

The Vine

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

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The book of Proverbs was written **Proverbs 1:2** *To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight.* It continues to explain that in order to please God and live right on this earth, we need wisdom and understanding. Simply, we need to think biblically to have an understanding of God's will for our lives.

It is important that we learn to think. Our thinking, however, is not to be based upon the prevailing wisdom of the culture. It is not directed by a majority of fools in this world. It should not be guided by every desire of the flesh. When we become our own authority and our thoughts originate from within ourselves or through the influence of the ungodly, we will be lost. **Proverbs 28:26** *Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.*

Wrong thoughts lead to sin. Wrong thoughts lead to anxiety and fear. Wrong thoughts lead to confusion and being easily deceived. But when our mind is right with God, when God consumes our thoughts, and his word fills our brain, we will be like the fruitful tree planted by the water (Psalm 1).

Often the Bible uses the word 'heart' to indicate our thinking and emotions. For instance, **Luke 6:45** *The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.* Keep that in mind as you read through the selections this month.

Also, the Bible often uses the word, 'consider.' **Haggai 1:5** *Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.* Think about what you are doing! Does it match up with the heart of God?

Some of the verses on the list reflect the mind of God. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Other verses explain what happens when we refuse to give our minds over to God. Mostly they encourage us to direct our thoughts toward God.

As always and as time allows, read the selection in context by reading verses that precede and follow. If you have study bibles, look up related verses and references. We need to fix not only our eyes on Jesus, but also our hearts and minds.

Mike

MIND : THOUGHTS : HEART : WISDOM

UNDERSTANDING

- Aug 1: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Aug 2: Psalm 19:7-11
- Aug 3: Isaiah 55:6-9
- Aug 4: Psalm 139:13-18
- Aug 5: Jeremiah 29:11-14
- Aug 6: Joshua 1:7-9
- Aug 7: Isaiah 26:1-6
- Aug 8: Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Aug 9: Lamentations 3:21-24
- Aug 10: Matthew 6:25-34
- Aug 11: Matthew 16:21-23
- Aug 12: Mark 12:28-34
- Aug 13: Romans 1:18-32
- Aug 14: Romans 7:21-8:2
- Aug 15: Romans 8:5-8
- Aug 16: Romans 12:1-3
- Aug 17: 1 Corinthians 2:11-16
- Aug 18: 1 Corinthians 14:13-20
- Aug 19: 2 Corinthians 10:1-6
- Aug 20: Ephesians 4:17-24
- Aug 21: Philippians 2:1-11
- Aug 22: Philippians 3:8-16
- Aug 23: Philippians 4:4-9
- Aug 24: Colossians 1:9-14
- Aug 25: Colossians 3:1-4
- Aug 26: Hebrews 8:10-12
- Aug 27: James 1:5-8
- Aug 28: 1 Peter 1:13-23
- Aug 29: 1 Peter 3:8-12
- Aug 30: Psalm 139:23-24
- Aug 31: Psalm 19:12-14

JAMs - We would like to explore starting JAMs back up this school year. With enough willing to serve, the goal would be to start the first Wednesday in September through the end of April, grades K-5, from 3:30-5pm. Opportunities to serve include walking kids over from school, walking leaders, snack, craft, games, Bible lesson. See Erin Thomas for questions or to volunteer.

School Supply Project - School Supply Giveaway Time!

20 YEARS OF SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE IN THE PRESENT!!

Thank you to everyone who has supported this important mission over the past 20 years.

This year, we will be holding the annual giveaway on Saturday, August 5th from 8am to 10am. We will meet at the church in the Fellowship Hall to set up at 7am.

Friday evening (Aug 4) we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm to set up school supplies and fill bags for everyone who registered online. This is usually all completed around 8pm.

We welcome anyone who would like to come and help, Friday or Saturday.

