold/Karie Turner

18-Linda Durand/Christine Hile

25-Laura Reich/Grace Arnold

Greeters/Ushers:

4-Carsons

11-Farrs

18-Carolyn Starkey

25-Linda Durand

Lord's Supper Preparation:

4-Carsons

11-Farrs

18-Carolyn Starkey

25-Linda Durand

Communion Table:

4-Stan, Jay

Dennis Tichenor, Andy Arnold

11- Jay, Stan

Ray Mitchell, Cylus Tichenor

18- Stan, Jay

Dennis Turner, Jarret Mitchell

25- Jay, Stan

David Grove, Lance Turner

Musicians

Worship Leader: Mike Kirby

Organ: Leah Brown

Drums: Grace Arnold

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby,

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Vocals: Rachel Arnold, Anna Kirby

Church Offerings

Jan.29-\$

Feb.5-\$2415.38

Feb.12-\$1721.00

Feb.19-\$1385.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!

www.valleyfallsc.org

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The men's breakfast will be on Mar. 3rd at 8:00 AM. Steve Carson will be hosting.

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

ELEGANT DINNER: We will be having our annual Elegant Dinner to raise funds for our school supply drive. It will be on Saturday March 10th at 6:00 PM. Matt Miller will be supplying the music again. The committees have been formed but help is always needed. Be watching for sign up sheets and ways you can help. If you want a reservation you can call Ronda Turner at 945-3775. Admission is school supplies or monetary donation to go to school supply giveaway.

Nathan Smith and Narrow Road Ministries has invited us to join him in putting on a VBS at Show Me in LaMonte, MO. We will be leaving Sunday March 18th after church and returning Friday night or early Saturday. If you would like to attend and help please let Stan know.

BABIES: Reid Isaiah Handke was born on Jan. 6th to Austin and Katie (Mitchell) Handke. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. Ray and Rhonda Mitchell are the proud grandparents.




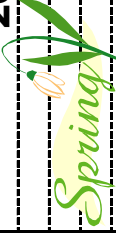
Oliver James Turner was born on Monday, Feb. 13 to Andy and Megan Turner. He weighed 7lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. Dennis and Ronda Turner are the proud grandparents.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Elegant Dinner</p>
<p>11</p>  <p>Daylight Savings 5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress 5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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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 – 5:00 PM

Midweek Bible Study:

Wednesday 7:00 PM

**Mission Lake Camp Mission Trip
(from Jim Ruth, Chairman of the MLCC Board)**

MLCC is having Mission to Camp Days on March 18-21. This is a Sunday afternoon (1pm) through Wednesday. Valley Falls is a great supporter of camp and we hope that you can participate.

We scheduled this during spring break to allow youth groups to come to camp for a day (or more) and help maintain the camp. There will be several projects that youth can do along the lines of painting, minor repairs and clean up. If a group wants to accomplish a specific project, please let me know.

We also have a large project that everyone can participate in (adult and youth) in extending the kitchen onto the west porch to allow more storage space and move some large appliances and increase the working space in the kitchen. John Foley is leading this project.

We will also be weather proofing buildings and cleaning out our main storage building. Richard Altic and myself will be leading those projects.

We need to get an accurate headcount

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

so that we can purchase food for the workers and materials for the projects. Meals will be provided.

Please let me know if you intend to participate and share the number of adults and youth (an estimate is fine) and the days they will be at camp with me by March 1st. Email is a good way to communicate or you can call/text my cell phone number below.

We are also looking for financial sponsors for these projects and ask that you consider a gift that will support this event.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to work in His Kingdom.

Jim Ruth, jimruth@sunflower.com
816-830-1410

Safety First!

Are you looking for a way to serve in a ministry that is kind of behind the scenes? We may have the perfect spot for you. The church needs to have a Safety Contact Person to evaluate the church for safety issues and recommend and facilitate the changes that need to be made. He or she would be under the umbrella of the building ministry of the church. If you are interested, contact Mike.