

The Vine

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

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I don't know how many times I have watched a crime-drama or action-adventure movie or TV show, and in the midst of grave danger from bad guys, monsters, or some other menace, the main character will tell some vulnerable person, "Don't worry, it's going to be OK. I promise."

I will talk to the TV, "You can't say that! You can't make that promise!" I know it is a script. Sometimes the screenwriter plans a rescue for the victim-to-be. Other times, the car blows up five seconds later – or whatever other method of demise you might imagine.

We know in real life you can't make those kinds of promises. Well, you can make them, but often, keeping them is beyond our control.

I have made a lot of promises in my life. If I am honest, there have been many that I haven't kept. Some were because circumstances arose that made it impossible. Sometimes we forget. Before I was born again, it is possible (this is not an admission!!) that I might have made some promises that I had no intention of keeping.

There is one who will keep every promise he ever made. He is sovereign over the universe and has all authority. God is all knowing. He can never make a promise he is unable to keep because of unforeseen circumstances. He is all powerful. No thing he has promised is beyond his power to fulfill. God is ever present. It is impossible for him to be at the wrong place at the wrong time or to be late.

Also, God is good. He is pure, holy, and righteous. He loves you. He will never make a promise that he has no intention of keeping. He doesn't joke about things like that.

It is God's nature to be faithful. Before Joshua was to succeed Moses and lead Israel into the Promised Land, Moses said, "*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.*" Deut. 31:6

The Bible continually promises that God will take care of our needs. We are not to worry, but instead seek his kingdom first. *Keep your life*

free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

The Bible verses this month all mention God's faithfulness to us. Take heart, God is watching over you. Thank him that he is a God of grace and mercy, and he will do what he says he will do!

Mike

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

- Aug 1: Deuteronomy 7:6-11
- Aug 2: Deuteronomy 32:1-4
- Aug 3: Psalm 57
- Aug 4: Psalm 86
- Aug 5: Psalm 89:1-37
- Aug 6: Psalm 91
- Aug 7: Psalm 100
- Aug 8: Psalm 108:1-6
- Aug 9: Psalm 117
- Aug 10: Psalm 138
- Aug 11: Isaiah 42:1-9
- Aug 12: Jeremiah 31:2-3; 32:36-41
- Aug 13: Lamentations 3:19-26
- Aug 14: Ezekiel 37:11-14
- Aug 15: Hosea 2:16-23
- Aug 16: Zechariah 8:1-8
- Aug 17: Romans 3:1-8
- Aug 18: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
- Aug 19: 1 Corinthians 10:12-14
- Aug 20: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- Aug 21: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
- Aug 22: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- Aug 23: Hebrews 2:14-18
- Aug 24: Hebrews 3:1-6
- Aug 25: Hebrews 10:19-25
- Aug 26: Hebrews 11:8-12
- Aug 27: 1 Peter 4:12-19
- Aug 28: 1 John 1:5-10
- Aug 29: Revelation 1:4-8
- Aug 30: Revelation 3:14-22
- Aug 31: Revelation 19:11-16

VBS! VBS! VBS! VBS: Rainforest Falls VBS!

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place in life's storms. August 3 - 7, 6 - 8 p.m. Set up is Sunday, August 2 and tear down will be Friday, Aug 7th after VBS. Please make sure to have all refreshments here ahead of time.

CCC ICE CREAM SOCIAL To welcome teachers and kick off the school year. Sunday, August 16th, at 6 p.m. at the Delaware Township Hall. Each church to provide:

- 2 containers of homemade ice cream
- 2 pies
- 2 dozen cookies or brownies

QUARTERLY CARRY-IN DINNER - Sunday, August 30th following church. Please bring a side dish or two and plan to join us for fellowship and fun.



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

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

Men's Breakfast - Aug 8th, 8 a.m. Mike 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.

Church live stream is on the Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube Channel. Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.



Sermons

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| Aug 2 | It's All About Jesus
Acts 2:36-41 |
| Aug 9 | The Perfect Church?
Acts 2:41-47 |
| Aug 16 | The Power of the Name
Acts 3:1-8 |
| Aug 23 | Refreshing News
Act 3:17-21 |
| Aug 30 | Truth to Power
Acts 4:7-12 |

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
2	Gerstner	Debbie	Brian	Jay/Stam/ Jarret /Nick	Sienna/Becky
9	Spencer	Tiffany	Brian	Jay/Stam/ Stephen /Levi	Aisha/Rowdy
16	Wistuba	Leane	Brian	Jay/Stam/ Ray /Chad	Brittany/Dakota
23	Farr	Donetta	Brian	Jay/Stam/ Clinton /Kyle	Leane/Sawyer
30	Baker	Tanna	Brian	Jay/Stam/ Jarret /Charles	Tannah/Malia

August Communion Devotion and Prayer: Brian

Camera Monitor	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
Sunday School	Charles	Brian	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen
Worship	Cecelia	Nancy	Ray	Tiffany	Lori

Prayer Requests: Chuck Gantz - health issues, Leah Brown, Elaine Worner, Christy & Becky Arnold, Dodie Bolz.

Pray for Our Soldiers: Lauren Thomas, Allison Thomas, Curtis Mitchell, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam, Noe Garza, All of our troops and leaders. Also, our President, nation and government. (1 Tim 2:1-2) Decisions being made in our nation's leadership.

Church Offerings:

June 14 \$ 811
June 21 \$1701
June 28 \$1181
July 5 \$ 832
July 12 \$1014



Gyve online: Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Landon Mitchell
3 Steve and Cecelia Ragan (1991)
6 Becky Arnold
6 Myka Branam
7 Charles and Leigh Anna Moffet
7 Brandi Leake
10 Brian Barrett
11 Nora-Jane Mitchell
12 Clinton and Erin Thomas (2000)
15 Cecelia Ragan
17 Jeremiah Mitchell
18 Rhonda Mitchell
18 Brinley LaFon
21 Carolyn Starkey
21 Tim and Donna Ganger (1982)
21 Johnny and Leane Wistuba
23 Rylan Cook
23 Ruth Nilges
25 Hattie Leigh Moffet
28 Henry Moffet
30 Leane Wistuba
30 Diana Harris



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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

Wednesday: Bible Study - starts again in the fall

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
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2 VBS set up after church 5 p.m. Youth Group	3 1:30 p.m. Crafters 6-8 p.m. VBS	4 6-8 p.m. VBS	5 6-8 p.m. VBS	6/7 6-8 p.m. VBS 6-8 p.m. VBS	8 8 a.m. Men's Break-fast
9 5 p.m. Youth Group	10 1:30 p.m. Crafters	11	12	13/14	15
16 8:30 a.m. Biscuits & Gravy 6 p.m. ice cream social 5 p.m. Youth Group	17 1:30 p.m. Crafters	18	19	20/21	22
23 5 p.m. Youth Group	24 1:30 p.m. Crafters	25	26 Newsletter Items Due	27/28	29
30 Qtrly Carry-in Dinner 5 p.m. Youth Group	31 1:30 p.m. Crafters				