

The Vine

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

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Many of you have undoubtedly seen the acronym K.I.S.S. It means Keep It Simple, Stupid.

By my understanding, the stupid one is not the person you are trying to explain something to. The stupid one is the person doing the explaining in a way that the recipient couldn't understand, thus wasting his or her time. The key to not being 'stupid' is understanding your audience and therefore teaching them at an appropriate level.

The Bible tells us that there is a time to keep it simple, but there is also a time to move on to more difficult topics.

The writer of Hebrews chastised his audience for their spiritual immaturity. **Hebrews 5:12-6:1 (ESV)** *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.*

To be sure, the gospel message and teaching about the kingdom of God is both so simple a child can understand it and so deep that the most intelligent PhD will never find the end of it.

Which brings me to our MLCC theme for the summer: Deny Your Selfie. Most of us are familiar with the trend that has been going on for years since smart phones have become so prevalent. A lot of people like to take pictures of themselves.

Sometimes it is because they are with other people, and they want to take pictures of them together. Often, though, people will post pictures of only themselves, hoping to get positive feedback through social media. They want others to affirm them. "Hey, look at me!"

Nothing could be farther from the heart of Jesus than worrying about 'self.'

The theme verse is Luke 9:23. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

As dean of the Jr. Camp this year (grades 3-5), I have the task of keeping it simple. This age is not ready to move on to the deep things of Christianity; they still need the milk of the gospel.

Here are the daily themes for my week of camp, with the intention of keeping it simple enough that a third grader can grasp it, but also deep enough that they all know they need to believe in Jesus and live for him to be saved.

Day 1: Deny Your Selfie and follow Jesus.

This will be the basic gospel message, tailored for elementary ages. Jesus loves them. He died for them. He also requires you to follow and love Him!

We will talk about sin, the effects of sin, how we all sin, and Jesus takes away our sin.

Day 2: Deny Your Selfie and forgive others.

Don't we all have a tendency to hold on to grudges? We'll talk about having our feelings hurt and how we should be willing to forgive others anyway. Whatever your age is, we have to realize that OUR feelings aren't the most important thing in the world.

Day 3: Deny Your Selfie and serve (help) others. A lot of this week will focus on being like Jesus. Jesus forgave. Jesus served. Jesus said, "even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28 (ESV) We'll talk about how important it is that we don't think we deserve for someone else to serve us, but like Jesus, we are here to help others. We'll talk about some practical ways young people can serve.

Day 4: Deny Your Selfie and love others.

Jesus definitely loved others. He is love. We will talk about loving people that maybe aren't so easy to love. We'll learn how to love those that might be alone or going through a hard time.

Simple. It's not about me. It's about God and other people. Love God, forgive, serve and love others. Even for those of us who have matured in the faith, it is good to revisit the basics and remember that we need to have the faith of a child.

Mike

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YOU
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To everyone who helped in anyway with the garage and bake sale. Over \$800.00 were raised for the School Supply Project.

Volunteers Needed
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Be watching for a signup sheet in the foyer to volunteer and bring supplies.



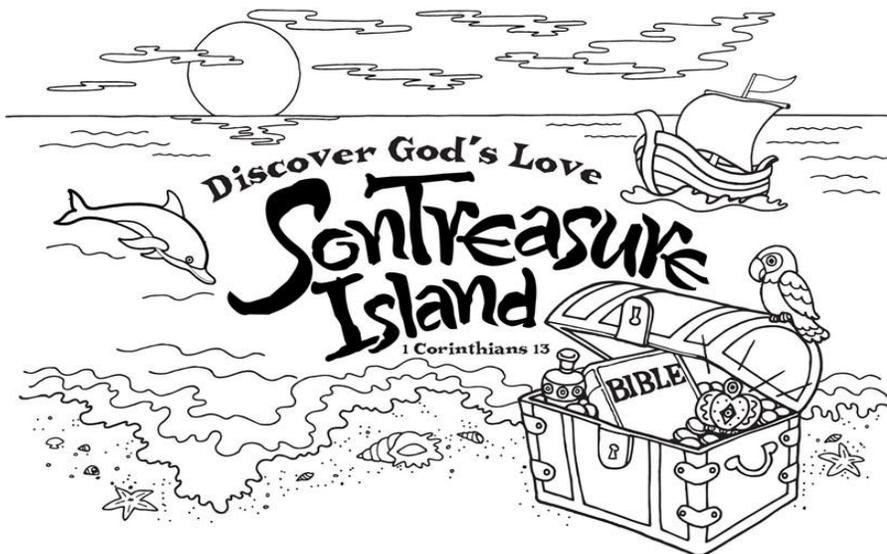
Quarterly Carry in Dinner: Sunday June 3rd after church. Don't miss it, it's a great time to fellowship and enjoy some awesome food. Plan to bring your favorite dish or two!

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, June 9th at 8:00 AM. Charlie Brown is cooking.

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.

Copies of the sermons are available on cd by request: If you would like a copy please see Mike. You can also listen to them online at www.valleyfallscc.org.

Save the Date!



Valley Falls
Christian Church

Vacation
Bible School

Monday July 16, 2018
through
Friday July 20, 2018

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Serving in June

June	Nursery	Greeters	Communion prep	Scripture reader	Communion table
3	Debbie/ Catelyn	Starkey	Starkey	Starkey Psalm 13: 1-6	Jay, Stan, David , Jackson
10	Tiffany/ Aleya	Mitchell	Mitchell	Mitchell Luke 10: 38-42	Jay, Stan, Wayne A , Wayne F
17	Cheyenne/ Alison	Welborn	Welborn	Welborn Psalm 127: 1-5	Jay, Stan Ray , Kyle
24	Brittany/ Jackson	Cook	Cook	Caitlyn Thomas Acts:4: 8-12	Jay, Stan Clint , Andy

June communion devotion and prayer: Jay Welborn

Prayer Requests

Emma Dockweiler, Becky Arnold, Camp, VBS

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

Church Offerings

Apr 15 - \$ 1,137

Apr 22 - \$ 1,413

Apr 29 - \$ 925

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 TABITA MCAFEE
- 5 Anna (Kirby) Helt
Donna Slavens
- 6 Carol Welborn
Brian & Lori Barrett (1992)
- 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)



**VBS planning meetings after church
June 10th and June 24th.**



Mission Lake Christian Camp 2018

Camp Spit and polish day: Saturday, June 2nd.
VFCC Camp Mowing June 16th
VFCC Cook at camp June 20th

June 3 rd -8 th	Jr. High Camp	6 th -8 th	grades
June 10 th -15 th	Sr. High Camp	9 th -12 th	grades
June 16 th	Day Camp	1 st -2 nd	grades
June 17 th -21 st	Junior Camp	3 rd -5 th	grades

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REQUESTED

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Find us on Facebook!

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

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
				2
				8 AM Spit and Polish at Camp
3	4	6	7	9
QUARTERLY DINNER 2 PM – Midland 5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study	1 PM - Elders	8 AM – Men’s Breakfast
10	11	13	14	16
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study		Mow at Camp
FATHER’S DAY 17	18	20	21	23
10 AM – Pocket change for progress NO Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM –NO Bible Study COOK AT CAMP	Newsletter items due	
24	25	27	28	30
5 PM – Youth Group	6 PM – Sunflower Crafters	5:30 - Zumba 6:15 PM – Worship prac. 7 PM – Bible Study		