

# The Vine

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

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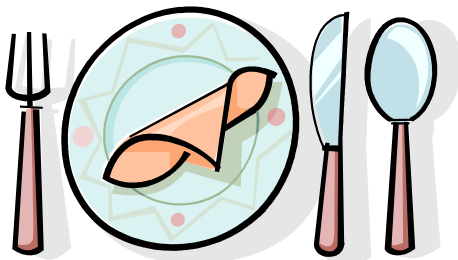
March 2013

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 8th to  
make a reservation.

## Are you ready for victory?

We've seen those teams before. They have great talent, often all-Americans and potential NBA stars. They play tough in games and their games are usually close ones. However, they just can't seem to win on a regular basis. When the clock is running out, they commit the crucial turnover, miss the essential free throw or make an epic mental mistake.

You will often hear commentators say of these types of teams, "They just don't know how to win." The team needs to elevate their game to the next level and take the next step, but something gets in the way. It would seem all the pieces are there for a contender, but the puzzle never gets finished.

What barrier exists that causes some teams to fold at key moments? Is it a lack of teamwork? Poor coaching? Perhaps the inability to handle the stress of clutch situations? Whatever happens, they just can't seem to seal the deal and until they overcome their hang-ups, they will continue to come close, but ultimately fail. Victory eludes them.

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, we will be studying 1 Corinthians 15 and learning about victory. Christ's victory over the grave. Our victory over sin and death because of Christ's sacrifice. Our eternal state as we rejoice in victory forever! We don't want to be one who comes close, but can't overcome in the end. We want to win! We want to celebrate victory!

There are some who question the existence of God, but are especially skeptical about the bodily resurrection of Christ. February 24 we will be talking about the Evidence of Victory from 1 Cor. 15:1-11.

For those who really don't think the resurrection makes a big difference in our faith, we will look at 1 Cor. 15:12-19 on March 3 as we talk about the Importance of Victory.

On March 10 we get into the nuts and bolts of how it all works as we dissect the mystery of resurrection by talking about the Order of Victory, 1 Cor. 15:20-28.

We get a vision of how our victory should cause us to view our earthly existence in 1 Cor. 15:29-34 as we look at the Incentive of Victory (March 17).

What will victory be like when we realize it in its fullness? Simply put, what will my victory body be like? Read 1 Cor. 15:35-49 to see what God's word says about that when we study the Embodiment of Victory on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

And resurrection Sunday is March 31. We finish the chapter (1 Cor. 15:50-58) with the simple message entitled Victory!

Why this emphasis on victory in Christ? That is what resurrection is all about. We live in a messed up world. Sometimes we get scared. Scared of the future, scared of the past, scared of the present. Some people live in fear because they don't realize the victory we have in Christ. Our victory does not depend upon our power but is rooted in the power of Christ. Victory conquers fear.

Some people have no joy. They are depressed, dejected, rejected and hopeless. Resurrection reminds us that someone loves us enough to die for us...and He also loves us enough that he rose from the dead and He lives for us. Victory is a message of love, hope and peace.

Just look at our world. It is broken. Victory reminds us of a future where there is no sin, sorrow or pain. It is a message of joy.

Then there are some people who are close, but they need to elevate to the next level, step up their game, [or insert your favorite sports cliché here]. They read the bible. They are seeking. They believe, but they still need to believe. They need to take the next step but something is holding them back. Maybe fear; maybe they just don't see the urgency. Nevertheless, they need to submit to the command of God and to His holy word and be immersed into Christ.

Just as Christ was crucified and buried, they need to be buried in the waters of baptism. Just as Christ arose from the dead and defeated death, they need to identify with Christ as they rise up from the watery grave of baptism to new life. **Galatians 3:27** *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* There is absolutely nothing in our faith that represents our victory more than our baptism. Our obedience to Him in our faith and in our baptism allows us to put on Christ and live in victory as we walk the earth as well as anticipate the assurance of our victory to come for all eternity.

Are you ready to win? Victory is ours in Christ!

Mike

## Recipe Swap

### CHEESEBURGER SOUP

½ lb. ground beef (brown and set aside)

Saute the following 6 ingredients in 1T.of butter until vegetables are tender.

¾ c. chopped onion

¾ c. shredded carrots

¾ c. diced celery

1 tsp. oregano

1 tsp. dried basil

1 tsp. dried parsley flakes

Combine the following 2 ingredients.

3 c. chicken broth

4 c. peeled and diced potatoes

Add the browned beef, broth and potatoes to the sautéed vegetables. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer until potatoes are tender.

Melt 3 T. butter in a small skillet, add flour and cook until bubbly. Add to the soup mixture, stir and bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Add the following ingredients.

8 oz. velveeta cheese (cubed)

1½ c. milk

¾ tsp. salt

¼ to ½ tsp. pepper

Cook and stir until cheese melts. Remove from heat and stir in ¼ c. sour cream.

Blend well and serve.

