

The Vine

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

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OUTREACH

13TH ANNUAL FREE SCHOOL SUPPLY WRAP-UP

Saturday, July 25th, God blessed the free school supply project with over 40 volunteers from different churches, organizations and businesses to reflect His love to meet the needs of others. The fruit of the spirit was present in everyone as they worked side by side to meet the needs of many thankful families.

Thanks to all of you who helped in any way through prayer, giving of your time, monetary gifts, donating supplies and clothing, hauling supplies and for the food and anything we forgot to mention!!!!

Over 285 students came to pick up supplies. Families are still making request for supplies, making our total over 320 students.

Here are just a few of the items given away:

Book Bags-298	Red Pens-468
Pink Erasers-620	Calculators-42
Pencils-3797	Highlighters-452
School Boxes-160	Crayons-227
Glue Sticks-877	Rulers-120
Crayola Markers-199	Scissors-168
Pocket Folders-832	Socks-995 pairs
Note Books-873	Briefs-735 pairs
Pkgs. Of Paper-591	

This is a year long project and we are starting today to get ready for July 30, 2016. We are accepting supplies now!

Again, we just thank God and we give Him all the praise and glory.

Almost Finished!

After church on August 23rd, Stan Farr gave us an update on the building project. Simply put, the funds for the building project had been either used or earmarked and we needed to ask the congregation for more money.

So there is no confusion, we should be clear that when the building was proposed, it was a two phase project. Phase one was the foundation and building exterior, while phase two was finishing it up. We have gotten a lot more done in phase one than expected. Stan went over some of the projects that still must be done before we finish, with the cost of those projects estimated at around \$30,000. That number is quite a bit less than phase two was thought to be. I feel we are blessed to be where we are in this project.

During the meeting after church, it was suggested that we have another special offering on Sunday, August 30 to see how close we could come to make up the difference. If we do not raise adequate funds from the church family we will have to pursue other avenues to finish the building. The congregation consented, so after church on August 30, we will have a special offering. Stan asked everyone to pray for this project and how they would be able to help during the week leading up to the offering.

Along with the offering, we will also accept pledges for future offerings. We know many people pledged a certain amount a month for a year as we began the project last year. The people who pledged have been very faithful about keeping their pledge. We thank them and thank the Lord for that. As a part of the offering, anyone may extend their pledge for another year, or they may increase the amount of their pledge. Those who perhaps gave a one time offering, but no monthly pledge could begin a monthly pledge.

Anyone who is absent on the 30th or is unable to give on that day, but can give in the future can use the building offering envelopes provided in the pews anytime.

The Word of the Month: Holy

Holiness in the Bible has the meaning of separation or setting apart. It indicates sanctity or separation from all that is sinful or impure (New Unger's Bible Dictionary).

Leviticus 20:7 (ESV) *Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.*

We see in this verse the idea of setting apart (consecration). We also see two aspects of holiness. God is holy because that is His nature. It is who He is. He can be no other. It is impossible for God to be unholy in any way, shape or form.

Because of His holiness, we can be made holy when He sets us apart. The holiness of people, places or things is only by the association with or proclamation by the one who is intrinsically holy – God.

This awareness of holiness should cause us to reconsider how we see God – how we react to Him and interact with Him. I say awareness, because I don't really feel we can fully understand what the holiness of God is all about. We can be made aware that He is holy and can obtain a general idea of it, but full knowledge is impossible as long as we are on this side of glory.

The New Testament word for holy is *hagios*. It comes from the Greek root *hagos*, which means an awful thing. Our God is described as an awful thing. So is God horrible? Terrible? It would surely be a horrible thing for something impure to stand before a holy God. Let's think about awful as full of awe. God is fully awesome. He should elicit awe in all who come into contact with Him.

Awe is a combination of wonder and fear. We should be full of wonder and joy and fear and respect in the presence of God.

Isaiah has a vision of God: *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.*

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" **[Isaiah 6:1-5 (ESV)]**

Isaiah is confronted with the holiness of God. He doesn't get a warm fuzzy feeling. He isn't posting on Facebook about how cool it was to be surrounded by light and have the angels usher him into complete bliss in the presence of God. No! He thinks he is going to die!

In Revelation, John has a vision of the Lord. **Revelation 1:17a (ESV)** *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead...*

I think the church has lost the concept of the holiness of God. We have forgotten how awful God is. Because He chose to dwell with man through His Son, we ignore that he is still set apart, other than and higher than we could ever be. Because God wants to be our savior, our friend and our Father we forget that there will still be justice and judgment because His holiness cannot be violated.

Our response to God's holiness requires action. It requires a decision. He tells us (yes, us! Humans! His people – the church.) to be holy because He is holy.

How can that be? How can people be holy like God is holy? In the sense that we would become awful - we don't. We will never have the glory and majesty of God. God's command is for us to be set apart. We are set apart as His people. We are set apart for His service. We are set apart to point others to the holiness of God. This happens because God does the work.

