

# The Vine

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

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## CHURCH SIGNS

Faith is not believing that God can—it is knowing that He will.

Eternal Protection Agency- Angels watching over me.

He who moves a mountain starts by carrying away a small stone.

Looking for a sign from God? This might be it.

In Life there are many choices, Eternity has 2. What's yours?

Free trip to Heaven, Details inside.

God promises a safe landing. Not a calm passage.

Where Jesus guides, He will provide.

Faith moves mountains. Doubt creates them.

Forbidden fruits creates many jams.

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.

Make your words sweet. You may have to eat them.

Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives.

Need directions? Read My Book. God

The best vitamin for a Christian, B1

It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark!

Try out Sundays. They're better than Baskin Robbins.

Come in and have your faith lifted.

This is a Ch\_\_ch. What's missing? UR

You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.

Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.

Aspire to inspire before you expire!

To belittle is to be little.

Where will you be sitting in eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?

Under same management for over 2000 years.

## God Almighty

One of the highlights of my recent drive to California (besides getting to spend some one on one time with my daughter) was the beautiful scenery of the drive.

I saw waving fields of corn as I trekked through the fruited plains of Kansas and cattle grazing upon the grassy foothills of Colorado.

As I endeavored westward, I witnessed the Rocky Mountains peeking up over the horizon on the approach to the Mile High City.

It really got impressive as we passed Denver. The mountains seemed to stand up straighter and reach higher. Every time I rounded a curve, I was met by a portrait of God's creation more beautiful than the last.

When I-70 intercepted and chased the Colorado River through Glenwood Canyon, it took my breath away and I had to give God praise and glory.

We stopped at a rest area called No Name rest area. There is a small town there called No Name, which was named after No Name Creek and No Name Canyon. We wondered how in the world did someone settle on that name? Did they run out of other names? Where they just too tired to think of something clever?



El Shaddai would have been a good name to call this place. El Shaddai is Hebrew for God Almighty.

**Psalm 90:2 (ESV)** *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

**Psalm 92:4-6 (ESV)** *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this:*

Yes, let's give God glory for His wonderful creation. I am not able to look upon this world and agree that it was made by a 'no name,' by nothing. You will never convince me that somehow at one time there was only nothing and a different kind of nothing acted upon this first nothing so that this nothing exploded creating everything. The everything that magically came from nothing then accidentally rearranged itself and billions of years later here we are.

God Almighty. El Shaddai. It is a perfect name to describe a place that displays the wonders of God's creation. As the Bible teaches, He spoke and the universe leapt into existence (from nothing) by His almighty power.

When we first encountered the Colorado River, I was taken aback by how small it is. I also can't believe that little river carved out the Grand Canyon, but that is for another day.

Let me encourage you with this passage and a comment. **Psalm 8:3-4 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup> *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,* <sup>4</sup> *what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

El Shaddai who created everything is not a distant, uncaring God. He is also Immanuel, God with us. God the Son, Jesus Christ, who made this world (Colossians 1:16) loves you with an everlasting love. The creator's love sent Him to a cross so He could redeem His creation. He is not a god with no name. It is the most beautiful name in the world, the name of Jesus.

Mike

## Recipe Swap

### COMFORT MEATBALLS

1 ½ pounds hamburger  
¾ c. quick oats  
1 c. milk  
3 T. very finely minced onion  
1 ½ tsp. salt  
Pepper  
4 T. oil  
½ c. flour

#### Sauce:

1 c. ketchup  
4-6 T. minced onion  
3 T. distilled white vinegar  
2 T. sugar  
2 T. Worcestershire sauce  
Dash of hot sauce, such as Tabasco

For the meatball: In a bowl, combine the hamburger and oats. Pour in the milk, and then add the onions, salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Roll the mixture into tablespoon sized balls and refrigerate them for 30-45 minutes until firm.

Preheat the oven to 350\*. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Dredge the meatballs in the flour and then brown the meatballs in batches until light brown. As they brown, place them into a rectangular baking dish.

For the sauce: Stir together the ketchup, onions, vinegar, sugar, Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce. Drizzle the sauce evenly on the meatballs. Bake until bubbly and hot, about 45 minutes.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Becky Arnold- in Kansas rehab hospital  
Marvin Prebble- strokes

**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.

### 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)

**THANK YOU:** The Arnold Family would like to thank everyone for all the help and prayers we received during the month of July. We really thought several times we were going to lose Becky. We really appreciate most of all the prayers but also those who stepped up and did communion for us and did the newsletter for us. She's in KS Rehab Hospital in Topeka if anyone wants to go see her or send her cards. The address is 1504 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Room 202, Topeka, KS 66606. She's still partially paralyzed on her left side from the strokes. She's anxious to get out and get home with us for a while until she can resume her life.

