

The Vine

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

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**OUTREACH MINISTRY
HELPING OTHER PEOPLE EVERYWHERE (H.O.P.E.)**

The church will be having the following benefit:

*“A TOUCH OF CLASS”
Candlelight Dinner
FOR
“SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN THE PRESENT”
(FREE SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT)*

*Music by Pianist Matt Miller
Church Sanctuary
Saturday, April 18th, 2015, 6:00 PM*

LIMITED SEATING---PLEASE CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS!!

**COST: BRING NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES, SOCKS, BRIEFS OR MONETARY
DONATION (100% WILL BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF THESE ITEMS)**

**CALL BY APRIL 15TH TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
DENNIS & RONDA TURNER 785.231.7508**

Lots of volunteers are needed so please see any of the following to see where you can help.

Sarah Jane Hollis: Food
Linda Durand: Dishes
Laura Reich: Servers
Ronda Turner: Table Decorations
Dennis Turner: Set-up/Take Down
Ronda Turner: Advertisement

We will be turning the sanctuary into an elegant dining room and bringing out the good china, table cloths, napkins and candles along with formal waiters.

Word of the Month: Life

Think about all the things today's culture says make up a good life.

Wealth. Oh, to be a one-percenter. What a great life to be able to eat in the finest restaurants and turn around and hire a personal trainer to help you work it off in your own personal gym. You would be able to fly first class, or if you are rich enough, buy your own jet. You could vacation as often as you like in the most exotic locales. If I just had money, I would have an amazing life.

Howard Hughes was at one time the wealthiest man in the world. He had a great life...except for the fact that he was a miserable recluse and a drug addict that died alone.

If I could just win that \$500 million Powerball lottery! Except the many of the people who win multi-million dollar lotteries manage to ruin relationships, end up on drugs or do something else illegal, all while squandering all of the money.

Wealth can make life easier, but it is no guarantee of a good life. It often brings on more problems than it solves. **1 Timothy 6:9** *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

If I only had a perfect marriage, then my life would be good! If my spouse were younger, better looking, more intimate or more loving, then my life would be complete. Look how well that has worked out. The divorce rate is hovering somewhere north of 40%, maybe even 50%. People who divorce and remarry have even a higher rate of divorce. It seems that trying to base your happiness for life in a marriage partner doesn't work very well. That might be because people are selfish, make too many demands and have too many expectations from a spouse. Your husband or wife is a person marred by a sin nature. No matter how hard they try, they will let you down and you will let them down.

Whatever you think our world offers that will give you a complete life, it won't. Fame, power, good looks - nothing guarantees an abundant life. To top that off, what happens when you breathe your last breath? Your body rots (no more good looks), you can't take your wealth with you and someone else gets your corner office. Then what do you have?

Luke 12:15; 29-31 *And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all*

covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Life is much more than what this world offers. This life, from birth to death, is only a speck compared to true life, eternal life. All the wealth, fame, power or happiness can't buy this eternal life, this true life. Yet even Christians get caught up in trying to find fulfillment in life through our family or other relationships, our jobs or our possessions. That's not life.

Here is how Jesus defines life. It isn't overly difficult or philosophical. It is quite simple. **John 17:3** *And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

That's it. Know the One True God and Jesus. Not know of their reputation. Not have head knowledge about them. Know them. Have a real relationship with the Triune God - Father, Son and Spirit.

Jesus is life. He is the source and sustainer of life. He is the giver of life and he has purchased eternal life for each one of us if we will just receive him for our salvation. If you really want to get to know Jesus, read the book of John. Here is what the fourth gospel says about Jesus and life.

John 1:4 *In him (Jesus) was life, and the life was the light of men. John 3:16* *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:36* *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 5:24* *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 8:12* *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 10:10* *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 11:25* *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live. (continued on back page)*

Recipe Swap

FESTIVE HAM GLAZE

1 bone-in fully cooked ham (5 to 8 pounds)
1-1/2 cups orange juice
1-1/4 cups packed brown sugar
1 T. grated orange peel
1 tsp. dry mustard
¼ tsp. ground cloves

Score surface of ham, making diamond shapes ½ inch deep. Place in a large baking dish. In a bowl, mix remaining ingredients; pour over ham. Cover and refrigerate overnight, turning ham occasionally. Reserving glaze, remove ham to a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer. Bake, uncovered at 325* until thermometer registers 140*, about 2-4 hours, brushing occasionally with glaze. Yield: 10-16 servings.

Christy Arnold

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, Austin Everhart, Noe Garza, Brandon Hammons, Ruth Churchill, Jason Cherry, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam

Bonnie Schrick has a brain tumor
Vern & LaVerne Gatzemeyer, Kevin's parents are both in the hospital.
Jacob & Kari Mitchell- he has a 2 week deployment.

