

The Vine

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

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REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SO HARD TO LEARN

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France, Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth

One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? Is it an odd, or an end?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship?

Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

P.S. Why doesn't "Buick" rhyme with "quick"?

Not protected

Yes, I admit it. I have a tendency to procrastinate. Or, if you prefer I put a positive spin to it: 'I do my best work under the pressure of a deadline' (wink, wink).

One example of this is the antivirus software on my computer. I received a renewal notice from the company at least two months before I needed to renew the subscription. Why in the world would I need to renew this early? (Side note: Do you get as frustrated as I do when a magazine renewal comes with the warning 'You don't want to miss one issue' and you find out your subscription doesn't run out for another 10 months?)

I get another notice a month before - ignored. Then they come weekly leading up to the expiration date - ignored. During the last week, it seemed the notices came daily and the warnings more urgent. 'Do you really want a super-virus that will make your computer explode and end the universe as we know it today?' OK, I exaggerated a bit.

Finally, the day before the subscription expires, I renew. Everything is OK, right? No.

There was a mix-up somewhere (probably my fault – I like my antivirus software). I got an email receipt for the wrong product and the wrong number of computers. Of course, fixes cannot always be quick or easy, so two days later, when the problem has not been fixed yet, I get the following notice upon starting my computer: Bitdefender™ has expired. You are no longer protected!

What is the worst case scenario for allowing the antivirus on your computer to expire? It will continue to scan and find viruses according to the old library of viruses. However, as new viruses are developed, your computer won't be protected against them. So, worst case, a new virus or malware gets on your computer, steals all your passwords and your personal banking information and leads to identity theft. Subsequently, your bank account is emptied, various lines of credit are taken out in your name and maxed out and the IRS gets red flagged because of spending (which you aren't doing) in your name. And we all know how fair and even handed the IRS can be, right? A lien is put on your house and you are arrested for fraud because of all this illegal activity done in your name. This happened just because your computer wasn't protected. On top of that, you still can't use your computer.

Whew! OK, that is pretty bad, but not as bad as procrastinating about your faith. In

Matthew 25, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins. Five are wise and bring oil for their lamps in case the Master is long in coming. Five are foolish and are not prepared. The five foolish virgins run out of oil, their lights go out and when they are away getting more oil, the Master returns, enters His dwelling and locks them outside. They banged on the door, "Let us in!" But the Master replied, "I do not know you." Therefore, be ready, because you do not know the day or the hour of Christ's return.

What does that mean to us? Some of us have been procrastinating. "We'll get more involved next year." "We'll make that decision later." Some people need to submit to the Lord in Christian baptism. How strong can one's commitment to Jesus be if we are not willing – for whatever reason – to obey the command to be buried with Him in baptism, washing away our sins (Acts 22:16)?

There may be someone reading this who has been in church for years, yet they have never made that decision to place all their faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. Just like the foolish girls in the parable, we don't know when Jesus will return and we don't know when our time on earth is finished.

How can you be sure you are protected? Renew your subscription daily. Here are the words of Jesus: *Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. John 15:4-6 (NLT)*

When you stand before the throne of judgment, you will either be protected by the blood of Christ (because of your faith in Him) or you will not. You will either be ushered into eternal paradise or you will not. The alternative is that one is not protected and the result is eternal separation from God.

God loves you and wants to be with you forever. Don't procrastinate! Stay close to Jesus.

Mike

Recipe Swap

FROSTED BROWNIE PIZZA

½ c. butter (no substitute)
2 squares (1 oz. each) unsweetened chocolate
1 c. sugar
¾ c. flour
2 eggs, beaten
FROSTING:
1 c. powdered sugar
1/3 c. creamy peanut butter
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
2-4 T. milk
TOPPINGS:
¾ c. plain M&M's
½ c. flaked coconut, toasted
½ c. chopped pecans, toasted

In a pan over low heat, melt butter, chocolate and sugar. Remove from the heat; stir in flour until smooth. Add eggs and beat until smooth. Spread onto a greased 12-inch pizza pan. Bake at 350* for 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool completely. For frosting, in a mixing bowl, beat sugar, peanut butter, vanilla and enough milk to achieve desired spreading consistency. Spread over brownie crust. Top with M&M's, coconut and pecans.

