

The Vine

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

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Diary of an Unborn Child (January is National Right to Life Month)

Day 1: fertilization: all human chromosomes are present; unique human life begins.

Day 6: embryo begins implantation in the uterus.

Day 22: heart begins to beat with the child's own blood, often a different type than the mothers'.

Week 3: By the end of third week the child's backbone spinal column and nervous system are forming. The liver, kidneys and intestines begin to take shape.

Week 4: By the end of week four the child is ten thousand times larger than the fertilized egg.

Week 5: Eyes, legs, and hands begin to develop.

Week 6: Brain waves are detectable; mouth and lips are present; fingernails are forming.

Week 7: Eyelids, and toes form, nose distinct. The baby is kicking and swimming.

Week 8: Every organ is in place, bones begin to replace cartilage, and fingerprints begin to form. By the 8th week the baby can begin to hear.

Weeks 9 and 10: Teeth begin to form, fingernails develop. The baby can turn his head, and frown. The baby can hiccup.

Weeks 10 and 11: The baby can "breathe" amniotic fluid and urinate. Week 11 the baby can grasp objects placed in its hand; all organ systems are functioning. The baby has a skeletal structure, nerves, and circulation.

Week 12: The baby has all of the parts necessary to experience pain, including nerves, spinal cord, and thalamus. Vocal cords are complete. The baby can suck its thumb.

Week 14: At this age, the heart pumps several quarts of blood through the body every day.

Week 15: The baby has an adult's taste buds.

Month 4: Bone Marrow is now beginning to form. The heart is pumping 25 quarts of blood a day. By the end of month 4 the baby will be 8-10 inches in length and will weigh up to half a pound.

Week 17: The baby can have dream (REM) sleep.

Week 19: Babies can routinely be saved at 21 to 22 weeks after fertilization, and sometimes they can be saved even younger.

Week 20: At 20 weeks the baby recognizes its' mothers voice. At 20 weeks, the unborn child is capable of feeling pain. This is also the earliest at which partial-birth abortion is performed.

Months 5 and 6: The baby practices breathing by inhaling amniotic fluid into its developing lungs. The baby will grasp at the umbilical cord when it feels it. Most mothers feel an increase in movement, kicking, and hiccups from the baby. Oil and sweat glands are now functioning. The baby is now twelve inches long or more, and weighs up to one and a half pounds.

Months 7 through 9: Eyeteeth are present. The baby opens and closes his eyes. The baby is using four of the five senses (vision, hearing, taste, and touch.) He knows the difference between waking and sleeping, and can relate to the moods of the mother. The baby's skin begins to thicken, and a layer of fat is produced and stored beneath the skin. Antibodies are built up, and the baby's heart begins to pump 300 gallons of blood per day. Approximately one week before the birth the baby stops growing, and "drops" usually head down into the pelvic cavity.

(This information is from nrlc.org)

New Year's Resolutions from the Bible.

In 2018, I resolve to:

Read the Bible. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (*Ps 119:105*) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*)

Serve others. For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (*Galatians 5:13*)

Forgive often. Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. (*Matthew 18:21-22*)

Attend church faithfully. Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (*Hebrews 10:25*)

Quit worrying. Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (*1 Peter 5:7*)

Deny myself. And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (*Luke 9:23*)

Share my faith. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (*Rom 10:14-15*)

Be joyful. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (*Philippians 4:4*) Rejoice always; (*1 Thessalonians 5:16*)

Be more generous. 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. (*2 Corinthians 8:7*) As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, (*1 Timothy 6:17-18*)

Love like I have never loved before. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. (*1 John 5:1-3*) For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (*1 John 3:11*) By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. (*1 John 3:16*)

Ultimately, it is this: that I may know [Christ] and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (*Philippians 3:10-11*)

Mike

All verses taken from the ESV.

Recipe Swap

Cinnamon Popcorn

1 cup popcorn unpopped (6 qts. popped)
12 oz. red cinnamon candies (red hots)
1 cup butter
½ cup light corn syrup
1 tsp salt
½ tsp baking soda
Granulated sugar
1 tsp cinnamon oil (4 tsp if using extract)

Preheat oven to 250°. Pop popcorn until you have 6 qts. popped.

Butter a large roasting pan. Put popped popcorn in the pan and place in the oven while preparing the glaze.

Place red hot candies in a 2 cup measure and fill rest of the way to the top with granulated sugar. Boil red hot candy, sugar, butter, corn syrup and salt for 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and add baking soda and cinnamon oil.

Stir well and pour over popped corn, tossing to quickly distribute evenly.

Bake for 1 hr., stirring every 15 min.

Remove from oven. Spread popcorn into a cookie sheet to cool. When completely cool store in an airtight container.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

CHURCH OFFERINGS

Nov. 26	\$1165.00
Dec. 3	\$2053.00
Dec. 10	\$1373.00
Dec. 17	\$2247.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

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 valleyfallscc.org.

