

# The Vine

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

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## **FUNNY MOTHER'S DAY QUIPS!**

### **Paul Revere's Mother:**

"I don't care where you think you have to go, young man. Midnight is past your curfew!"

### **Mona Lisa's Mother:**

"After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

### **Humpty Dumpty's Mother:**

"Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? Noooo!"

### **Columbus' Mother:**

"I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You still could have written!"

### **Michelangelo's Mother:**

"Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

### **Abraham Lincoln's Mother:**

"Again with the stovepipe hat, Abe? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

### **Mary's Mother:**

"I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you."

### **Batman's Mother:**

"It's a nice car, Bruce, but do you realize how much the insurance is going to be?"

### **Goldilocks' Mother:**

"I've got a bill here for a busted chair from the Bear family. You know anything about this, Goldie?"

### **Albert Einstein's Mother:**

"But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...?"

### **Jonah's Mother:**

"That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

### **Superman's Mother:**

"Clark, your father and I have discussed it, and we've decided you can have your own telephone line. Now will you quit spending so much time in all those phone booths?"

### **Thomas Edison's Mother:**

"Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!"

## In Search of...

Many years ago there was a series of television shows called 'In Search of...' The weekly show would try to research and find paranormal or controversial subjects and present them to the television audience in a documentary format. The list of things 'searched for' included the Titanic, UFOs, Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster.

A couple of weeks ago, the Kirby family set out on our own 'In Search of.' In search of...the eagle's nest. We read about the eagles nesting at Banner Creek Reservoir west of Holton and wanted to see for ourselves. We had never witnessed live eagles nesting or baby eagles in the wild, so we embarked on our adventure.

The first thing that happened is that we got distracted by garage sales. We had no idea that Holton's city wide garage sales were going on the same weekend. After 'garage sale-ing' and grabbing a bite to eat, we headed toward the lake. We stopped at one more garage sale we found near the lake. While there, I asked them about the location of the nest. They gave me information that I thought I followed, but it didn't lead to the eagles. At first I thought they had given me bad directions, but in retrospect, I think I just misunderstood the directions (like that has NEVER happened before!).

So we kept searching. We drove around the lake following the map we found on my phone. Gravel roads took us close to the lake, but not right up to it. Finally, we were on the other side of the lake and crested a hill on the dirt road. There was a very good view of the west end of the lake and finally, we saw a clump that might have been a nest in the top of a dead tree. A look through the binoculars confirmed that it was indeed an eagle's nest, though I wasn't sure if I could see an eagle or not.

I did remember seeing a hiking trail a little ways back. Maybe, just maybe...We turned around and drove back down to the bottom of the hill, parked and walked the trail. The trail was straight, not real wide, and was less than 100 yards to the lakeshore.

Once there, the horizon opened up. There were lots of dead trees sticking up out of the water, a few ducks and maybe a

heron. As we looked out in the distance, there it was! The nest was wedged in the tree branches with two adult eagles sitting on it with their young. It still was a long ways off, but the binoculars brought it in closer. Sometimes you could see one adult, other times, two. It was more difficult to see the babies, but we were able to make them out. It was amazing. In search of the eagle's nest...found!

Another great 'In Search of' that this excursion reminds me of is the search for God (or for meaning, because you won't find meaning without God).

In this search, it is easy to get distracted. We let our worries, the world and all the bright, shiny things that draw our attention distract us from what really matters. Satan would be really happy if we never found God because we were just so distracted by everything he throws our way.

Our search for God is sometimes sabotaged by bad information. People give us unbiblical advice, try to get us to accept worldly theories or push false religions upon us. Other times, we get good information, but we aren't listening closely or we interpret that information based upon what we want to hear more than what is actually said.

Although people searching for Bigfoot, Nessie or UFOs have come up empty, we found the eagles. The bible tells us if we search for God with all our hearts, we will find Him (Dt 4:29). The path taking us to where we could see the eagle's nest was straight and narrow and we were the only ones there during this time. **Matthew 7:14 (NIV)** <sup>14</sup> *But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

Finally, we gained clarity as the binoculars brought everything closer and into focus. If we look at the world and life through the lens of the scriptures, it will bring everything into focus and bring God so much nearer.

Keep searching the truths of God from the scriptures. Keep studying His word. You will find peace, hope, joy and love. You will find the key to life for this world and the next.

Mike

## Recipe Swap

### VANILLA CREAM FRUIT TART

¾ c. butter or margarine, softened  
½ c. powdered sugar  
1-1/2 c. flour  
10 oz. vanilla chips, melted and cooled  
¼ c. whipping cream  
8 oz. cream cheese  
1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced  
1 c. fresh blueberries  
1 c. fresh raspberries  
½ c. pineapple juice  
¼ c. sugar  
1 T. cornstarch  
½ t. lemon juice

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and powdered sugar. Beat in flour (mixture will be crumbly). Pat into the bottom of a greased 12-in. pizza pan. Bake at 300\* for 25-28 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. In another mixing bowl, beat melted chips and whipping cream. Add cream cheese; beat until smooth. Spread over crust. Chill for 30 minutes. Arrange berries over filling. In a saucepan, combine pineapple juice, sugar, cornstarch and lemon juice; bring to a boil over medium heat. Boil for 2 minutes or until thickened, stirring constantly. Cool; brush over fruit. Chill 1 hour before serving. Store in the refrigerator.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**OUR SOLDIERS:** Luke Cummings, Ryan Meyers, Jacob Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Greg Morales, Ryan Kirby, 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 – her surgery went very well, continued prayer for her recovery. She should go home next week.  
Andy Arnold has pneumonia, pray for swift recovery.  
Farr family- Barry Farr- (Stan's brother) lost his 17 year old son in a car accident.

