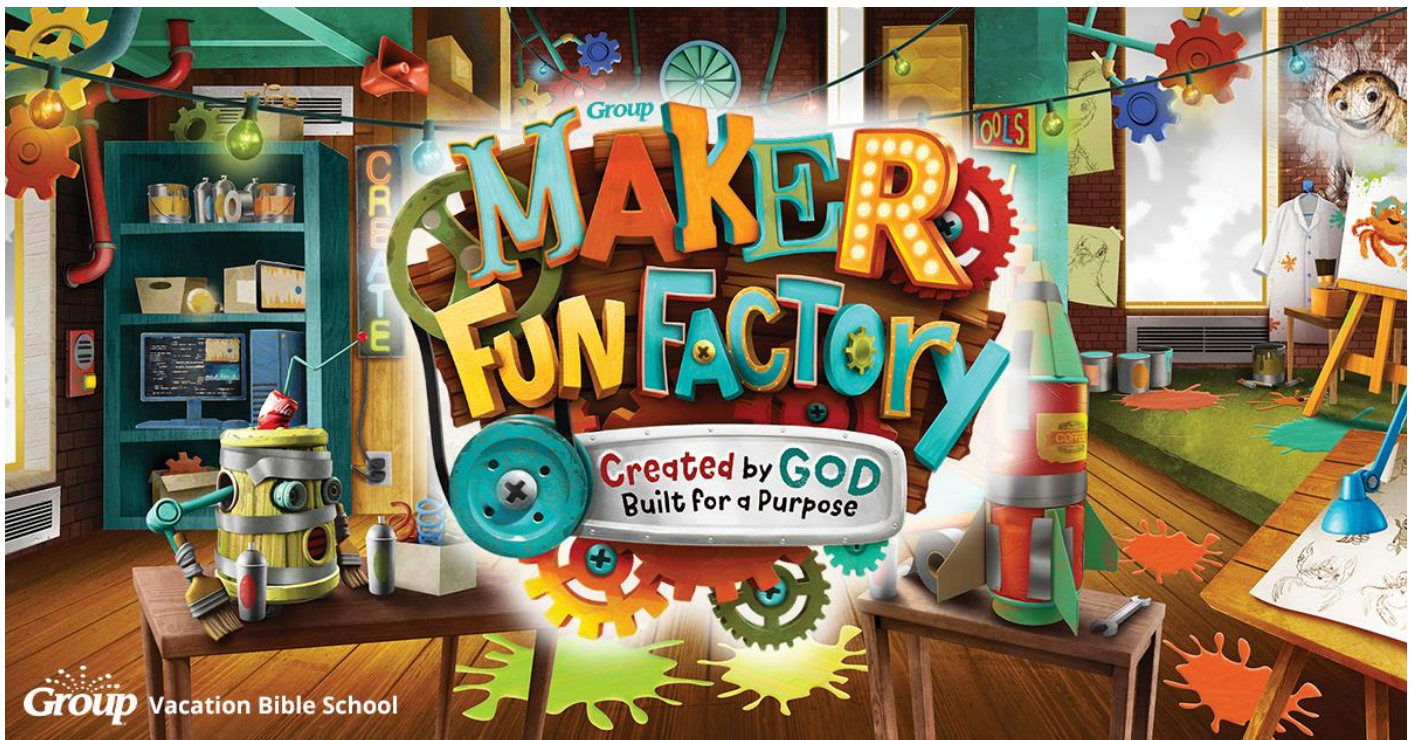


The Vine

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

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Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 17-21, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 pm. We would love for folks to join us as volunteers. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer and opportunities for all interest levels from snacks to small group activities to crew leaders.

Supplies donations are wonderful too! There will be a list out in the foyer soon of needed materials. Thank you in advance for your help to make this year's event a success in spreading the message of Christ to the youth in our community.

Upcoming gatherings:

Sunday June 11, 2017: planning meeting after church.

Friday June 16, 2017: Ladies night out, 7-9 pm: fellowship, food and fun crafts (VBS decorations).