CCC Ice Cream Social - The Community Christian Council ice cream social to welcome teachers and kick off the new school year is August 13th, at 6 p.m. at the Delaware Township Hall. The entire community is invited. Each church is asked to provide two freezers of homemade ice cream, two pies, and two dozen cookies. Please let Mike know if you are able to provide any of these things.

Quarterly Carry In Dinner:

Sunday, August 27th, following church service. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Men's Pie and Ice Cream Fellowship:

Saturday, August 12th, 6 PM at the Church. Mmm, mmm good!

Men's Breakfast: men's breakfast will be Saturday, August 12th at 8 AM. Kevin Gatzemeyer is cooking

Pocket Change for Progress: Please continue saving your pocket change for VFCC youth programs and School Supply Project. There is a bucket on the table in the foyer for your change anytime.

Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.

On line sermon opportunity: For those who need to watch at home, church service will be available to live stream on YouTube (and Facebook). Also available on YouTube, previous services.

Don't forget to subscribe to Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube channel



Sermon Series, Scripture

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| Aug 06 | Betrayed by a Kiss
Mark 14: 43-50 |
| Aug 13 | Brian Barrett Preaches |
| Aug 20 | The Power of one Death
Mark 15:33-39 |
| Aug 27 | The Power of one Life
Mark 16:1-8 |

Aug	Greeters Communion Prep	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
06	Barret	Barret Mark 14:43-50	Brian Barret	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Brian	Debbie/Rhonda
13	Spencer	Spencer	Brian Barret	Jay/Stan// Charles / Jackson	Leane/Jodie
20	Wistuba	Wistuba Mark 15:33-39	Brian Barret	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Brittany/Dakota
27	Farr	Farr Mark 16:1-8	Brian Barret	Jay/Stan / Clinton / Kyle	Tiffany/Abby

August communion devotion and prayer: Brian Barrett

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Christy Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Ukraine & Afghanistan, Mary Brietsprecher, Leah Brown, Donna Slavens

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

Church Offerings:

June 25 \$725
 July 02 \$2,247
 July 09 \$1,392
 July 16 \$1,174

Give to VFCC online through our partnership with Gyve at:
<https://gyve.io/give/valleyfallsc>



Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

Service Opportunity:

The time has come for Rhonda to step away from the task of the monthly newsletter. With that said, if you have been wondering if there is a way for you to serve in the church. This can be the way! It is a relatively easy job, only takes a few hours a month and keeps the church family in the know. Think about it, pray about it and let Mike know if you're the person for the job!

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Landon Mitchell
- 3 Stephen and Cecelia Ragan
- 6 Becky Arnold
- 7 Charles & LeighAnna Moffet (2010)
- 10 Brian Barrett
- 11 Nora-Jane Mitchell
- 12 Clinton & Erin Thomas (2000)
- 15 Cecelia Ragan
- 17 Jeremiah Mitchell
- 18 Rhonda Mitchell
- 21 Carolyn Starkey
Johnny and Leane Wistuba (2010)
- 23 Rylan Cook
Ruth Nigles
- 28 PHIL MCAFEE
- 29 Henry Moffet
- 30 Leane Wistuba

VBS - We are looking for a new VBS director for 2024. Aisha Mitchell will be glad to work with the next director to guide, give suggestions, and support the next person God leads to head up our VBS. Aisha would be glad to answer questions anyone might have before committing to lead. If you think God is calling you to this, see Pastor Mike.

Thank you: Dear Church Family,

Thank you for paying for me to go to church camp. My favorite part was spending the night. I learned new songs.
 Love, Emery Mitchell

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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 7-12) – 5:00 PM

Midweek:

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday	Saturday
		2	3/4	5
			SCHOOL SUPPLY Set-up 6 PM	GIVEAWAY 7 AM
6	7	9	10/11	12
No Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			8 AM Men's Breakfast 6 PM Men's fellowship
13	14	16	17/18	19
5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Ice Cream Social	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			
20	21	23	24/25	26
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			
27	28	30	31	
11 AM Carry-in Dinner 5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters			