

# The Vine

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

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## **OUTREACH - H.O.P.E. 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN THE PRESENT" SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

The school bell is about to ring and it is time to start bringing your donations for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual school supplies, new socks and briefs outreach project. Last year the project was greatly blessed by the outpouring of donated supplies and monetary gifts that we were able to help over 400 students prepare for the new school year. God has really blessed this project and everyone who has participated. **WE WILL BE MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM TO SET UP INSTEAD OF DOING IT SATURDAY MORNING. WE WOULD LIKE HELPERS TO BE THERE SATURDAY MORNING AT 7:00 AM.**

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 in the foyer.

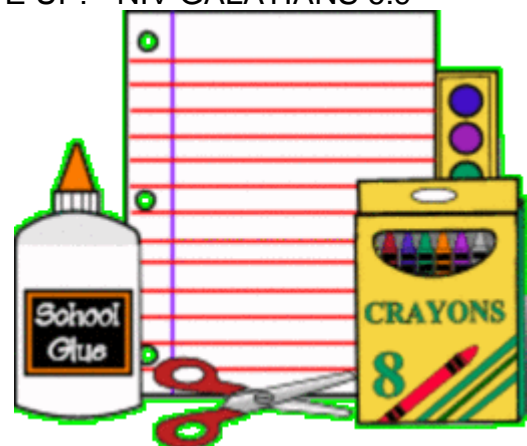
### **These are just a few of the items that students will need:**

Red ink pens, colored pencils, highlighters, 3X5 index cards, color markers, big pink erasers, loose leaf notebook paper (wide or college rule), zipper pencil bag, glue and glue sticks, ball point pens, pocket folders, spiral notebooks (wide or college rule), 3 ring binders, book bags, pencil boxes, pencils, paints

Watch for sign up sheets in the foyer and please consider volunteering even if you can only help for a little while. 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.

Lunch will be served for all workers afterward.

"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



## Freedom

Independence Day is upon us! We will have BBQs, shoot fireworks and gather with friends and family. In the midst of celebration, it is easy to forget the intense struggle our founding fathers went through to establish a free nation based upon the principals of Christianity.

Today, our rights as Christian American citizens are being diminished by an ever secular culture. However, God never promised Christians freedom from tyranny, nor did He promise to bless the United States (and why would He with our ever increasing anti-Christian laws?).

That being said, we can still see from quotations by our founders that they had a firm belief in Christ and the evidence that our nation's origin was built upon His teachings are numerous enough to fill volumes. I would like to share a few with you.

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."*  
**The Declaration of Independence**

*No free government now exists in the world, unless where Christianity is acknowledged, and is the religion of the country.* **Pennsylvania Supreme Court, 1824**

*"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."* **John Jay, Original Chief-Justice U.S. Supreme Court**

*I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by his beloved Son. . . . Blessed be his holy name.* **John Jay, Original Chief-Justice U.S. Supreme Court**

*You do well to learn . . . above all the religion of Jesus Christ.* **George Washington**

*I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ.*  
**Thomas Jefferson**

*My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the Cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!*  
**Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration**

*"Let the children...be carefully instructed in the principles and obligations of the Christian religion. This is the most essential part of education. The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effectual means of extirpating [removing] Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools."* **Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration**

*When presented with the gift of a Bible, President Lincoln said: "In regard to this great book, I have to say, it is the best gift God has given to men. All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it."*  
**Abraham Lincoln**

*"God intends you to choose for rulers just men who will rule in the fear of God...If the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupt."* **Daniel Webster**

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## Recipe Swap

### SIMPLE S'MORES CAKE

1 package milk chocolate cake mix  
1 small package instant chocolate pudding  
1 ½ c. milk  
10 oz. mini marshmallows  
1 c. milk chocolate chips  
5 whole graham crackers, broken into bite sized pieces

Preheat oven to 350\*. Spray a 13x9 inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine cake mix, pudding mix and milk in large bowl; beat 1 to 2 minutes or until well blended. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake 30-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Turn oven to broil. Sprinkle marshmallows, chocolate chips and graham crackers over cake. Broil 6 inches from heat source 30 seconds to 1 minute or until marshmallows are golden brown. Cool at least 15 minutes before serving.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**OUR SOLDIERS:** Curtis Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Nic 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

Nate Teddler and Tanner Altic- to keep following in the eyes of the Lord and to help Nate at Show-Me.