Calvin Sales is on hospice
Codi Haybarker needs a job
Tony Frommer and family
Shirley Harris- eye surgery on March 31st.
Grace (Arnold) Farwell- tests for gestational diabetes

Unspoken

Butch Grandpre- very sick

The building project: God's vision and provision. Unity within the body as we proceed.

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 meeting until further notice.

SONRISE SERVICE: The Easter Service will be at 8:00 AM followed by breakfast at 8:30 AM. You can volunteer help or food. There will be Sunday School at 9:00 AM for children only while the adults clean up from breakfast. Church will be at 10:00 AM.

VACATION BIBLE STUDY: Thank you to all of you who stayed for the VBS meeting last week or just told me you could help. All the main sites are spoken for. Yeah! Now we just need to fill in some other places: publicity person—very soon so they can get started, 2 people for short skirts, photographer, and sound system person. Of course crew/family leaders and helpers at the sites. I have a volunteer for the snack but would like someone to help her who would be in charge of games/science experiments.

Serving in APRIL

Congregational Prayer:

Jay Welborn

Scripture Readers:

5-Christy Arnold- Mark 16:1-7

12- Erin Thomas- Philippians 2:12-18

19-Joan Phillips- Philippians 2:19-30

26- Helen Grove- Philippians 3:1-11

Nursery:

5-Debbie Gerstner/Nik

12-Laura Reich/Jackson

19- Sarah Hollis/Libby

26-Joan Phillips/Caitlyn

Greeters/Ushers:

5-Arnolds

12-Thomas

19-Phillips

26-Grove

Lord's Supper Preparation:

5-Arnolds

12-Thomas

19-Phillips

26-Grove

Communion Table:

5-Stan, Jay

David Grove, Curt Gatzemeyer

12- Jay, Stan

Steve Carson, Matt Branam

19- Stan, Jay

Dennis Tichenor, Jarret Mitchell

26- Jay, Stan

Ray Mitchell, Wayne Arnold

Musicians

Worship Leader: Mike Kirby

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Church Offerings

Feb. 22-\$1356.00

Mar. 1-\$2493.00

Mar. 8-\$1996.00

Mar. 15-\$2518.00

Mar. 22-\$797.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: There will be men's breakfast on April 11th. David Grove will be cooking.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

4-Betty Smith

6-Joan Phillips

7-Andrew Turner

9-KatyRae Branam

10-Jordan Welborn

11-Debbie Gerstner

Jody (Turner) Munson

Janet Kirk

20-Tom Harris

22- Erin Thomas

Tyler Dedeke

Gary Meyers

26- Brenda Billings

29-Stan Farr

30-Steve Carson


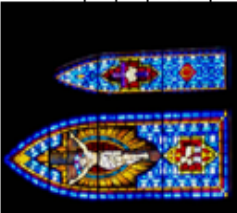
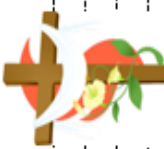





(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

BRIDAL SHOWERS

The church will be having 2 bridal showers this month. All ladies, and young girls are invited.

On April 12th there will be a bridal shower for Rachel Arnold (Tyler Detring) after church. Ladies bring a salad for a luncheon. They are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Walmart.

On April 26th there will be a "Kitchen" bridal shower for Caitlyn Shaffer (Austin Kirby) at 2:00 PM. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

2015		April			2015	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>2:00 PM Service at Midland</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p> 
<p>12</p>  <p>Bridal Shower for Rachel Arnold after church 5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>  <p>10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>  <p>Bridal Shower for Caitlin Shaffer 2:00 5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>30</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

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John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 20:31** But these (the words in the gospel of John) are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

When you read John 20 and 21, you read about the resurrected Jesus – risen from the tomb and victorious over death. He lives on eternally at the right hand of the Father. With his death on the cross he paid the price so we can also experience true abundant life for all eternity through faith in him.

As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, think about life. Not power, wealth, relationships or the dozens of other things people believe make up a good life on this earth. Think about the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Believe in him. Obey Him. Love him. Worship him. Thank him. He died and rose again so you can have true, everlasting life.

Mike

(All scripture selections are from the ESV.)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MISSION LAKE CAMP NEWS

Here are some important dates for Mission Lake Camp and Valley Falls Christian Church.

Mowing Dates: Dates that our church is responsible for mowing at the camp.

June 13th

Kitchen Help Dates: Dates that we send help to assist the cook in serving lunch and preparing supper.

June 9th

Camp Dates:

May 4: Church pre-registration day for June camps

June 7-12: Sr. High Camp- grades 9-12

June 14-19: Jr. High Camp-grades 6-8

June 20: Day Camp- grades 1-2

June 21-25: Junior Camp- grades 3-5

July 12-17: Deeper Life Camp- grades 7-12