The church received a thank you note from Jenna Watkins for helping her go on a mission trip to a Haitian church in Brooklyn. The note is on the board if anyone would like to see it. There are pictures in it.

Joan Phillips has moved to be closer to her children. Her new address is 415 NAW 5<sup>th</sup> st. Apt. B, Abilene, KS 67410

## Serving in SEPTEMBER

### Congregational Prayer:

Clint Thomas

### Scripture Readers:

3-Rhonda Mitchell-Rom. 8:26-30

10-Carol Welborn-Rom. 9:1-5

17-Caitlyn Thomas-

24-Donetta Farr-Rom. 10:8-17

### Nursery:

3-Debbie Gerstner/Aleyna

10-Nancy Gatzemeyer/Caitlyn

17- Cheyenne Cook/Jackson

24-Glee Hosler/Jackson

### Greeters/Ushers:

3- Mitchell

10-Welborn

17-Cook

24-Farr

### Lord's Supper Preparation:

3-Mitchell

10-Welborn

17-Cook

24-Farr

### Communion Table:

3-Stan, Jay

**Ray Mitchell**, Brian Barrett

10- Jay, Stan

**Wayne Arnold**, Andy Arnold

17- Stan, Jay

**David Grove**, Curt Gatzemeyer

24- Jay, Stan

**Ray Mitchell**, Kyle Reich

### Church Offerings

July 30-\$1353.00

Aug. 6-\$1998.00

Aug. 13-\$

Aug. 20-\$

Average expenses: \$1500/week.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The men's breakfast is Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Mike Kirby will be cooking.

**EYEGLASSES:** 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.

**BOARD MEETING:** The board meeting will be on Wed. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.

**VOLUNTEERS:** This church is really good at volunteering. Really, really good. Perhaps, however, we could improve the timeliness of our volunteering. If someone is needing to fill slots for VBS, or whatever activity is next, we often wait until the last minute to fill those slots. Maybe we want to give someone else the opportunity. Possibly we just want to fill in whatever slot is needed after others have signed up. The reason doesn't matter. When slots aren't filled, the leader could begin to get anxious!! We don't want that!

Current opportunities we need volunteers for are Mission Lake Camp (see back page), JAMs, and a representative for the Community Christian Council. Please pray about these opportunities and volunteer in a timely fashion. All to God's glory!

### SUNFLOWER & MEADOW LARK CRAFTERS OF

**KANSAS:** We are looking to enlarge our group. If you'd like to help make items for babies, unwed mothers, children who have nothing, or even the elderly, come join us. We are hoping to make hats, booties, baby blankets, lap blankets and even pillow cases and small quilts to give away. There is something to do for everyone. Please at least come and check it out. It's a great girls night out.

**JAMS:** Beginning Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, JAMS will meet every Wednesday, after school until 5:00 pm. It is open to kids in kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Be sure and pick up the registration sheet in the foyer and invite your friends. Prayer warriors, please be praying for the leaders, the helpers, a good turn out, and all the families involved. Anyone wishing to help can serve picking up/walking kids from school, snack servers, music or games/crafts or as walking leaders. Let Erin or Tiffany know.

# 2017 SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
27	28	29	30	31	01	02	
2 pm - Midland 5 pm - Youth Group	03 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	04 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	05 3:30 PM - JAMS 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study 8 PM - Elder's meeting	06 3:30 PM - JAMS 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study 8 PM - Elder's meeting	07 3:30 PM - JAMS 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study 8:00 PM Board Meeting	08 8 AM - Men's breakfast	09
10 5 PM - Youth Group	11 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	12	13	14	15	16	
17 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress 5 PM - Youth Group	18 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	19	20	21	22	23	
24 5 PM - Youth rally/MLCC annual meeting at LHCC	25 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	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

**America's Christian Heritage:**

The most perfect maxims and examples for regulating your social conduct and domestic economy, as well as the best rules of morality and religion, are to be found in the Bible. . .

The moral principles and precepts found in the scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. These principles and precepts have truth, immutable truth, for their foundation. . .

All the evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible. . .

For instruction then in social, religious and civil duties resort to the scriptures for the best precepts.

~ Noah Webster – founding educator

**Mission Lake Christian Camp** is a ministry financially supported by this church. The MLCC annual meeting is Sunday, September 24 at 5 PM at Lawrence Heights Christian Church. Supper will be provided and this will coincide with an area youth rally. Our youth group will attend (need drivers). Our church needs to provide 2 representatives to vote for board members at this meeting. This would be the only meeting you would attend! If you can represent VFCC at this one-time meeting, tell Mike. It should finish by 8 pm.

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.