

# The Vine

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

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## We need You!!!!

Monday through Friday,  
June 1-5 from 7-9 pm.



Be praying for lots of kids!! And lots of adult help, too! We are going to have a time machine, a time travel tunnel, and as you can see above a tent, cave, ruins, and a bazaar. Lots of fun and excitement to help us learn about characters of the Bible and God's love.

**Come** join the adventure as kids zoom back in time to KNOW what God's love is, EXPLORE God's everlasting love, and serve God by loving others. At Bible Blast to the Past, kids will:

- Participate in large-group games and music at Blast to the Past Bash,
- Experience God's Word in new and exciting ways at Timeless Truth Tent,
- Take part in meaningful service and mission projects at Mission Quest Cave,
- Enjoy fun games and yummy snacks at Backtrack Bazaar, and
- Create and experiment through crafts and science at Discovery Ruins.

Don't miss this exciting trip through history to Explore God's INCREDIBLE, FAITHFUL, INVINCIBLE, UNCONDITIONAL, and REAL love for each of us!

Your time travel starts now.

More help is needed: a person to lead games ---this is with snack so a short time

Crew leaders and helpers

One or two of the sites still need help also.

You may register on the internet at [valleyfallsc.org](http://valleyfallsc.org)!!

## The Word of the Month: Grace

“You don’t have to do that!”

Have you ever heard those words when you wanted to help someone? Or did you utter them when someone tried to help you? We often use that phrase because the one who is trying to do something for us truly doesn’t need to. They don’t owe us anything. Whatever it is they want to do would be over and above what one might expect. If that has happened to you, you have probably experience grace from another person.

Gina and I have some dear friends from the Leavenworth area. When Gina’s mom died, they just kind of swooped in and took over. They arranged a dinner after the funeral for the family, paid for it and made sure we were taken care of by the time everyone finally left. They didn’t have to do that. We had never done anything like that for them. They had no obligation to serve us that day, or any day.

They did it because they love us and they wanted to show us God’s grace working through their hands.

Grace is unmerited, unearned favor. A Christian can remember the meaning of grace with this simple acronym:

**God’s  
Riches  
At  
Christ’s  
Expense**

What really makes the acronym work, however, is when we realize that it isn’t merely that we don’t deserve God’s riches, but that we were enemies of God, wretched and blind, when he gave that grace. So we deserve death and hell, yet God makes available to us forgiveness and heaven and eternal life. He gives that by his grace.

God has given all mankind a common grace. Even unbelievers enjoy the next breath even though they deserve death.

The rain waters the ground of the saved as well as the unsaved. It is this common grace that God has given us that leaves the unbeliever without excuse when they reject Christ. **Romans 1:20 (ESV)**<sup>20</sup> *For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

In order to be born again, we must receive Christ as our Lord and Savior. That is how we lay hold of his sacrifice. That is the “Christ’s Expense” part of the acronym. Jesus died on the cross and shed his blood as a payment for our sin debt. He takes our sin upon Himself and we have his righteousness credited to our account.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)**<sup>8</sup> *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

God also gives us grace in order to serve him. **Romans 12:6 (NLT)**<sup>6</sup> *In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well ...* Spiritual gifts are given to every believer to use to serve God and each other. We can’t do anything to earn them; we don’t deserve them. God gives them to us because he loves us.

God gives us grace to endure trials. Paul prayed often for God to remove some affliction he was dealing with. **2**

**Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)**<sup>9</sup> *But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

God will give us the grace we need to get through anything he allows. We must access that grace through prayer and faith.

Finally, we are to show grace to others. **2 Corinthians 8:7 (ESV)**<sup>7</sup> *But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.*

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## RECIPE SWAP

### Cookie Cheesecake Pizza

1 roll of sugar cookie dough  
1 small package of cheesecake pudding mix  
1-1/2 c. milk  
Pie filling of your choice

Cut the sugar cookie roll into slices. Lay them on a 12 inch round pizza pan. Press with your hands until there is no space between slices and it forms a crust. Bake at 350\* for 15-20 minutes or until done. Let cool. Mix pudding mix with milk and let set in refrigerator until set. Spread on cooled crust. Put in the refrigerator. When ready to serve top with pie filling.

I threw this together the other day with stuff I had on hand. It turned out really good. Great to take to those summer bbqs coming up. 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 Huertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Austin Everhart, Noe Garza, Brandon Hammons, Ruth Churchill, Jason Cherry, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam

**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](http://www.valleyfallsc.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 not be having our regular meeting until further notice.

