

The Vine

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

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Where do we get our ideas about heaven? A lot of people get them from pop culture. Think of movies with heaven in the title. Heaven Can Wait. All Dogs Go to Heaven, [that had some scary parts for a cartoon]! Heaven Is for Real. Miracles from Heaven.

There are books. The Five People You Meet in Heaven. 90 Minutes in Heaven.

How about pop music? Heaven Is a Place on Earth. [I hope not!]. Stairway to Heaven. Knockin' on Heaven's Door.

Think about cartoons! When someone dies, they don wings and a halo, and with harp in hand, the wispy, ethereal version of themselves drifts up toward the clouds. If it is Sylvester the cat, it happens nine times.

When someone famous dies, editorial cartoonists draw them entering heaven to meet other famous people who may have influenced them waiting at the pearly gates. The artists do this even if the deceased didn't believe in Christ.

John Lennon's famous song Imagine goes like this:

*Imagine there's no Heaven; It's easy if you try
No Hell below us; Above us only sky
Imagine all the people livin' for today*

That doesn't sound good to me. A world with no heaven and everyone living for today. It sounds selfish and hopeless.

When you add up everything the culture says about heaven, it's no wonder so many people believe everyone goes there, or have other misconceptions, or don't believe at all. Even Christians can have misconceptions that align with the world more than the bible.

The Bible talks about three heavens. The first heaven is the sky. The birds fly in the heavens. The second is space. The stars of the heavens. The third heaven is paradise. Perhaps the best description is the dwelling place of God – though God can't be contained by anything.

It is being in the presence of the Lord for eternity. It is where believers go when they die.

What many Christians think of heaven is really the new heaven and earth that are created after

Christ returns, reigns for a thousand years, and Satan is finally thrown into the Lake of Fire.

This month read these verses on heaven, the Millennial Kingdom, and eternity. Let God's word lead you into the truth of what awaits those who put their faith in the Lord!

Mike

HEAVEN ETERNITY

- Aug 1: 2 Chronicles 6:18-7:3
- Aug 2: Psalm 8
- Aug 3: Psalm 57
- Aug 4: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
- Aug 5: Isaiah 6:1-7
- Aug 6: Isaiah 11:1-9
- Aug 7: Isaiah 65:17-25
- Aug 8: Ezekiel 47:1-12
- Aug 9: Daniel 7:9-14
- Aug 10: Zephaniah 3:9-20
- Aug 11: Matthew 19:16-30
- Aug 12: Matthew 25:31-46
- Aug 13: Luke 10:25-37
- Aug 14: Luke 16:19-31
- Aug 15: John 3:14-21
- Aug 16: John 5:19-29
- Aug 17: John 11:17-27
- Aug 18: John 14:1-6
- Aug 19: John 17:1-5
- Aug 20: 1 Corinthians 15:42-58
- Aug 21: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
- Aug 22: Philippians 3:20-21
- Aug 23: Colossians 3:1-4
- Aug 24: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Aug 25: 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Aug 26: 2 Peter 3:1-13
- Aug 27: 1 John 3:1-3
- Aug 28: Revelation 4
- Aug 29: Revelation 7:9-17
- Aug 30: Revelation 21
- Aug 31: Revelation 22

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is Mon-Fri, Aug 5 -9 from 6p.m. to 8p.m. Ages pre-school - 5th grade. Aug 9th, 7:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. will be a VBS celebration for all VBS attendees. All VBS family members and church members are welcome to come, enjoy summer treats and celebrate the week. See Tannah Baker with any questions you may have.

