

The Vine

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

A publication of Valley Falls Christian Church

November 2022

After preaching a sermon encouraging everyone we should pray while we wait for the return of Christ, I was painfully aware of how much the Bible teaches on prayer that I was not able to include in the message.

There is enough about prayer in the scriptures for an entire series addressing our questions about it. Why do prayers seem to not be answered? Why do I sometimes feel like I'm just talking to the sky and that's it? Why do I need to pray if God already knows what I need? How do I know for sure I have an answer? How do I know I'm praying correctly? Am I being selfish? Does prayer really do anything? The questions can go on and on.

When I feel like I'm not praying like I ought to, I take comfort in the fact that God is so full of love, grace and mercy.

When our toddlers don't quite articulate their thoughts to us, mix up words, misunderstand what we say to them, or can't put it into words at all, we continue to love them. We also try to draw out what they are really trying to communicate. We want to understand the hearts of our children.

We are that two-year-old in God's eyes. While God already knows our hearts, he wants us to open ourselves to him. He longs for us to cry out to him and seek his face. He is not nearly as concerned that we use the proper words or get things in the right order as he is that we desire to connect with him heart to heart.

Whether it is in the Psalms, the parables of Jesus, Old Testament examples or New Testament epistles, we see that prayer is essential to our relationship with the Lord. We can learn so much by simply reading what the Bible says concerning prayer.

Read, meditate on, and pray over the following verses. If you have extra time, read the context and look up related references. Be blessed!

Before beginning, go ahead and read Romans 12:12, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Timothy 2:1.

Mike

November Verses

Prayer

- Nov. 1: 2 Chronicles 7:11-18
- Nov. 2: Genesis 24:12-28
- Nov. 3: Exodus 33:12-23
- Nov. 4: 1 Samuel 1:1-20
- Nov. 5: 1 Samuel 2:1-11
- Nov. 6: 1 Samuel 7:1-14
- Nov. 7: 2 Kings 19:14-37
- Nov. 8: Daniel 9:1-20
- Nov. 9: Daniel 10
- Nov. 10: Psalm 69:1-18
- Nov. 11: Psalm 130
- Nov. 12: Jonah 2
- Nov. 13: Psalm 66
- Nov. 14: Luke 1:5-25
- Nov. 15: Matthew 6:5-15
- Nov. 16: Matthew 7:7-11
- Nov. 17: Mark 11:20-26
- Nov. 18: Luke 18:1-8
- Nov. 19: John 15:1-11
- Nov. 20: John 17
- Nov. 21: Acts 4:23-31
- Nov. 22: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
- Nov. 23: James 5:13-20
- Nov. 24: Isaiah 12
- Nov. 25: Psalm 118
- Nov. 26: Philippians 4:4-9
- Nov. 27: Romans 8:18-30
- Nov. 28: Ephesians 6:10-20
- Nov. 29: Matthew 26:36-46
- Nov. 30: James 1:1-18

Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the VF Community Christian Council will be on November 20 at 7 p.m. at Coal Creek Methodist Church. Each church asked to bring 2 pies.

We will adopt a family through God's Storehouse again this year. Details will come as soon as we get them.

Valley Falls is in danger of losing the food pantry. Mike Kirby is trying to get more information as far as if there is anything various churches can do to prevent this from happening. Ask Mike if you'd like more information on this needed service.

Rock Creek Bible Church and Valley Falls Christian Church will be sponsoring a seminar on "Kansas Active Shooter Mitigation". This program will be put on by the Kansas Highway Patrol. We would like to extend an invitation to members of the church Security Team or members of the church that would like to learn more about handling Active Shooter situations in our churches. There is no cost to attend. The date of the program is November 6th and will start at 4 p.m. and expect to last about 2 hours. After the program we will have a time to share ideas and best practices with everyone who wishes to participate. If you have safety manuals or other literature you would like to share, please bring those with you.

It will be held at the Rock Creek Bible Church, 5257 K-92 Hwy, Meriden, KS (at the southeast corner of K-4 and K-92 north of Meriden). Rock Creek Bible Church will be offering drinks and pizza for those attending.

To help plan for food and handout material we would ask that anyone attending to please sign the signup sheet by October 31st. Contacts for the program are: Andy Conser, Rock Creek Bible Church, 785-806-6921 and Stephen Ragan, Valley Falls Christian Church, 785-493-5007. If you have any questions feel free to give one of us a call.

Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, November 12th, 8:00 AM. Tim Ganger 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.valleyfallsc.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

Nov 06 Get a Godly Home
Ephesians 5:22-27

Nov 13 Speaker Karl Halverson

Nov 20 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
The Opposition to Thanksgiving
1 Timothy 4:1-5

Nov 27 Get Rich
Matthew 19:16-22

Oct	Greeters	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
06	Barret	Barret	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Charles	Debbie/Jodie
13	Spencer	Spencer	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Steve /Brian	Tiffany/Abby
20	J Mitchell	J Mitchell	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Chad	Aisha/Rhonda
27	Wistuba	Wistba	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Leane/Dakota

November communion devotion and prayer: Brian Barret

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Pat Petesch, Barbra Tosh Family, Eva Fox's Family, Dee Carter Health,

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

Church Offerings:

Sep 18 -\$ 2,048
 Oct 02 -\$ 4,469
 Oct 09- \$ 804
 Oct 16 -\$ 2,182

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



Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

Karl Halverson, the executive director of Literature and Teaching Ministry will be here on November 13th to report on the ministry during Sunday school time. He will preach during the worship time. We need a family to host him for Saturday night.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Tanya O'Neill
- 4 Nolan Reich
- 7 Cassie O'Neill
Matthew & Brittany Boyce
- 10 Tim Ganger
- 15 Joan Hosler
- 16 Brittany Boyce
- 23 Providence Nigles
- 25 Dodie Bolz
- 28 Donna Ganger

Church Board Meeting Wednesday, November 9th @ 8 PM

Church Thanksgiving Dinner:

Sunday, November 20th will be the annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner after church service Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer, so watch for that and sign up and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for answering the call to serve! Alpha had a very successful 50th thanks to folks like you. It's great to call upon our Christian friends.
 Ron and Paula

Valley Falls Christian Church

511 Oak Street
Valley Falls, KS 66088

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

Phone: 785-945-6757
Email: office@valleyfallsc.org
On the web: www.valleyfallsc.org
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 7-12) – 5:00 PM

Midweek: Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday	Saturday
		2	3/4	5
6	7	9	10/11	12
4 PM Shooter Training @ Rock Creek Bible Church 5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7PM Bible Study 8PM Board Meeting		8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
13	14	16	17/18	19
5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7PM Bible Study		
20	21	23	24/25	26
7 PM Community Thanksgiving Service Coal Creek Church 5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	NO Bible Study	THANKSGIVING DAY	
27	28	30		
5 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7PM Bible Study		