

The Vine

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

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News Release!



Welcome to Bible Blast to the Past! Get ready for a life-changing adventure taking place right here at Valley Falls Christian Church for ages 4 years through 6th grade.

Each day begins at Blast to the Past Bash where kids will sing, shout, praise, pray, and be introduced to a Bible story and the daily theme. Then after they experience the other activities of the day, kids gather back at Bible Blast to the Past Bash to be encouraged to love God and to be motivated to serve others.

Other sites at Bible Blast to the Past include: Timeless Truth Tent where kids will explore the Bible story in a variety of interactive ways; Backtrack Bazaar where kids have time to move around, have fun, and fill up on snacks; Discovery Ruins where kids discover ancient arts and facts through science and crafts; and Mission Quest Cave where kids are encouraged to serve others! All these fun activities connect to the Bible story, Bible memory, and the timeless truth of God's everlasting love!

The staff is waiting for some brave time travelers to join them in serving and having fun!

Date: June 1 - 5, 2015

Place: Valley Falls Christian Church
511 Oak St.
Valley Falls, Kansas

Time: 7 pm to 9 pm

Contact: Valley Falls Christian Church 945-6757
www.valleyfallsc.org

The Word of the Month: Faithfulness

Last Wednesday (5/27) I attended a wedding. Vows were made; rings were exchanged. Though the vows were written by the bride and groom, they still conveyed the message that they would be faithful to each other as long as they both were living.

I will be officiating a wedding in June, another in July and attending yet one more in September. Some will use traditional vows; others have written the vows themselves. The traditional vows that I use when I conduct a ceremony go something like this: “(Groom) do you take (Bride) to be your wife? (I do) Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only to her forevermore? (I do).” The “I do” portion is pretty important!

We then continue with repeated vows: “I, (Groom) take you (Bride), to be my wife. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.” Obviously, the bride reciprocates toward her future husband with the appropriate changes made in the wording.

Then we get to the rings. With the placing of the ring, each is asked to repeat, “This ring I give you as a token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.” The ring is an outward symbol of what each has already pledged to do in his or her heart.

Look at some of the words in those vows. Promise. Honor. Cherish. Protect. Forsake (others). Forevermore. Pledge. Constant. Abiding. Faith. Love.

When you see this kind of faithfulness conveyed to someone, is it any wonder that God chose to use the marriage relationship as a picture of His love and faithfulness to the church? **Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV)** “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

This is why divorce between Christians is so heartbreaking. Yes, it is the tearing

apart of two lives that God has joined together. It is hurtful to individuals and families. God loves them and doesn’t want to see them scarred by divorce. But I believe the greatest reason God hates divorce is that it displays an imperfect picture of Christ and his church.

When two people who made a lifelong pledge to one another before God, family and friends decide they no longer need to be faithful to that promise or to each other – that marriage is no longer a picture of Christ and His faithfulness to the church. Even if the two people no longer are ‘in love’, Christ doesn’t suddenly (or over a period of time) fall “out of love” with the church. That marriage no longer expresses the mystery of Christ and the church. See, God doesn’t break his promises; He always remains faithful.

For those who have been hurt by divorce – whether your parents divorced or a husband or wife left – don’t think God is the same. When the earthly pictures God gives us to help understand His nature and character somehow fail, we can always go to His word.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV) *It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*” The psalmist wrote, “I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.” **Psalms 89:1 (ESV)**

When we hurt, God promises to comfort us. When we are weak, God promises to give us strength. When we are afraid God promises to give us courage. When we are lonely, God promises to be with us. When we are empty, depressed and at the end of our rope, He gives us Himself. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is truth – it is part of His very nature – it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, when He makes a promise, we know He will keep it.

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Recipe Swap

BEEF SHISH KABOBS

½ c. oil
1/3 c. soy sauce
¼ c. lemon juice
2 T. prepared mustard
2 T. Worcestershire sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. fresh ground black pepper
1 ½ tsp. salt
1 ½ pounds lean beef round or chuck, cut in 1 inch pieces
Veggies of your choice: peppers of any color cut into pieces, onions cut into wedges, tomatoes, squash, mushrooms (soak the mushrooms in boiling water for just a few minutes or they dry out too much), carrots. We also like pineapple on ours.

