

# The Vine

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

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The entire Bible is important. The Christian Churches and Churches of Christ are part of the Restoration Movement – the goal being to establish first century church principles that have been lost through the ages. I like to say we want to be the best first century church we can, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Because of that, Christian Churches are typically known as ‘New Testament’ churches. That doesn’t mean we should, in the misguided words of Andy Stanley, “unhitch ourselves from the Old Testament.”

The Old Testament tells us about the character of God. It teaches us origins. The origin of the universe. The origin of sin. The origin of nations and languages. The origin of God’s chosen people.

It shows a God who loves and longs to bring people out of slavery. Most importantly, it points to Jesus Christ, the solution for our slavery to sin and our separation from our creator. Without an understanding of the Old Testament, we can never fully understand or appreciate the New Testament.

While the Old Testament points to Jesus, the gospels ARE Jesus. They are his life, teachings and miracles. They show his love and compassion. They share Jesus’ atoning death, burial and resurrection through which mankind is saved.

Acts is the beginning of the church of Jesus, the body of Christ. The epistles tell us how to believe and live in light of what Jesus has done for us. They point back to the cross. Yet, they also point forward to Revelation – the return of Christ.

Jesus is the center of all the scriptures, so all scripture is important, even the ‘boring’ parts. If it was important enough for God to give it to us, we can’t ignore it. *2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

Over the next couple of months, I will share a verse from each book of the Bible (not necessarily the most important verse). You might be able to memorize it. You will want to read the verse in context. Read at least five verses before and five after to understand what the verse means.

*Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Mike

## Each Book Word of Truth

- Aug 1: Genesis 1:1
  - Aug 2: Exodus 14:14
  - Aug 3: Leviticus 18:4
  - Aug 4: Numbers 23:19
  - Aug 5: Deuteronomy 6:5
  - Aug 6: Joshua 1:9
  - Aug 7: Judges 6:14
  - Aug 8: Ruth 1:16
  - Aug 9: 1 Samuel 2:2
  - Aug 10: 2 Samuel 22:47
  - Aug 11: 1 Kings 8:23
  - Aug 12: 2 Kings 19:15
  - Aug 13: 1 Chronicles 16:29
  - Aug 14: 2 Chronicles 7:14
  - Aug 15: Ezra 7:10
  - Aug 16: Nehemiah 8:10
  - Aug 17: Esther 4:14
  - Aug 18: Job 19:25
  - Aug 19: Psalm 27:1
  - Aug 20: Proverbs 9:10
  - Aug 21: Ecclesiastes 3:11
  - Aug 22: Song of Solomon 8:6
  - Aug 23: Isaiah 40:31
  - Aug 24: Jeremiah 29:13
  - Aug 25: Lamentations 3:22
  - Aug 26: Ezekiel 36:26
  - Aug 27: Daniel 3:17
  - Aug 28: Hosea 6:6
  - Aug 29: Joel 2:28
  - Aug 30: Amos 5:24
  - Aug 31: Obadiah 1:15
  - Bonus: Jonah 4:2
  - Bonus: Micah 6:8
- (Had to get 33 books for half of them!)

**VBS Work Days** - Friday 8/1. Sunday 8/3 we will set up after church. This is for anyone who is interested in helping! There will be a meal served each evening at 5:15 p.m.

**VFCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUG 4-8-**

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable week of adventure and faith! This year's VBS, 'True North', will take place August 4th - 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and it's open to all kids, Pre-K through 5th grade.

Through games, music, Bible stories, crafts, and more, kids will discover how to follow Jesus as their one True North - no matter where life takes them. It's a week filled with fun, friendships, and life-changing truth.

Register today using the QR code, and be sure to invite friends and neighbors to join in! If you have any questions, please reach out to Tannah Baker. Let's help our kids build a foundation of faith that will guide them for a lifetime!



**Third Sunday Biscuits and Gravy** - Aug 17th, 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

**CCC Ice Cream Social** - Aug. 17th, at 6 p.m. at the Delaware Township Hall to welcome teachers and kick off the new school year. The entire community is invited. Each church is asked to provide two freezers of homemade ice cream, two pies, and two dozen cookies/brownies. Please let Mike know if you are able to provide any of these things.

**Quarterly Fellowship Dinner** - August 24th following church service. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship!

**Church Email Address** - to get items included in the newsletter: [news@valleyfallsc.org](mailto:news@valleyfallsc.org). Or call or text Cecelia Ragan - (785)-762-2195.

**Men's Breakfast:** August 9th, 8 a.m. Kevin is cooking.

**Pocket Change for Progress:** Every 3rd Sunday, we take a special offering 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 is live streamed on YouTube (and Facebook). Previous services are also available on YouTube. Subscribe to Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube Channel.

**Past sermons are available online at [www.valleyfallsc.org](http://www.valleyfallsc.org).**



**Sermons**

Aug 3	How Much Time? Luke 13:24-30
Aug 10	The Invitation Luke 14:12-14
Aug 17	Consider the Cost Luke 14:28-33
Aug 24	The Lost Son Luke 15:17-25
Aug 31	Who Is Your Master? Luke 16:10-13

**Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group** - We want to invite all students from 6th - 12th grades to join us Sunday evenings, 5-7 p.m. in the church basement.

Aug	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
3	Gerstner	Debbie	Brian	Jay/Stan/ <b>Steve</b> /Jackson	Debbie/Wade
10	Spencer	Tiffany	Brian	Jay/Stan/ <b>Tim</b> /Levi	Aisha/Junior
17	Wistuba	Leane	Brian	Jay/Stan/ <b>Clinton</b> /Kyle	Brittany/Malia
24	Farr	Donetta	Brian	Jay/Stan/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad	Tiffany/Becky
31	Baker	Tannah	Brian	Jay/Stan/ <b>Tim</b> /Levi	Leane/Sawyer

### August Communion Devotion and Prayer: Brian

Camera Monitor	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31
Sunday School	Jay	Charles	Jarret	Kevin	Donetta
Worship	Cecelia	Ray	Chad	Lori	Stephen

**Prayer Requests:** Leah Brown, Elaine Worner, Christy & Becky Arnold, Dodie Bolz

**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.

**If you would like** to be included on the text prayer chain, notify Donetta by text at 785-224-3497.

#### Church Offerings:

June 22      \$ 789  
June 29      \$ 851  
July 6        \$1212  
July 13       \$1742



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

#### August Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Landon Mitchell  
3 Stephen and Cecelia Ragan (1991)  
6 Becky Arnold  
7 Brandi Leake  
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  
25 Hattie Moffet  
28 PHIL MCAFEE  
Henry Moffet  
30 Leane Wistuba  
Diana Harris



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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

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

## August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
3 VBS setup	4 VBS 6-8 p.m. No Crafters	5 VBS 6-8 p.m.	6 VBS 6-8 p.m.	7/8 VBS 6-8 p.m. / VBS 6 - 8 p.m.	9
10 VBS Clean up after church 5 p.m. Youth group	11 1:30 p.m. Crafters	12	13	14/15	16 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
17 8:30 a.m. Biscuits and Gravy 5 p.m. Youth group	18 1:30 p.m. Crafters	19	20	21/22	23
24 Qtrly Carry-in Dinner 5 p.m. Youth group	25 1:30 p.m. Crafters	26	27 Newsletter Items Due	28/29	30
31 5 p.m. Youth group					