Chuck Toy- the cancer has spread to his bones.

Our church, the elders, Mike and Gina and family

**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

**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.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Janet & Robert Kirk (2004)
- 5 Laura Reich
- 8 Allene Mattox  
Sheila Sears
- 10 Norma Bryant  
Tiffany Spencer
- 11 PHIL & TABITA MCAFEE (1981)
- 16 Caleb Mitchell
- 17 Kaori Cazares
- 18 Curtis Smith
- 19 Abby GrandPre
- 20 Aleyna GrandPre
- 22 Mike Kirby  
Jacob Mitchell
- 24 Christy Arnold  
David and Helen Grove (1966)
- 25 Wade Boyce
- 30 Taylor Farr
- 31 CINDY SHEAD

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

## Serving in JULY

### Congregational Prayer:

Ray Mitchell

### Scripture Readers:

3-Shelly Gatzemeyer- Jer. 6:15-17  
10-Rhonda Mitchell-1 Tim. 3:14-4:5  
17-Kari Turner-1 Tim. 4:6-16  
24- Carol Welborn- 1 Tim. 5:1-6:2  
31- Cheyenne Cook- 1 Tim. 6:3-10

### Nursery:

3-Debbie Gerstner/Aleyna  
10-Cheyenne Cook/Caitlyn  
17-Glee Hosler  
24-Joan Phillips/Libby  
31-Brittany Boyce/Jackson

### Greeters/Ushers:

3- C & S Gatzemeyer  
10- Mitchell  
17-Turner  
24-Welborn  
31-Cook

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

3-C & S Gatzemeyer  
10- Mitchell  
17- Turner  
24- Welborn  
31- Cook

### Communion Table:

3- Stan, Jay  
**David**, Curt  
10- Jay, Stan  
**Clint**, Aaron  
17- Stan, Jay  
**Wayne**, Chad  
24- Jay, Stan  
**David**, Jake  
31- Stan, Jay  
**Clint**, Brian

### Musicians

Worship Leader: Mike Kirby  
Organ: Leah Brown  
Piano: Donetta Farr  
Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas  
Mandolin: Erin Thomas

## Church Offerings

May 29-\$1133.00

June 5-\$1438.00

June 12-\$1899.00

June 19-\$2028.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The July men's breakfast is July 9. Mike Kirby is cooking.

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Save the Date: July 24, 2016

You are invited to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Valley Falls Christian Church. The church and fellowship hall will be open for viewing. The community is invited to be guests for lunch following the morning service. Lunch will be provided and served from 12:00-1:30 pm.

**WEDDING SHOWER:** The church will be hosting a wedding shower for Curtis & Aubrie on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm. It will be a couples shower and watch for more info later on where they are registered.

**CAMP NEWS:** July 11<sup>th</sup> will be our next time to cook and provide desserts for 2 meals. Princess Camp (grades 7-12) is July 9-10; Deeper Life Camp (grades 7-12) is July 10-15.

2016		JULY			2016	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
2:00 PM Midland Worship Service 5:00 PM Youth Group	Happy 4th of July		6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders			8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Deeper Life Camp			6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Meeting			
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress 5:00 PM Youth Group			6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study			2:00 PM Wedding shower for Curtis and Aubrie
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Church 150th celebration 5:00 PM Youth Group 31			6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study			School Supply Drive 8:00 am- 11:00 am

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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

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



*(Freedom - continued from page 2)*

As a nation, we need to repent and return to Jesus Christ if we want God to heal our land. But even if this nation were to be conquered and our freedoms taken away, we must remember we have a freedom that no tyrant can steal. That is our freedom in Christ. Freedom from sin, freedom from condemnation, freedom from fear and freedom from worry are all found in our relationship with Christ. No matter what direction this nation takes, we must stay firm in our relationship with Jesus.

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Gal 5:1*

*Mike*