Mix all your marinade mixture together. Add beef pieces and marinate for several hours or overnight. Turn meat occasionally. Thread all your ingredients onto skewers in the order you want. Grill over hot coals or until meat is done like you want it. Turn often. Makes 4-5 servings.

This is one of our favorite recipes. Try it for Father's Day.

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SOLDIERS: Curtis Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Nik Byrd, 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, Jason Cherry, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam

SHIRTS TO ORDER: The church is raising money to help pay for the new building and it was time for a new look. We have several styles of shirts, something for everyone. The hoodies are navy and the shirts are Carolina Blue. (a little darker than baby blue) They will say Valley Falls Christian Church and have 3 crosses above that. Styles include: Hoodies with a zip (\$30/25)
Hoodies without a zip (\$25/23)
Long and short sleeve T shirts (\$15/14,13/11)
Short sleeve polo's (\$22/20)
(will eventually have long sleeve)
Youth long/short sleeve T shirts (\$14/11)
Youth hoodies, no zip (\$20)

The XXL are the more expensive price. We need to be proud of our church and wear these shirts anytime anywhere especially when we are out serving and at VBS! Megan Turner is printing our shirts. Call the church or see Donetta Farr or Nancy Gatzemeyer with your order today.

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 further notice.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S

- 2 TABITA MCAFEE
- 5 Anna Kirby
Donna Slavens
- 6 Carol Welborn
Brian & Lori Barrett (1992)
Codi Haybarker
- 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)
Zevah Sears
- 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:

Clint Thomas

Scripture Readers:

7- Caroline Starkey- Philippians 4:4-7

14-Matt Branam-Philippians 4:8-9

21- Jo Tichenor-Philippians 4:10-13

28-Christy Arnold-Philippians 4:14-21

Nursery:

7-Debbie Gerstner/Libby

14-Laura Reich/Jackson

21-Glee Hosler/Caitlyn

28-Nancy Gatzemeyer/Nik

Greeters/Ushers:

7-Starkey

14-Durand

21-Tichenor

28-Arnold

Lord's Supper Preparation:

7-Starkey

14-Durand

21-Tichenor

28-Arnold

Communion Table:

7-Stan, Jay

Dennis Turner, Wayne Arnold

14- Jay, Stan

David Grove, Curt Gatzemeyer

21- Stan, Jay

Dennis Tichenor, Matt Branam

28- Jay, Stan

Steve Carson, Jarret Mitchell

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 26-\$2310.00

May 3-\$2229.00

May 10-\$2399.00

May 17-\$2560.00

May 24-\$1470.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!

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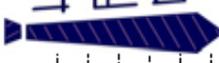
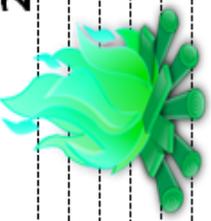
MEN'S BREAKFAST: The men's breakfast will be on June 13th. Dennis Turner will be cooking.

OUTREACH- H.O.P.E. : 13TH 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 25, 2015, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on your calendars for this outreach ministry. We will be meeting to set up on Friday night July 24th 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.

2015		JUNE					2015	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	1 TIME FOR VBS  VBS 7-9 PM	2 VBS 7-9 PM	3 VBS 7-9 PM	4 VBS 7-9 PM	5 VBS 7-9 PM	6		
7 2:00 PM Service at Midland Sr. High Camp	8 	9  Cooking at camp	10 6:15 PM Worship Practice	11	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8:00  Mowing at Camp		
14 Jr. High Camp	15 	16	17 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Elders	18	19	20 THE ARMOR OF GOD  Day Camp		
21 I ❤️ Dad Jr. Camp 5:00 PM Youth Group	22 	23	24 6:15 PM Worship Practice	25	26	27		
28 5:00 PM Youth Group	29	30						

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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

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.

COOKING AT CAMP: It will be our turn to cook at camp on Tuesday, June 9th. 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 13th.

CAMP DATES:

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

(continued from page 2) This vow from God is made to a very precise group. **Romans 8:28 (ESV)** *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* It is for true believers, His church, which is the Bride of Christ! When we place our faith in Jesus as Savior and receive Him as Lord, He in essence says to us, *“I take you to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.”*

Let us love one another, all brothers and sisters, friends and enemies, as an example of Christ’s love and faithfulness toward us. Let us remain faithful to God because He is faithful to us. **Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)** *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Mike