Sunday June 25, 2017: planning meeting after church

Two Pictures

I have two pictures that sit on a shelf in front of me when I sit at my computer desk in the office. Seven people are in each picture. The same seven people. Gina and myself, our children and their spouses and our nephew.

The pictures were taken at my children's weddings. They are of two beautiful brides and two lucky grooms. (I guess I should say the brides are fortunate as well.) In one picture, the backdrop consists of mountain pines – God's nature. The other is in a church – God's house.

The pictures represent many things. They represent new beginnings. They represent two becoming one. They represent family.

The pictures also remind me of several things.

They remind me to be thankful. I am thankful for Gina and the life God has given me with her. I am thankful for my children as well as the 'new' son and daughter that are now a part of our family. I am thankful that they all love the Lord and have Christ centered marriages. I am thankful that they are faithful to worship at church. As I look at these pictures, I thank God for my family.

They remind me to pray. I look at these pictures and pray for my wife. I pray for our marriage – there is room in every marriage for growth and to better represent Christ to each other and to the world.

I pray for my kids. I pray for their marriages, their homes and their jobs. I pray for their safety and that their relationship with Jesus will continue to grow.

I pray for my nephew. I pray that we can have a godly influence on him and that we can help him whenever possible.

The pictures also remind me of Jesus. Jesus is referred to throughout the gospels as the bridegroom. So who, then, is the bride? The bride is the church! The church, made up of all born again believers – past, present and future. **Ephesians 5:25-27 (ESV)** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave

himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

The Bible tells us that husbands should love their brides in the same sacrificial way that Jesus loves His bride, the church. A Christian marriage is supposed to point a lost world to what the love of Jesus looks like.

That leads to a third picture I want to place before you. It is of another wedding. It is a wedding that has been planned for millennia. The prophet Isaiah wrote, **Isaiah 62:5 (ESV)** For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Also we see the words of God through Hosea: **Hosea 2:19-20 (ESV)** ¹⁹ And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰ I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

The Apostle Paul added, **2 Corinthians 11:2 (ESV)** For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Someday, Christ the Bridegroom will call the church home. That's us! This will happen in the Day of the Lord. When Jesus returns, sin and evil are destroyed, and a new heaven and earth are established in righteousness.

Then, we will join Jesus at the wedding supper of the Lamb. The church will be a beautiful bride. Not because the church is perfect, because we aren't. The church is messed up because it is made up of messed up people.

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Recipe Swap

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. chunky peanut butter
- 1 c. shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Heat oven to 375*. Grease cookie sheets. Cream all these ingredients together. Then add: 2 ½ c. flour, 1 ½ tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. baking powder, and ½ tsp. salt. Beat in slowly into the creamed mixture. Make into 1 inch balls. Mash balls gently with fork and criss cross. Bake 10-12 minutes. 8-9 dozen

Susan Klawuhn

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SOLDIERS: Curtis Mitchell, Noe Garza, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam

GARAGE SALE NEWS: The First Annual Christian Church garage sale was held this past weekend, May 19th and 20th. It was held in conjunction with the Spring City wide sales and it was a huge success. Over \$1200 was raised for the School Supply Give-Away that will be held on July 29th, 2017. So many people donated clothing, furniture, housewares and even some antiques! A lot of time and work was donated from members of the congregation toward the success of this event but we all felt that it was well worth the effort. It was discussed that we should do this annually to raise money but also include serving breakfast on the Friday morning of the sale. Many laughs and great fellowship was enjoyed by all..... something our church is well known for.....

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.valleyfallscc.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

BIBLE STUDY NEWS: There will be no Bible Study during the summer until after Labor Day.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: There will be no Men's breakfast this summer.

SOLDIER LIST: We are updating our soldier list so if you have anyone you would like on it please let us know.