VBS NEWS

Our Lord, you keep your word and do everything you say (Psalm 145:13)

The Bible records the many promises God has made and faithfully kept. This VBS series invites you and your learners to come together to identify some of God's promises and discover how they enrich your lives.

In a world where broken and false promises abound, we can look with certainty to the promises made by God. In God's family we can find the security that may or may not be available to us in daily life.

Ark Avenue: God's Great Get-Together invites participants of all ages to gather with the animals who reside on a fanciful ark to explore what it means to be members of God's family.

In this Bible school series you and your learners will: discover and explore the promises God has made and faithfully kept, share the experiences of God's family in earlier times through familiar Bible stories, feel certain that God loves and accepts you unconditionally, celebrate with all God's creatures the joy of being loved by God, respond to God's love by sharing it with others.

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 be not having our regular meeting until September.

BIBLE STUDIES: The ladies Bible Study will take a break during the summer. The regular Bible Study will continue.

COOKING AT CAMP: It will be our turn to cook at camp on Wednesday, June 19th. We also need to furnish desserts for 2 meals. If you can help let Mike know.

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SOLDIERS: Jacob Mitchell, Curtis Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Ryan Myers, Luke Cummings, Greg Morales, Ryan Kirby, Zach Stiffler, Josh Lackey, Dan Cook, Rick Heuertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Steve Grove, Austin Everhart, Noe Garza, Brandon Hammons, Ruth Churchill

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S

2 TABITA MCAFEE
5 Anna Kirby
Donna Strang
6 Carol Welborn
10 Amy (Hosler) Gilchrist
Tonya Haybarker
11 Sheldon McGuire
12 Christina (Hosler) Weber
13 Wendi Toll
17 Janet Strang
22 Dennis Turner
23 MATTHEW SHEAD
Mackenzie Handke
24 Clayton & Heidi Hawk (2000)
25 Curtis Mitchell
27 CHARLES & JODI WATKINS (1992)
28 Jay and Sheila Farr (2004)
29 Madison Gomez
Maddox Gomez
Stan & Donetta Farr (1974)

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Serving in JUNE

Congregational Prayer:

Stan Farr

Scripture Readers:

2- Christy Arnold- John 10:7-10

9-Thomas- Psalm 24:1-10

16-Anna Kirby- 2 Kings 6:15-19

23- Grove- Exodus- 14:15-20

30-Rhonda Mitchell- Joshua 3:6-13

Nursery:

2-Debbie Gerstner/Caitlyn Thomas

9-Carol Welborn

16-Linda Durand/Jackson Reich

23-Jarret Mitchell

30-Glee Hosler/Nic Branam

Greeters/Ushers:

2-Arnold

9-Thomas

16-Kirby

23-Grove

30-Mitchell

Lord's Supper Preparation:

2-Arnold

9-Thomas

16-Kirby

23-Grove

30-Mitchell

Communion Table:

2-Stan, Jay

Ray Mitchell, Andy Arnold

9- Jay, Stan

Dennis Turner, Cylus Tichenor

16- Stan, Jay

David Grove, Jarret Mitchell

23- Jay, Stan

Steve Carson, Clint Thomas

30-Stan, Jay

Dennis Tichenor, Andy Arnold

Musicians

Worship Leader:

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Church Offerings

April 28-\$1028.00

May 5-\$3999.92

May 12-\$1242.00

May 19-\$1086.25

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!