Helen Grove

### 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 Huertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Steve Grove, Austin Everhart, Noe Garza, Brandon Hammons, Ruth Churchill

Continued prayer for Becky Arnold and her eye situation

Georganna Carson is having trouble with an eye

June Dedeke needs prayers

**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 March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. We will be discussing a trip or two so you won't want to miss it.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

4- Donetta Farr

Mary Breitsprecher

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:

David Grove

### Scripture Readers:

3-Tichenor-1 Cor. 15:12-19  
10-Arnold- 1 Cor. 15:20-28  
17-Thomas- 1 Cor. 15:29-34  
24-Kirby- 1 Cor. 15:42-49  
31-Grove- 1 Cor. 15:50-58

### Nursery:

3- Debbie Gerstner  
10-Linda Durand  
17- Sarah Hollis  
24- Carol Welborn  
31- Glee Hosler

### Greeters/Ushers:

3-Tichenors  
10-Arnolds  
17-Thomas  
24-Kirbys  
31-Groves

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

3-Tichenors  
10-Arnolds  
17-Thomas  
24-Kirbys  
31-Groves

### Communion Table:

3-Stan, Jay  
**Steve Carson**, Clint Thomas  
10- Jay, Stan  
**Dennis Tichenor**, Andy Arnold  
17- Stan, Jay  
**Ray Mitchell**, Cylus Tichenor  
24- Jay, Stan  
**Steve Carson**, Jarret Mitchell  
31-Stan, Jay  
**Dennis Tichenor**, Clint Thomas

### Musicians

Worship Leader: Mike Kirby  
Organ: Leah Brown  
Piano: Donetta Farr  
Guitar: Mike Kirby,  
Mandolin: Erin Thomas  
Vocals:

### Church Offerings

Jan.27-\$886.25  
Feb.3-\$2393.52  
Feb.10-\$2604.15  
Feb.17-\$1288.00

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 Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Mike Kirby will be cooking.

**TIME CHANGE:** Time change will be Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

**ELEGANT DINNER:** We will be having our annual Elegant Dinner to raise funds for our school supply drive. It will be on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EASTER SONRISE SERVICE:** The Easter service will be at 8:00 AM on Sunday Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>. The breakfast will follow at 8:30 AM. There's still time to offer to help with food or help prepare. Regular church will be at 10:00 AM. There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Carolyn Starkey will be updating the prayer sheet very soon. The prayer chain is a list of people , willing to help call others and to pray for people in need. Sometimes this is an urgent prayer need, but sometimes we use it to just inform people of changes or cancellations. If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be, let Carolyn know. Also for those on the chain, let Carolyn know of any necessary changes.





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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

### **MINISTRY/ACTIVITY FOLDERS**

The following folders will be placed on the table in the foyer beginning Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Activity Folders:**

We are revamping the “ministry folders” and they have become “Activity Folders”. Following is an explanation of each folder. Each folder includes what has been done in the past, but new ideas are welcomed.

**Fellowship**—this can go on all year. This folder needs a home with someone who would be interested in planning activities to include all family members. Activities might include movie nights, game nights, a pizza night, a bowling night, putt putt golf, etc. Anything a family could do together would be included.

**Sonrise Breakfast**—this is held Easter morning. The chairperson would be responsible for coordinating the times with Mike. They would be in charge of getting men volunteers to cook and donations for food items.

**Mother’s Day**—responsible for planning the recognition of moms-usually during church.

**Graduate Banquet**—responsible for setting a time, place, sending out invitations, decorating and planning a little ceremony.

**Father’s Day**—responsible for planning the recognition of dads-usually during church.

**Vacation Bible School**—This person would be the director who would decide on a program, organize committees, decide on dates and prepare a schedule. VBS dates need to be approved by the board. May have this year’s VBS program taken care of but would still need a coordinator.

### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Thanksgiving Dinner & Soup Supper**—you would be in charge of getting enough food for the church dinner, generally held the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Also being prepared with decorations and dishes and other supplies. A “take out” meal is generally provided to our shut in members before we eat. The soup supper is held in January on a rotation with the other churches in the community. We generally serve soups, relishes, desserts, etc.

**Church Christmas Dinner**—This person plans where the group would be eating and making the reservations if needed. Usually held the regular meeting date of Dec. board meeting (second Wed.) Have also done as a “progressive dinner” so other options are available.

**Caroling**—you would be in charge of setting the date and organizing times, rides, and snacks afterwards.

**Christmas Program**—Responsible for deciding on the program, organizing those involved with practices, and preparing scenery if needed. Usually held at 10:00 AM the Sunday before Christmas. There are plenty of programs in the office to review and use if desired.

If you chair and activity be sure and sign the master list on the table.

We are not limited to these activities and would welcome new ways to glorify God.

There are lots of persons who are willing to help the chairperson with the activities.

Please let Donetta and Christy know details before the date so that information can be placed in the bulletin and newsletter.