

# The Vine

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

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You are in a battle. A fight. A knockdown, drag-out fight. Winner take all. Your enemy wants to destroy you.

Do I have your attention?

This battle is an unseen, spiritual war that goes on between God and the forces of darkness. All those who belong to God are targeted as the enemy. All those who do not belong to God are targeted in order to keep them from turning from darkness to light.

There is spiritual warfare going on in churches. There are churches and so-called pastors (I say 'so-called' because they don't follow God's word) that promote ungodly and Satanic worldviews. They call 'evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!' (Isaiah 5:20)

For example, I have heard people on social media platforms, from a pulpit, say "abortion is a blessing" and 'God is trans.'

There is spiritual warfare going on in schools. Vigilant parents across the United States are trying to make sure schools don't secretly teach and promote alternative sexual lifestyles to children behind the parents' back.

There is spiritual warfare going on in government. Elected officials are trying to legislate things the Bible calls wicked. Bureaucracies try to enact rules to bypass pro-life legislation. In some places, Christian parents are not allowed to adopt unless they affirm alternative sexual lifestyles.

The family is under attack. Satan doesn't want godly mothers and fathers that will raise godly children.

Satan is like a rabid pit bull that has a death grip on what is good and won't let go until he kills it. The Bible says he is a roaring lion seeking someone to devour.

This is not supposed to frighten you, but to encourage you to gird up for the battle. Satan is a defeated foe! Jesus has equipped you and will fight for you!

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.

Remember, 'the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.' (Deuteronomy 20:4)

*Mike*

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- Sept 1: Ephesians 6:10-20
- Sept 2: Genesis 3:1-15
- Sept 3: Job 1:6-12
- Sept 4: Job 2:1-10
- Sept 5: Isaiah 14:12-15
- Sept 6: Ezekiel 28:11-17
- Sept 7: Zechariah 3:1-10
- Sept 8: Revelation 12
- Sept 9: Matthew 4:1-11
- Sept 10: Matthew 12:43-45
- Sept 11: Matthew 16:13-23
- Sept 12: Mark 5:1-20
- Sept 13: Luke 22:3-6; 31-34
- Sept 14: John 8:39-47
- Sept 15: Acts 5:1-11
- Sept 16: Romans 7:13-8:1
- Sept 17: Romans 13:11-14
- Sept 18: Romans 16:17-20
- Sept 19: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- Sept 20: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- Sept 21: Galatians 5:16-26
- Sept 22: Ephesians 2:1-10
- Sept 23: James 4:1-10
- Sept 24: 1 Peter 5:1-11
- Sept 25: 1 John 2:15-25
- Sept 26: 1 John 3:1-10
- Sept 27: 1 John 4:1-6
- Sept 28: Revelation 2:8-11
- Sept 29: Revelation 20:1-10
- Sept 30: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**JAMs** - Will be starting 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.

**Jr and Sr High Lock-in** (7th-12th grade) Sunday, Sept 3rd starting 5pm - Monday, Sept 4th, 7am.

**Men's Pie and Ice Cream Fellowship:** Saturday, September 9, 6 PM - 8PM at Jarret Mitchell's house.



**SYATP** - Wednesday, Sept 27, before school. Meet at the flag pole on Oak St. Rain or shine.

**Bible Study** - starts Wed, Sept 6, 7PM. We will be studying the Minor Prophets.

**Board Meeting** - Wednesday, Sept 13, 8PM.



*Be Still*  
AND KNOW  
THAT I AM GOD  
-PSALM 46:10

**Men's Breakfast:** men's breakfast will be Saturday, September 9 at 8 AM. Stan Farr 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.valleyfallscc.org](http://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

#### **Jude**

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| Sept 3  | Be Vigilant<br>Jude 1:1-7      |
| Sept 10 | Be Victorious<br>Jude 1: 17-25 |

#### **Hurdles in the Faith Race**

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| Sept 17 | Running the Race<br>1 Corinthians 9:24-27 |
| Sept 24 | The Problem of Pain<br>Job 2:7-10         |

Sept	Greeters Communion prep	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
3	Boyce	R. Mitchell	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ <b>Steve</b> /Jackson	Debbie/Rhonda
10	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad	Brittany/Malia
17	Welborn	Welborn	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ <b>Clinton</b> /Kyle	Tiffany/Abby
24	J Mitchell	J Mitchell	Jay Welborn	Jay/Stan/ <b>Clinton</b> /Kyle	Aisha/Jodie

### September communion devotion and prayer: Jay Welborn

**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:

July 23        \$1,239  
August 6        \$1,895  
August 13      \$1,149

Give to VFCC online through our partnership with Gyve at:

<https://gyve.io/give/valleyfallsc>



Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

**Coming October 14** - 2nd annual softball game. Save the date and watch for details.

#### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1     Grady Baker
- 6     Mary Lou Clark
- 7     Ray Mitchell  
      Elaine Worner
- 19    Chad and Tiffany Spencer (2014)  
      Todd Spencer
- 24    Joel and Courtney Nilges
- 25    Kyle Reich
- 26    Evangelina Nilges
- 27    Kevin Gatzemeyer

**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.

Donna Slavens' new address to send cards or notes:

Donna Slavens  
ANEW Healthcare  
P.O. Box 346  
Nortonville, KS 66060

An encouraging note would make her day!



**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) - 5-7 PM

**Midweek:** Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 PM

## September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
				31/1	2
3 5 p.m. Lock-in	4 Labor Day No crafters	5	6 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study	7/8	9 8 a.m. Men's breakfast 6 p.m. Men's fellowship
10 5 p.m. Youth group	11 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	12	13 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study 8 p.m. Board meeting	14/15	16
17 5 p.m. Youth group	18 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	19	20 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study	21/22	23
24 5 p.m. Youth group	25 1:30 p.m. Sunflower Crafters	26	27 7 a.m. SYATP 3:30-5 p.m. JAM's 7 p.m. Bible Study	28/29	30