

The Vine

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

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Fall is here. The daylight hours grow shorter while darkness invades our nights.

We live in a world of spiritual darkness as well. The Bible depicts evil as darkness. God is light. Darkness stands for sin, the works of the devil and anything opposed to God. Light stands for goodness, purity and all things that flow from God.

This time of year there is a greater focus on darkness because of Halloween. Slasher and horror movies often premier on or around October 31. Many costumes focus on violent, gruesome and scary images. The occult receives more attention.

Perhaps in your family Halloween is simply a time of dress-up, fun, and eating a lot of candy. You may even forego the scary aspect and focus on fall and harvest themes. One still cannot deny that a dark cloud surrounds aspects of the holiday. (I struggle calling it a holiday, because holiday derives from "holy day." While Halloween seems harmless and fun for a lot of people, I can find nothing holy about it.)

How you decide to recognize the day is between you and the Lord. I would remind everyone that as Christians we are not to be like the world. **Romans 12:2 (ESV)** *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

My challenge is for everyone regardless of how you see the day. Every day through the month of October, read the appointed scripture references about good and evil, light and dark, purity and defilement. Pray about them. Read surrounding verses to get a better context. Follow related references your study Bible may give you. Pray that we can all be people of light.

Mike

LIGHT VS. DARK GOOD VS. EVIL

- Oct 1: Gen 1:3-4; John 1:1-5
- Oct 2: Isa 9:2; John 1:9-10, 14
- Oct 3: John 8:12; John 9:5
- Oct 4: John 3:19-20
- Oct 5: John 12:35-36
- Oct 6: John 11:10; John 12:46
- Oct 7: Matt 5:14-16
- Oct 8: Luke 11:33-36
- Oct 9: Matt 6:22-23
- Oct 10: Psalm 24:3-4; 51:10; 96:9
- Oct 11: Romans 12:1-2, 9; 13:12
- Oct 12: 2 Cor 4:6; 7:1
- Oct 13: 1 Thes 4:7; 2 Tim 2:22
- Oct 14: Eph 1:3-4; 1 John 2:8-11
- Oct 15: Ezek 44:23; Hosea 4:6
- Oct 16: Gal 6:10; 1 Pet 1:22
- Oct 17: 2 Chron 7:14; Rom 1:18-21
- Oct 18: Prov 4:19; 1 Pet 2:9
- Oct 19: Php 4:8; 3 John 1:11
- Oct 20: Php 2:14-16; James 1:27
- Oct 21: Eph 5:3-12
- Oct 22: Eph 4:17-24
- Oct 23: 1 Cor 10:21, 31
- Oct 24: James 4:7-8; 1 John 1:5-7
- Oct 25: 1 John 2:15-17; 5:19;
- Oct 26: 1 Thes 5:21-22; 1 Tim 4:1
- Oct 27: Prov 22:6; Matt 18:6
- Oct 28: Isaiah 5:18-21
- Oct 29: 2 Cor 6:14-17
- Oct 30: Deut 18:9-14
- Oct 31: Eph 6:11-18; Rev 21:22-26

JAMs - Every Wednesday through the end of April, grades K-5, from 3:30-5pm. Plenty of space still available. Opportunities to serve include walking kids over from school, walking leaders, snack, craft, games, Bible lesson. See Erin Thomas for questions or to volunteer. Don't forget to pick up a prayer slip in the foyer to pray for the needs of our kids.

2nd Annual Softball Game and Food Drive
Softball game is Saturday, Oct 14 at 5 p.m. The whole church is invited to attend the potluck after the game! Along with the game, we are doing a food pantry donation. See list in foyer and bring items to the church by October 14th.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoebox
Every box is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel. We have eight boxes to fill for boys or girls ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 years of age. There are a few do's and don'ts explained in the pamphlet, such as no candy, toothpaste, gum, scary or war-related items, liquids, so on. \$10 needs to be included with each box for shipping. Please consider filling a box. If you want to participate, but don't want to purchase items, consider donating the \$10 fee. Sunday school classes can work together to fill boxes. We have 8 boxes but we can get more if needed. Boxes will need to be turned in early November so they can be delivered to their drop off point during Collection Week, Nov 13-20. See Donetta if you have questions.

Bible Study - Wednesday 7PM. We are studying the Minor Prophets.

Board Meeting - Sunday Nov. 5th following church. Please plan to stay and attend. We will no longer have the meeting on Wednesdays.



Men's Breakfast: men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 14, 8 a.m. Brian Barret is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress - Bring your Change!! - We will begin to pass the pocket change offering plate once again on the 3rd Sunday in October. The money will be used for Outreach - youth groups and school supplies.

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

Online 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



Sermons

Hurdles in the Faith Race

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| Oct 1 | Dealing with Doubt
James 1:5-8 |
| Oct 8 | The Call of Culture
1 John 2:15-17 |
| Oct 15 | The Enticement of Ego
Galatians 5:16-21 |
| Oct 22 | The Lure of Laziness
Hebrews 5:11-14 |
| Oct 29 | Focusing on Fear
Matthew 6:31-34 |

Oct	Greeters Communion prep	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
1	Barret	Brian	J Mitchell	Jay/Brian/ Steve /Jackson	Leane/Kinze
8	Spencer	Spencer	J Mitchell	Jay/ Brian /Clinton/Steve	Brittany/Malia
15	R Mitchell	R Mitchell	J Mitchell	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Aisha/Jodie
22	Farr	Farr	J Mitchell	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Tiffany/Abby
29	Gerstner	Gerstner	J Mitchell	Jay/Stan/ Jarret / Charles	Debbie/Rhonda

October communion devotion and prayer: Jarret Mitchell

Camera Monitor	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
Sunday School	Kevin	Steve	Donetta	Jay	Charles
Worship	Lori	Brian	Carol	Cecelia	Ray

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Christy Arnold, Emma Dockweiler, Joan Hosler, Allene Mattox, Elaine Worner, Students, Teachers and support staff in our schools, Ukraine & Afghanistan.

OUR SOLDIERS: Curtis Mitchell, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam, Noe Garza, All of our troops and leaders. Our President, our nation and our government. (1 Tim 2: 1-2) Decisions being made in our nation's leadership.

Church Offerings:

August 20 \$1164
 August 27 \$1003
 Sept 3 \$1683
 Sept 10 \$1012



Gyve on line: Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app

New email address - to get items included in the newsletter: news@valleyfallsc.org
 Or call Cecelia Ragan - (785)-762-2195.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Kevin & Nancy Gatzemeyer (1970)
- 5 Levi and Tannah Baker
- 12 Jocelin Thomas
- 13 Kyle & Laura Reich (2001)
- 20 Jay Welborn
- 21 Lori Barrett
- 27 Courtney Nilges
Clayton Mitchell

Come, Help Us Celebrate! Jay Welborn's 80th birthday!

At: The Valley Falls Christian Church fellowship hall

On: October 21, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m

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.

Need - We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for the 4 and 5 year old class. See Mike to volunteer.



**Return Service
Requested**

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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) - 5-7 PM

Wednesday: JAMs 3:30 -5PM
Bible Study - 7:00 PM

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
1 5 p.m. Youth group	2 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	3	4 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study	5/6	7
8 5 p.m. Youth group	9 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	10	11 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study	12/13	14 8 a.m. Men's breakfast 5 p.m. softball game
15 5 p.m. Youth group	16 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	17	18 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study	19/20	21 Jay Welborn -80th birthday celebration Fellowship Hall
22 5 p.m. Youth group	23 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	24	25 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study	26/27	28
29 5 p.m. Youth group	30 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	31			