NEW ADDRESS: Matt Branam will be getting a new address but doesn't have it yet. Please don't send anything to his old address.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 TABITA MCAFEE
- 5 Anna (Kirby) Helt
Donna Slavens
- 6 Carol Welborn
Brian & Lori Barrett (1992)
Codi Haybarker
- 10 Amy (Hosler) Gilchrist
- 11 Sheldon McGuire
Grant Haag
- 12 Christina (Hosler) Weber
- 17 Janet Strang
- 23 MATTHEW SHEAD
Mackenzie Handke
- 24 Zevah Sears
- 25 Curtis Mitchell
- 27 CHARLES & JODI WATKINS (1992)
- 28 Jay and Sheila Farr (2004)
- 29 Stan & Donetta Farr (1974)
- 30 Kelly Heinen

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Serving in JUNE

Congregational Prayer:

Wayne Arnold

Scripture Readers:

4-Carol Welborn-Rom. 3:21-26
11-Caitlyn Thomas-Rom. 4:1-8
18-Donetta Farr-Rom. 5:1-11
25-Carolyn Starkey- Rom. 5:12-17

Nursery:

4-Debbie Gerstner/Libby
11-Nancy Gatzemeyer/Jackson
18-Cheyenne Cook/Aleyna
25-Glee Hosler/Caitlyn

Greeters/Ushers:

4- Welborn
11- Cook
18- Farr
25- Starkey

Lord's Supper Preparation:

4- Welborn
11- Cook
18- Farr
25- Starkey

Communion Table:

4-Stan, Jay
David Grove, Kyle Reich

11- Jay, Stan
Ray Mitchell, Andy Arnold

18- Stan, Jay
Clint Thomas, Curt Gatzemeyer

25- Jay, Stan
David Grove, Brian Barrett

Musicians

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

Church Offerings

April 30-\$1817.00

May 7-\$1176.00

May 14-\$1015.73

May 21-\$3065.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!

www.valleyfallsc.org

OUTREACH- H.O.P.E. : 15TH ANNUAL "SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN THE PRESENT"-











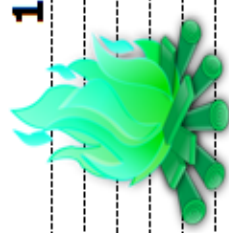


With school just ending it is hard to start thinking about purchasing new supplies for the next school year, BUT now is the time! You can bring school supplies any time. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead there will be a container available. These are just a few of the items that students 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, paper- either wide or college ruled, pocket folders, wide notebook, college notebook, book bags, pencil boxes, pencils, color markers, paints. Mark Saturday, July 29, 2017, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on your calendars for this outreach ministry. We will be meeting to set up on Friday night July 28th at 7:00 PM at the Church 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. Please show God's love to others just as He has showed His love to us in so many ways. If you can help please let Tiffany Spencer know.

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.

MISSING: The church is missing a couple of items. If you have borrowed them, please return them.

1. 2 squeegees
2. "When Life is Hard" DVD Bible Study

MOWING AT CAMP: It is our turn to mow at camp on June 2nd. Camp work day and clean up is June 3rd if you can help on either one of these dates that would be great.

2017		JUNE			2017	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 						Camp Work Day 
4 2:00 PM Service at Midland VBS Planning meeting Jr. High Camp	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11  Sr. High Camp 5:00 PM Youth Group	12  Cooking at Camp	13	14	15	16 7-9 PM Ladies Night out	17
18 I ♥ Dad Jr. Camp Pocket Change	19 	20	21  Cooking at camp	22	23	24  Day Camp
25 VBS Planning Meeting 5:00 PM Youth Group	26	27	28	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 Thursday, June 12th and June 21st. 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 2nd.

CAMP DATES:

June 4-9: Jr. High Camp- grades 6-8
June 11-16: Sr High Camp- grades 9-12
June 18-22: Junior Camp- grades 3-5
June 24: Day Camp- grades 1-2
July 8-9: Princess Camp (grades 7-12)
July 9-14: Deeper Life Camp- grades 7-12

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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We will be beautiful because Jesus died to make us beautiful. **Revelation 19:7-8 (ESV)** *Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

So we wait for this picture to develop. What a picture it will be! Believers from every time in history and from every tongue, tribe and nation will gather together around an eternal wedding feast. We wait faithfully, patiently and adoringly because the Bridegroom knows the perfect time to come for his bride.

As we think of this picture, we pray:
Revelation 22:17 (ESV) *The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Or as John concludes Revelation, “Amen, come Lord Jesus.”*

Mike