POCKET CHANGE FOR PROGRESS: We take a special offering of the pocket change you have been saving every 3rd Sunday during church. The money is divided between Mission Lake Camp and the School Supply Giveaway Fund.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY is January 21. There will be a special message teaching that we are all created in the image of God! Please pray for the unborn and that the heartbreak of abortion can be eliminated.

GUEST PREACHER: Matt Myer from Campus Christians at KU will be here to speak during Sunday School and to preach on Jan. 28th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Emilee Mitchell
6 Reid Handke
10 Matthew Branam
12 Leah Brown
13 Jackson Reich
19 Jarret Mitchell
24 Lindsay Starkey
27 Ashley GrandPre
30 Wayne Arnold
31 Linda Durand
Peyton Taliaferro
Nik Branam
Sheena Eaton

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Sermon Questionnaires: This is a friendly reminder that if you want input into the messages you will hear in 2018, please fill out the questionnaires that were in the bulletins. There are some still on the table in the foyer.

The deadline is extended from January 7 to January 21.

Serving in January

Congregational Prayer:

Jay Welborn

Scripture Readers:

7-Carolyn Starkey – Matt. 5:1-12

14-Linda Durand – Matt. 5:13-16

21-Brian Barrett – Acts 17:24-31

28-Tiffany Spencer -

Nursery:

7-Debbie/Caitlin

14-Brittany/Aleya

21-Laura/Allison

28-Nancy/Jackson

Greeters/Ushers:

7- Carolyn Starkey

14-Linda Durand

21-Barretts

28-Spencers

Lord's Supper Preparation:

7- Carolyn Starkey

14-Linda Durand

21-Barretts

28-Spencers

Communion Table:

7- Jay, Stan

Clinton Thomas, Andy Arnold

14- Jay, Stan

Ray Mitchell, Kyle Reich

21- Jay, Stan

David Grove, Brian Barrett

28- Jay, Stan

Wayne Arnold, Curt Gatzemeyer

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER: We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the monthly duties of putting out the church newsletter. If you feel God calling you in this direction, please see Pastor Mike.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The men's breakfast will be on Jan. 13th at 8:00 AM. David Grove will be cooking.

COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE: The Unity Service and soup supper is Jan. 21st at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The soup supper is at 6:00 PM and the service is at 7:00 PM. The offering will go to the Community Christian Council and will mostly be used to help people with financial hardships in Valley Falls.

THANK YOU: To all who brought gifts for the adopted family for Christmas or gave throughout the year so the missions committee could help fill out the list, thank you. You helped give a needy family a better Christmas.

Thank You, Thank you, Thank You

Mike and Gina wish to thank everyone for the generous gift of love this Christmas. It is honor to call you our friends and church family.

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting is Jan. 10th at 8 pm.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Church: We WILL have church as long as Mike can get there. *For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20.* Assume Mike can get to the church, in the extreme case that he can't, we will post the cancellation on the media listed below.

Bible Study/other activities: If the Valley Falls schools are closed that day, we will cancel activities.

Also, check postings on the church Facebook page and the church website, valleyfallsc.org, for cancellations.

We will also pass cancellations down the texting prayer chain. If all else fails and you aren't sure, call Mike at 785-817-6920

2018 JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	02	03 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study	04 1 pm - Elders	05	06
07 2 PM - Midland 5 PM Youth Group	08 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	09	10 3:30 PM - JAMS 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study 8 PM Board Meeting	11	12	13 8 AM - Men's Breakfast
14 5 PM - Youth Group	15 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	16	17 3:30 PM - JAMS 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study	18 1 pm - Elders	19	20
21 Sanctity of Life Sunday 10 AM pocket change for progress 4-5:30 PM - Youth Group 6 PM - Community Soup Supper/Unity Service	22 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	23	24 3:30 PM - JAMS 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study	25	26	27
28 9 AM - Campus Christians 10 - Campus Christians NO youth group	29 6-8 PM - Sunflower Crafters	30	31 3:30 PM - JAMS 6:15 PM - Worship practice 7 PM Bible study	01	02	03



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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 (grades 6-12) – 5:00 PM

Midweek:

JAMs (grades K-6): Wed. 3:30-5:00
Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00 PM

From Our Founders

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value.

Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.

- Thomas Paine

Blessings from 2017

What a great year 2017 has been. We thank God for all God has done at VFCC this year. We had a successful chili cook-off to fund the School Supply Project. The school supply project helped hundreds of students begin the school year right. The JAMs group picked up in August where it left off in May, normally serving between 25-35 students a week.

We also want to recognize once more those who joined our fellowship in 2017.

Baptisms: Nick Dodd and Emilee Mitchell.

We don't want to leave anyone out. If you began worshiping with us this year, thank you! We look forward to each person becoming more involved in Christ's church as we grow in Valley Falls and Jefferson County.