**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.valleyfallscc.org](http://www.valleyfallscc.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 having our regular meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

1- Griffin Munson  
2- Sarah Toy  
4- ERIN SHEAD  
5- Gina Kirby  
8- Lauren Thomas  
11- Morgan Ratliff  
13- Austin Kirby  
14- Andy Arnold  
16- Sadie Tichenor  
17- Sophia Smith  
19- Glee Hosler  
21- Dennis & Jo Tichenor (1988)  
22- Myles Reich  
24- Gary Smith  
27- Wayne & Christy Arnold (1978)

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

## Serving in MAY

### Congregational Prayer:

Stan Farr

### Scripture Readers:

6-Mitchells-2 Cor. 12:7-10

13-Turners-Gal. 3:26-29

20-Welborns- 1 Thes. 4:13-18

27-Carsons- Rev. 1:1-3

### Nursery:

6-Debbie Gerstner/Jarret Mitchell

13-Linda Durand/Curtis Mitchell

20-Carol Welborn/Sarah Hollis

27-Rachel Arnold/Grace Arnold

### Greeters/Ushers:

6-Mitchells

13-Turners

20-Welborns

27-Carsons

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

6-Mitchells

13-Turners

20-Welborns

27-Carsons

### Communion Table:

6-Stan, Jay

**Dennis Tichenor**, Lance Turner

13- Jay, Stan

**Ray Mitchell**, Austin Kirby

20- Stan, Jay

**Dennis Turner**, Curtis Mitchell

27- Jay, Stan

**David Grove**, Andy Arnold

### Musicians

Worship Leader: David Grove

Organ: Leah Brown

Drums: Grace Arnold

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby,

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Vocals: Stan Farr, Jay Welborn

## Church Offerings

March 25-\$1671.31

April 1-\$1953.55

April 8-\$1560.35

April 15-\$1353.00

April 22-\$2157.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

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

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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The men's breakfast will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Jay Welborn will be hosting.

**GRADUATES BANQUET:** The graduates carry in dinner will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> right after church. Everyone bring one or two dishes and honor our graduates. If you know of someone graduating please let Rhonda Mitchell know. The only one we know of so far is Grace Arnold.

### CAMP NEWS

**CAMP PREREGISTRATION:** If you want to preregister for camp and save money, the date to do that is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

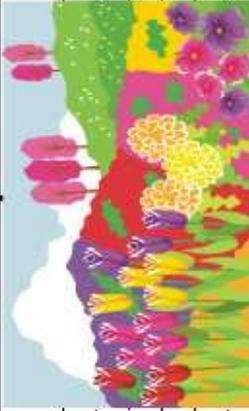
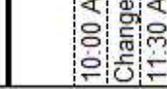
**MOWING AT CAMP:** It will be our turn to mow at camp on May 12<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**COOKING AT CAMP:** It will be our turn to help cook and take desserts on June 12<sup>th</sup> and on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**BRIDAL SHOWER:** There will be a bridal shower for Sadie Tichenor on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. All the ladies are invited, please bring your favorite recipe and maybe the ingredients for it. She is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond

**VBS:** Ready for some fun at the beach? Get prepared for Sonsurf Beach Bash VBS! Dig out the swim goggles and flippers for the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets will be out before you know it, so please be thinking about how you'd like to be involved this summer. If you have any questions, see Becky Arnold.



	 <p>May Day</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	 <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Camp Registration</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	 <p>SOS 9:00 AM</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>  <p>VFHS Graduation</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 PM Elders</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress</p> <p>11:30 AM Graduates Banquet</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	 <p>Bridal Shower for Sadie Tichenor at 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>  <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		<p><b>26</b></p>

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***You are welcome to join us!***

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**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

**About Mission Lake Christian Camp**

Mission Lake Christian Camp serves approximately 250 campers from 1st through 12th Grade each year through camps and held in the summer and retreats during the fall and winter.

**2012 summer schedule**

Grades 9-12 (Sr High), June 3-8  
Grades 6-8 (Jr High), June 10-15  
Grades 3-5 (Junior), June 17-21  
Grades 1-2 (Day Camp), June 23  
Grades 7-12 Girls (Princess Camp), July 7-8  
Grades 7-12 (Deeper Life), July 8-13  
Grades 9-Adult (Worship Forum) July 26-28  
Grades 7-12, (Fall Retreat), Sep 21-23

Camper fees for each camp are on the web site, but it generally runs \$25 per day.

**Scholarships for camp tuition**

Ten \$75 scholarships have been made available for unchurched kids or those with a financial need. Contact Mike for availability if you invite someone who isn't churched or needs help. Also, anyone who brings an unchurched camper can get a free camp t-shirt! Both offers **must** go through the pastor **before** camp starts.

Contact: [registration@missionlakeecc.com](mailto:registration@missionlakeecc.com)

On the web: [www.missionlakeecc.com](http://www.missionlakeecc.com)

Facebook: Mission Lake Christian Camp – MLCC Central

The camp is located near Horton, KS (map on web site)