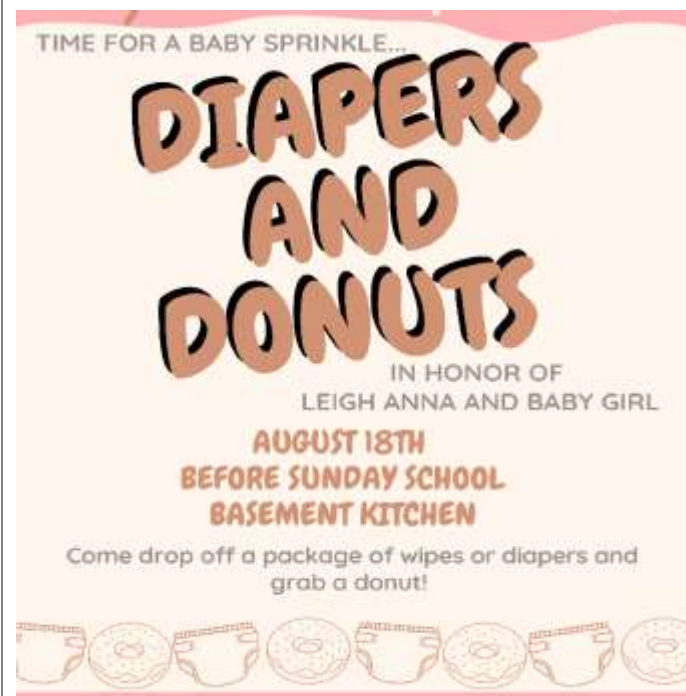
CCC Ice Cream Social - The Community Christian Council ice cream social to welcome teachers and kick off the new school year is August 18th, at 6 p.m. at the Delaware Township Hall. The entire community is invited. Each church is asked to provide two freezers of homemade ice cream, two pies, and two dozen cookies. Please let Mike know if you are able to provide any of these things.

The Community Christian Council - is in need of a community rep. See Mike for details.

Quarterly Fellowship Dinner - August 25th following church service. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship!

Jefferson County Hospice is seeking caring individuals who enjoy meeting new people and being in the service of others. See Mike for more information about volunteering.

2024 Flaming Spirit Christian Service Camp Included 638 Campers with 35 of those being newly baptized and raising \$7,085.38 in mission offerings.



Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Aug 10th, 8 a.m. Steve is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress: We take a special offering every 3rd Sunday of the pocket change you have been saving. The money is divided between VFCC outreach and youth.

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. Subscribe to Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube Channel.

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



Sermons

Tortured Texts

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| Aug 4 | Plans to Prosper
Jeremiah 29:10-14 |
| Aug 11 | I Can Do Anything
Philippians 4:10-13 |
| Aug 18 | No More Than You Can Handle
1 Corinthians 10:9-13 |
| Aug 25 | The Money Trap
1 Timothy 6:6-10 |

Communion Prep - Jay and Carol will now handle the communion prep each Sunday going forward. The designated Greeters will continue with the scripture reading.

Baptisms - John, Luke and Liam Wistuba were baptized in June. Let's give them a warm welcome into the family of God!

Aug	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
4	Barret	Brian	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Steve /Jackson	Leane/Dakota
11	Spencer	Tiffany	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Steve	Tiffany/Malia
18	Wistuba	Leane	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Brittany/Dakota
25	Farr	Donetta	Brian	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Connie/Malia

August communion devotion and prayer: Brian

Camera Monitor	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25	
Sunday School	Stephen	Jay	Charles	Tiffany	
Worship	Nancy	Carol	Ray	Jarret	

Prayer Requests: Allison Thomas, Leah Brown, The family of Linda Stansell at her passing, Larry Thomas, Freda Roberson, Elaine Worner, Matt Cook, Nevaeh Rivera, Connie Lillich, Christy Arnold.

OUR SOLDIERS: Allison Thomas, 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:

June 23 \$ 672

June 30 \$1486

July 7 \$2226

July 14 \$1029



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

Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group will now include all students from the 6th to the 12th grade.

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Landon Mitchell
- 3 Stephen and Cecelia Ragan
- 6 Becky Arnold
- 7 Charles & Leigh Anna 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)
Tim and Donna Ganger (1982)
- 23 Rylan Cook
Ruth Nilges
- 28 PHIL MCAFEE
Henry Moffet
- 30 Leane Wistuba



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Requested**

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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 6 -12) 5-7 PM

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
				1/2	3
4 VBS setup 5 p.m. Youth group	5 VBS 6-8 Crafters	6 VBS 6-8	7 VBS 6-8	8/9 VBS 6-8 7:45 PM VBS fun x	10 8a.m. Men's Breakfast
11 VBS program / cleanup 5 p.m. Youth group	12 Crafters	13	14	15/16	17
18 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social 5 p.m. Youth group	19 Crafters	20	21	22/23	24
25 Qtrly Fellowship Dinner 5 p.m. Youth group	26 Crafters	27	28	29/30	31