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." **[Isaiah 6:6-7 (ESV)]**

God took Isaiah's guilt away. The barrier between Isaiah's filthiness and God's holiness was gone.

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Recipe Swap Doritos Casserole

1 cup shredded chicken
1 cup shredded cheese
1 can cream of chicken soup
½ cup sour cream
½ cup milk
1 can Rotel
½ pkg. taco seasoning mix
1 bag of Doritos- any flavor- crushed
1 cup shredded cheese
Mix everything together except Doritos and 1 cup of the cheese. Grease a 2 qt. casserole dish. Put half the Doritos in dish, then half the filling. Repeat layers. Top with remainder of the shredded cheese. Cover with foil and bake at 350* for 30 minutes.

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

Curtis Mitchell- wanting to start a youth group at his church in Lamont, MO. Pray for unity and direction as he goes before the elders soon.

Karie Turner's niece Breana- car accident last Monday.

Melissa Scrivner- seizures

Steve Carson
Dave Eaton had a stroke
Darlene House-hospice

Building project

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 having our regular meeting until further notice.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Jay Farr
7 Ray Mitchell
Elaine Worner
13 Dawson Branam
19 Chad and Tiffany Spencer (2014)
21 Jaxson Temm
25 Kyle Reich
27 Kevin Gatzemeyer
28 TREY WATKINS
David Branam

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Serving in SEPTEMBER

Congregational Prayer:

Stan Farr

Scripture Readers:

6-Caroline Starkey-Psalm 19:1-6

13-Shelly Gatzemeyer-

20-Jo Tichenor-Psalm 139:13-18;23-24

27-Christy Arnold-

Nursery:

6-Debbie Gerstner/Caitlyn

13-Sara Haybarker/Nik

20- Joan Phillips/Jackson

27-Glee Hosler/Caitlyn

Greeters/Ushers:

6-Starkey

13-Durand

20-Tichenor

27-Arnold

Lord's Supper Preparation:

6-Starkey

13-Durand

20-Tichenor

27-Arnold

Communion Table:

6-Stan, Jay

Dennis Turner, Curt Gatzemeyer

13- Jay, Stan

David Grove, Wayne Arnold

20- Stan, Jay

Steve Carson, Clint Thomas

27- Jay, Stan

Dennis Tichenor, Ray Mitchell

Musicians

Worship Leader: Erin Thomas

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Church Offerings

July 26-\$1267.00

Aug. 2-\$2196.00

Aug. 9-\$2883.00

Aug. 16-\$923.00

Aug. 23-\$1399.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!

www.valleyfallsc.org

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The men's breakfast is cancelled until further notice.

EYEGASSES: We have a box in the foyer to put spare glasses in for missions. The lions club collects them and is able to reuse them in other countries that desperately need them. If you have any questions please ask Stan or Donetta.





BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will start up again on Sept. 16th at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting will be on Wed. Sept. 9th at 8:00 PM.

REVIVAL: We will be having a revival starting Saturday Sept. 12th. We will be starting off with Spoken 4, a Gospel Quartet on Saturday. Don Young will be doing the revival. Plan to be there.



**All are
Welcome**

2015		SEPTEMBER				2015	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
2:00 PM Service at Midland		6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Meeting	6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Meeting			 Revival with Spoken 4 and Don Young	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
5:00 PM Youth Group		6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders	6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress		6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study	6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study				
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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

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Revelation 1:17b-18 (ESV) *But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,"¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.*

In the New Covenant, Jesus Christ takes away the barrier between God and man. He died as a sacrifice to pay our sin debt. When we receive Jesus as Lord of our life and accept the forgiveness for sins offered through Christ, God looks upon us and sees not who we are, but who we are in Christ. He doesn't see our filthiness but Jesus' righteousness. Jesus' death makes us holy. **Hebrews 10:10 (NIV)**¹⁰ *And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

What is our response? We need to behave like we are set apart for Christ! **1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)** *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Believer, you are set apart for God's purpose. You are chosen, royal, holy and owned by God. You are to be holy, because your God is holy. Therefore, we should live according to God's word and tell the world about our holy God who saved us from darkness and brought us into the light of life!

Mike

Mission Lake Christian Camp

Mission Lake Christian Camp is a ministry supported by the missions of this church. The MLCC annual meeting is Tuesday, Sept 29th at 7 PM at Cumming Christian Church. Our church can provide 2 representatives to vote on board members at this meeting. This would be the only meeting you would attend!

Also, MLCC does need board members willing to meet six times a year and help out with work days, organizational committees and planning for future growth and improvements. It is a great ministry to the young people (and adults) of northeast Kansas. If you are interested in serving on the board of Mission Lake Christian Camp, please let Mike know. (Info letter is on bulletin board in foyer)