**ELEGANT DINNER:** The elegant dinner brought in over\$1500.00 and we are still receiving donations. Everything went great and we appreciate the help.

**GRADUATES BANQUET:** Due to conflicting schedules of many of our graduates we will not be having a banquet this year. On May 17<sup>th</sup> right after church we will recognize our graduates. (No meal).

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Griffin Munson  
2 Sarah Toy  
4 ERIN SHEAD  
5 Gina Kirby  
8 Lauren Thomas  
10 Dan Strang  
11 Morgan Ratliff  
13 Austin Kirby  
14 Andy Arnold  
16 Sadie Tichenor  
17 Sophia Smith  
19 Glee Hosler  
21 Dennis & Jo Tichenor (1988)  
22 Myles Reich  
Aaron Cook  
23 Eliza Branam  
24 Gary Smith  
27 Wayne & Christy Arnold (1978)  
(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

## Serving in MAY

### Congregational Prayer:

Steve Carson

### Scripture Readers:

3-Mitchell-Philippians 3:12-16

10-Turner- 2 Timothy 1:3-7

17-Welborn- Guest Preacher: Charles Watkins

24-Carson- Philippians 3:17-21

31-Farr- Philippians 4:1-3

### Nursery:

3- Debbie Gerstner

10- Jo Tichenor

17-Glee Hosler/Libby

24-Sarah Hollis/Nik

31-Sarah Haybarker/Caitlyn

### Greeters/Ushers:

3-Mitchell

10-Turner

17-Welborn

24-Carson

31-Farr

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

3-Mitchell

10- Turner

17- Welborn

24-Carson

31- Farr

### Communion Table:

3-Stan, Jay

**Dennis Turner**, Wayne Arnold

10- Jay, Stan

**David Grove**, Curt Gatzemeyer

17- Stan, Jay

**Dennis Tichenor**, Matt Branam

24- Jay, Stan

**Clint Thomas**, Jarret Mitchell

31- **Ray Mitchell**, Wayne Arnold

### Musicians

Worship Leader: Erin Thomas

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

## Church Offerings

March 29-\$846.00

April 5-\$3063.00

April 12-\$1182.00

April 19-\$1759.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

### Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!

[www.valleyfallsc.org](http://www.valleyfallsc.org)

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** There will not be a Men's Breakfast in May. The next one will be June 13 and Dennis Turner will be cooking.

### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

May 16<sup>th</sup> will be a Game Night. It will start at 6:00 PM. Bring a snack. If anyone has any adult outdoor games and can bring them that would be great. If the weathers nice we'll play outside if not inside, so bring your games and your children.

July 25<sup>th</sup> will be pool night. This will be after the School Supply Drive.

August 21<sup>st</sup> will be a lock in for the middle and high schoolers.

October 10<sup>th</sup> will be the hay rack ride.







If anyone has any questions or is willing to help with any of these talk to Sarah Haybarker at 785-633-6793 you can call or text.

### VBS FOOD LIST

Red apples, caramel dip- fruit dip, mini marshmallows, red grapes, green grapes, pretzel sticks, lemons, round snack crackers, cream cheese, bananas, chocolate chips, graham crackers, fruit roll ups, cupcakes, strawberries, blue icing, green icing, bottles of Sprite, marshmallow treats, chocolate syrup, Trix cereal, food coloring, trail mix, gluten free ice cream cones (regular)

The list will be in the foyer to sign up. If you have any questions see Nancy Gatzemeyer.

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2015		May					2015	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY
							<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Midland Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>10</b> Kiamichis
<b>10</b>  No youth group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  6:00 PM Family Game Night		<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress 
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>31</b> Memorial Day

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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.

**2015 summer schedule**

Grades 9-12 (Sr High), June 7-12

Grades 6-8 (Jr High), June 14-19

Grades 3-5 (Junior), June 21-25

Grades 1-2 (Day Camp), June 20

Grades 7-12 (Deeper Life), July 12-17

Camper fees for each camp are on the web site.

**CAMP PREREGISTRATION:** If you want to preregister for camp and save money, the date to do that is May 3rd. The church will pay half of the fee. Forms are in the foyer.

**MOWING AT CAMP:** It will be our turn to mow at camp on June 13th.

**COOKING AT CAMP:** It will be our turn to help cook and take desserts on June 9th.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Grace is essential to our faith. We must rest on God's grace for salvation. We must rely on it for strength. Most of all, let's cherish it for what it is, an underserved gift from God.

**2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)**<sup>9</sup> *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

And now I conclude this note with the words Paul used to close his second letter to the Corinthian church. **2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)**<sup>14</sup> *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

*Mike*