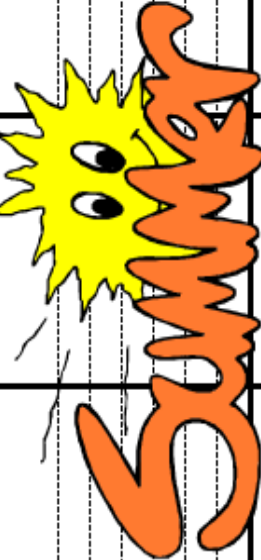






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MEN'S BREAKFAST: The men's breakfast will be on June 8th. David Grove will be cooking.

OUTREACH- H.O.P.E. : 9TH ANNUAL "SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN THE PRESENT"- With school just ending it is hard to start thinking about purchasing new supplies, socks and underwear for the next school year, BUT now is the time! Please place supplies in the blue container in the foyer. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead there will be a container available. These are just a few of the items that students will need: Red, Blue and Black ink pens, colored pencils, highlighters, 3x5 index cards, big pink erasers, loose leaf notebook, zipper pencil bag, glue and glue sticks, 3 ring binders, big boxes of Kleenex, paper- either wide or college ruled, pocket folders, wide notebook, college notebook, book bags, pencil boxes, pencils, color markers, paints. Don't forget the socks and briefs. Mark Saturday, July 27, 2012, 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM on your calendars for this outreach ministry. We will be meeting to set up on Friday night July 26th at the Kendall Bank Building keep watching for the time. Please consider volunteering, even if you can only help for the few hours. There is lots of work to do before the door is opened. It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the children's faces and how appreciative the parents are for the help. Every year the number of families that seek help have increased. Please show God's love to others just as He has showed His love to us in so many ways. The Kansas Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit will also be available, at no charge, to anyone for the following test: vision test, hearing, blood pressure and blood sugar. For more information contact a Lions Club Member. "LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP." NIV GALATIANS 6:9

60/40 CELEBRATION

Dennis and Ronda want to celebrate Dennis's 60th birthday and their 40th wedding anniversary with their church family. We will be hosting a dinner following the church service on Sunday, July 7th, in the church basement. Please let us know if you can attend. No gifts please, you have already given us your love and friendship and that's the greatest gift of all. Dennis and Ronda

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2 2:00 PM Service at Midland 5:00 PM Set up for Vacation Bible School | 3  VBS 7-9 PM | 4 VBS 7-9 PM | 5 6:15 PM Worship Practice VBS 7-9 PM | 6 VBS 7-9 PM | 7  VBS 7-9 PM | 8 Men's Breakfast 8:00 |
| 9 | 10  | 11 | 12 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Sr. High Camp Father's Day 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress Jr. High Camp | 17  | 18 | 19 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders Our day to cook at Camp | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 5:00 PM Youth Group Jr. Camp | 24  | 25 | 26 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study | 27 | 28 | 29  Day Camp |
| 30 | | | | | | |

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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 9-14
Grades 6-8 (Jr High), June 16-21
Grades 3-5 (Junior), June 23-27
Grades 1-2 (Day Camp), June 29
Grades 7-12 Girls (Princess Camp, July 6-7
Grades 7-12 (Deeper Life), July 7-12
Grades 9-Adult (Worship Forum) July 25-27
Grades 7-12, (Fall Retreat), Sep 20-22
Camper fees for each camp are on the web site, but it generally runs \$25 per day.

MORE VBS NEWS

Monday Theme is We're all welcomed.
Genesis 6:9-9:1. Color is blue.
Tuesday Theme is We're a Family. Luke 2:1-7. Color is green.
Wednesday Theme is We're each important.
Luke 15:4-7. Color is yellow.
Thursday Theme is We're not alone. Daniel 6:1-28. Color is orange.
Friday Theme is We're sent. Luke 5:1-11. Color is red.

VBS will be June 3-7 from 7-9 PM.

We still need lots of volunteers so see Carol or Donetta to help.

We will be getting together on Sunday June 2nd at 5:00 PM to help set up. Please come help if you can.