

The Vine

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

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**This VBS
is a
breed apart!**

Monday- Friday
June 2-6, 2014

We are going to have so much fun. We'll learn how Jesus loves us no matter what!! We'll learn about weird animals, play games and even have yummy snacks. The KidVid Cinema Station will show us that there are other kids just like us and they need Jesus' love too. And don't forget about Dr. Paws! He will visit us each night. So come on out and we'll see you at our Bible school.



Growing Pains

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. **Matthew 9:37***

Some of us might remember having growing pains when we were young. Some children have pains in their thighs, calves or behind their knees that seem to just be part of growing up. In the morning, the child seems to be just fine, but the pain usually occurs in the afternoon or evening. Some children are even awakened by them in the middle of the night.

A booming business might be said to have growing pains when the demand for products or services exceed the capacity to provide them and they scramble to find a way to satisfy the market.

A new nation has growing pains as constitutions and charters are challenged, as the kinks are worked out of the justice system and revenue and expenditures are trying to be balanced.

What about a church? When a church grows, new needs arise. Sometimes the problems are space, other times it is staffing. When these needs arise, people and money are required to meet those needs.

There is an old saying about those who work in the church. It says 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Maybe that is true, maybe it isn't. But what happens when there is more to be done? What do we do when another job pops up? Someone has to stand in the gap and do what needs to be done.

I know that God has not called us to be pew sitters. Church isn't a building. It isn't a couple of hours we set aside for worship and Bible study on Sunday morning. Church is community. Church is all the people working together to meet each other's needs and to grow the kingdom of God. Church is the Body of Christ.

Each one of us should look for ways to serve and be involved. We should encourage each other to be involved in areas where we have spiritual gifts, talents and passion.

God has blessed this church. Our church body has grown in attendance by about 30% in the last two years. That is a big praise! However, it also means there is more to be done and we need people to step up and do the work Christ has called us to do.

Look at three Old Testament prophets. Which response is closest to your response?

Moses: Moses witnessed the burning bush and God called him to confront Pharaoh and demand of, 'Let my people go!'

But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."

Exodus 4:10-13

What happened when Moses gave that response? **Exodus 4:14** says, "the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses."

We know that Moses was 'persuaded' by God to do what He commanded. But we don't have a burning bush. We don't see fire, smoke and lightening on the mountain. We normally don't audibly hear the voice of God express His displeasure with us. That would be scary (and maybe, like Moses, it would make us more 'eager' to serve)!

When a need arises, do you say, 'Lord, please send someone else?'

Jeremiah: Jeremiah didn't say send someone else, but he had reservations.

*Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." **Jeremiah 1:4-10***

Jeremiah just didn't know how he could do what God asked. God made it clear. "I made you; I know you. I will be with you I will equip you to do what I have called you to do."

When the need arises, do you say, 'I'd like to help, but I just don't know how I could do that?' When you are unsure or insecure, God will equip you too!

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Recipe Swap

ANGEL FOOD ICE CREAM CAKE

1 angel food cake
½ gallon vanilla ice cream, slightly softened
2 quarts fresh strawberries
Sugar to taste

Cut the cake in half; tear one half into small pieces and set aside. Cut the other half into 12-14 thin slices; arrange in the bottom of a waxed paper lined 13x9x2 inch baking pan, overlapping as needed. Spread softened ice cream over cake, pressing down to smooth. Gently press the small cake pieces into ice cream. Cover and freeze. Just before serving, slice strawberries and sweeten to taste. Cut dessert into squares and top with strawberries. Yield: 15 servings.

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SOLDIERS: 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

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.

