

The Vine

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

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Read your Bible!

There are numerous Bible reading plans that help you to read the entire Bible in a year. I will make a couple of those plans available before January. There are also numerous other plans to be found online.

However, I won't recommend a plan if it is simply a to-do checklist to try to please God, but not read for comprehension and life change. I won't recommend a plan if it becomes a burden and actually discourages you from digging into God's word.

I would rather have you read one chapter a day and get something out of it than have the scriptures become a burdensome chore or a work to prove your devotion to God or man.

Even if it is a few paragraphs, or a few verses, do your best to be in the word every day. Soak in the word of God. Meditate on it. Try to memorize a few verses. Read a daily devotional.

Why is God's word so important? It is divine instruction. *2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,*

It gives direction. *Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

It tells of salvation. *John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

When Jesus asked if Peter wanted to leave, Peter responded, *John 6:68 "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."* Peter continued, "We have believed and come to know you are the Holy One of God."

In January, I will preach through the book of Ruth. If you read that beforehand (it is only four chapters), you will better follow the teaching on Sunday morning.

After Ruth, we will go through Mark. Later on in 2023, we will study passages in Isaiah that point to Christ.

Until then, here is last year's December scripture list get us in the mindset for Christmas, as we celebrate the presence of Christ coming in human form to bring salvation to all who choose to follow him in faith.

Mike

EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US

PRESENCE

- Dec 1: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7-8, 15-17; 3:8-11
- Dec 2: Genesis 32:24-30
- Dec 3: Deut 31:6-8; Joshua 1:5-9
- Dec 4: 2 Chronicles 7:12-15
- Dec 5: Jeremiah 24:4-7; 31:33-34
- Dec 6: Daniel 3:16-28
- Dec 7: Psalm 16:5-11
- Dec 8: Psalm 23
- Dec 9: Psalm 139
- Dec 10: Matthew 11:28-30
- Dec 11: John 6:35-40
- Dec 12: John 15:1-11
- Dec 13: Revelation 3:20-22
- Dec 14: John 7:37-39
- Dec 15: Romans 8:9-11
- Dec 16: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Dec 17: Philippians 4:4-9
- Dec 18: Hebrews 10:19-25; 11:6
- Dec 19: James 4:5-10
- Dec 20: Matt 18:20; John 12:24-26
- Dec 21: Hebrews 13:1-6
- Dec 22: Isaiah 7:14; 9:2-7
- Dec 23: John 1:1-5, 14
- Dec 24: Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec 25: **Christmas** Luke 2:1-20
- Dec 26: John 14:15-21, 25-28
- Dec 27: John 14:1-6
- Dec 28: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Dec 29: Revelation 7:15-17
- Dec 30: Revelation 21:1-8
- Dec 31: Matt 28:18-20



We will adopt a family through God's Storehouse again this year. The List and instructions are in the foyer.

December 4 Ladies Christmas party, 3 p.m. All ladies are invited. Donetta's house. Please bring a snack. Bring gloves/mittens or socks to donate to Jan's kids. Come and have fun!

Dec 11 Food Box Day; we will be filling and delivering boxes right after church. Food Boxes are for shut ins. Goodies needed teas, fresh fruit, little fruit containers, hot chocolate, fresh baked cookies, bread, and snacks, all items should be individually wrapped. We fill about 30 boxes. If you know of someone who would enjoy a box, let Debbie Gerstner know.

Dec 11 Christmas Caroling @ 5 p.m. Jay Welborn is bringing his tractor and hay wagon for a ride around town. Bring a snack and meet in the fellowship hall. Wagon pulls out at 5 p.m. Upon returning to the church we will have a Christmas Party, bring snacks. Dress warm and come help us spread Christmas Joy!

Dec 18th Children's Christmas Program @ 10 a.m.



Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service @ 7 p.m.



Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, December 10th, 8:00 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 for your change anytime, not just the third Sunday.

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

On line sermon opportunity: For those sheltering 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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| Dec 04 | God Prepares the Way
Luke 1:11-17 |
| Dec 11 | An Angel Visits Mary
Luke 1:26-38 |
| Dec 18 | Of Prophets and Songs
Luke 1:46-55 |
| Dec 25 | Christmas Sunday
The Last Shall Be First
Luke 2:8-20 |

Dec	Greeters	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
04	Boyce	R Mitchell Luke 1:11-17	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Charles	Leane/Dakota
11	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Luke 1:2638	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Brian	Tiffany/Abby
18	Welborn	Welborn Luke 1:46-55	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Steve /Chad	Brittany/Dakota
25	Durand	Durand Luke 2:8-20	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Aaron /Kyle	Aleyna/Ashley

December communion devotion and prayer: Brian Barret

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Pat Petesch, Dee Carter Health, Carolyn Starkey,

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

Church Offerings:

Oct 23 -\$
 Oct 30 -\$
 Nov 06- \$ 5,137
 Nov 13 -\$ 1827
 Nov 20- \$ 1100

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December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Matthew Boyce
- 4 Allison Thomas
- 15 Mike & Gina Kirby (1984)
- 18 Ray & Rhonda Mitchell (1982)
- 21 Dan & Janet Strang
- 26 Chad Spencer
- 30 Jacob & Kari Mitchell (2005)
- 31 Jarret & Aisha Mitchell (2014)



Senior Citizens Brunch
 Hosted by USD 338, Culinary Dragons
 Wednesday, Dec 7th, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
 Call Brenda Lloyd by Dec 1st to RSVP
 785-945-3229

Christmas Luminaries
 10 Block Drive
 1300 Candles Light the Way
 Living Scenes of Christ's Live
 Junction of Highways 73 & K20
 Horton, KS
 Dec 4th
 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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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: Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday	Saturday
			1/2	3
4	5	7	8/9	10
3 PM Ladies Christmas Party @ Donetta's 5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7 PM Bible Study		8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
11	12	14	15/16	17
11 AM Food Boxes 5 PM Christmas Caroling	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7 PM Bible Study	Count Your Kid In 8-4	
18	19	21	22/23	24
10 AM Children's Christmas Program 5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7 PM Bible Study		7 PM Christmas Eve Service
Christmas 25	26	28	29/30	31
	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	No Bible Study		