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S

- 2 TABITA MCAFEE
- 5 Anna Kirby
Donna Slavens
- 6 Carol Welborn
Brian & Lori Barrett (1992)
- 10 Amy (Hosler) Gilchrist
Tonya Haybarker
- 11 Sheldon McGuire
Grant Haag
- 12 Christina (Hosler) Weber
- 17 Janet Strang
- 22 Dennis Turner
- 23 MATTHEW SHEAD
Mackenzie Handke
- 24 Clayton & Heidi Hawk (2000)
- 25 Curtis Mitchell
Bob Beightel
- 27 CHARLES & JODI WATKINS (1992)
- 28 Jay and Sheila Farr (2004)
- 29 Stan & Donetta Farr (1974)

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Serving in JUNE

Congregational Prayer:

Wayne Arnold

Scripture Readers:

1-Rhonda Mitchell-Gen. 1:26-31

8-Turner- Gen. 15:1-6

15-Welborn-Gen. 50:11-18

22-Carson-Ex. 15:11-18

29-Farr- Isaiah 39:5-8

Nursery:

1-Debbie Gerstner/Jarret

8-Glee Hosler/Caitlyn

15-Linda Durand/Jackson

22-Nancy Gatzmeyer/Nic

29-Jo Tichenor/Libby

Greeters/Ushers:

1-Mitchell

8-Turner

15-Welborn

22-Carson

29-Farr

Lord's Supper Preparation:

1-Mitchell

8-Turner

15-Welborn

22-Carson

29-Farr

Communion Table:

1-Stan, Jay

Dennis Tichenor, Ben Trotter

8- Jay, Stan

Clint Thomas, Kevin Gatzmeyer

15- Stan, Jay

Ray Mitchell, Curt Gatzmeyer

22- Jay, Stan

Dennis Turner, Jarret Mitchell

29-Stan, Jay

David Grove, Andy Arnold

Musicians

Worship Team:Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas, Erin Thomas

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Church Offerings

April 27-\$1746.00

May 4-\$1393.00

May 11-\$3822.00

May 18-\$621.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!






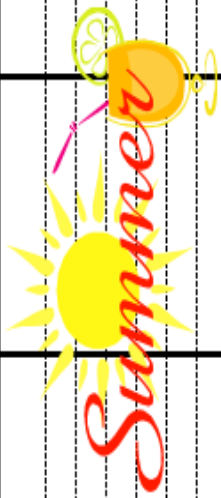

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MEN'S BREAKFAST: The men's breakfast will be on June 14th. Jay Welborn will be cooking.

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 26, 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 25th at 7:00 PM at the Kendall Bank Building. 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

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.

2014		JUNE				2014	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 2:00 PM Service at Midland Vacation Bible School	2  VBS 7-9 PM	3 VBS 7-9 PM	4  VBS 7-9 PM	5 VBS 7-9 PM	6  VBS 7-9 PM	7	
8 Sr. High Camp	9 	10 6:15 PM Worship Practice	11 6:15 PM Worship Practice	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8:00	14	
15 Father's Day 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress Jr. High Camp	16 	17 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Elders	18 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Elders	19	20 Day Camp	21	
22	23	24 6:15 PM Worship Practice	25 6:15 PM Worship Practice	26	27	28	
Jr. Camp 5:00 PM Youth Group	29	30 					
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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

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.

SPIT AND POLISH DAY AT CAMP: On June 7th they will have a day to go to camp and help get ready for the summer. Gates open at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be served.

COOKING AT CAMP: It will be our turn to cook at camp on Wednesday, June 11th and Monday, July 7th. We also need to furnish desserts for 2 meals. If you can help let Mike know.

MOWING AT CAMP: It will be our turn to mow at camp on June 21st and August 23rd.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Isaiah: *And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." **Isaiah 6:8***

Here is one immediate need we must fill. We have been blessed by having some very young children in the nursery during the Sunday school hour. This is too much for one person to handle – trying to teach 3-4 year olds while keeping the 2 year olds busy. We need someone to assist Gina in the nursery during Sunday school to help with the youngest children in there. You don't have to prepare a lesson, just comfort and play with the very young. If enough people step up, this could be done on a rotating basis so the volunteers would only be in there once every three or four weeks.

So what will it be? Will you say, "Lord, please send someone else!" Maybe your response is, "How could I do that, Lord?" My prayer is that it is, "Here I am Lord, send me!"

May God continue to bless this church with a great harvest and may He provide enough workers for the task He has called us to!

Mike