

The Vine

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

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It has been said you should never pray for patience, because God will put you in hard situations to help you develop it.

I am convinced one of the reasons self-checkout lanes became so popular is that people are impatient. They don't want to wait in line. So they will do the work of a store employee themselves to save five minutes (and it is probably more like two or three minutes you will save).

I would rather not use self-check. I would rather the store schedule the proper number of employees to run the check-outs efficiently. Yet, I always peek down the check-out aisles and see how long the lines are and calculate whether or not I want to take a chance on the checker having a problem, or being too chatty, or slow, or if I will just do it myself. I usually end up doing it myself.

I know I can be impatient. Human impatience is why we are encouraged over and over in the Bible to be patient. Other biblical phrases we might see are slow to anger, endurance, forbearance, and longsuffering. It is also why we see over and over that God is patient with us. His love for us is longsuffering, and it gives us an example as Christ followers to be patient toward others.

There is an illustration about a butterfly exiting a cocoon. As a man watched the butterfly struggle part way out and then seem to give up, he became impatient with the process.

So he opened up the cocoon a bit to make it easier for the butterfly to escape. As he waited, he expected the butterfly's wings to open up so he could watch the beautiful insect flitter off into the sky.

Instead, the wings remained shriveled and it merely crawled around with its swollen body.

What the man didn't know is that the time consuming process of forcing itself through the small opening of the cocoon pushed fluids from the body into the wings so it would be able to fly once it finally emerged. In his impatience, he deprived the butterfly of the time and struggle needed for it to live. He thought he was helping, but he ultimately killed the butterfly.

Our trials that God allows can teach us patience and make us better Christians.

Do you exhibit the spiritual fruit of patience? Are you setting an example of patience for your children and others around you? When your children ask, "Are we there yet," you want them to learn patience. Are you patient with them in the way you respond?

This month, dig into the scriptures to get a picture of God's patience and see God's instruction that we should be patient as well.

Mike

Patience

- Feb 1: Exodus 34:5-9
- Feb 2: Psalm 37
- Feb 3: Psalm 40:1-5
- Feb 4: Psalm 86:14-17
- Feb 5: Psalm 103:8-19
- Feb 6: Proverbs 14:29; 15:18; 16:32; 25:15; Eccl 7:8-9
- Feb 7: Isaiah 40:27-31
- Feb 8: Joel 2:12-16
- Feb 9: Jonah 4
- Feb 10: Matthew 5:38-42
- Feb 11: Matthew 13:24-30
- Feb 12: Luke 8:9-15
- Feb 13: Romans 2:1-11
- Feb 14: Romans 5:1-11
- Feb 15: Romans 8:18-25
- Feb 16: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Feb 17: Galatians 5:16-26
- Feb 18: Galatians 6:7-10
- Feb 19: Ephesians 4:1-7
- Feb 20: Philippians 4:4-9
- Feb 21: Colossians 3:12-17
- Feb 22: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
- Feb 23: 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- Feb 24: 2 Timothy 2:22-26
- Feb 25: Hebrews 6:9-12
- Feb 26: James 1:2-8; 19-20
- Feb 27: James 5:7-11
- Feb 28: 2 Peter 3:4-13

P.S. February is a short month. Spring is around the corner. Be patient!! Read Ecclesiastes 3.

Super Bowl Parties - Feb. 9th. Welborn's are hosting a Super Bowl party. Please bring a snack and come root for your favorite team. Also, there will be a Youth Group Super Bowl party. See Jarret for details.



Outreach Meeting - Feb 16th. Tiffany is asking for anyone wishing to help with ideas for Outreach to meet immediately following church service. She would like to form a committee to share ideas.

Iron Man Men's Retreat - Feb 21st, 5-8:30p.m. and Feb 22nd, 9a.m. - 3p.m. at the church. Come together for a weekend of unpacking what biblical manhood looks like. Snacks Friday and lunch Saturday will be provided. Please bring your own knife if you would like to participate in knife sharpening. Completed paper registration forms can be placed in the basket in the foyer or give to Jarret. If questions, ask Jarret at 785-231-4735.

Quarterly Carry-in Dinner - Sunday, Feb 23rd after church. Please bring a side-dish or two and plan to join us for fellowship and fun.

Thank you from Leah Brown for the Christmas box. It was much appreciated!

Thank you - to all who helped with the recent funeral dinners and the Community Soup Supper by bringing food and helping serve our friends and neighbors.

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.

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

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Feb 8th, 8 a.m. Aaron 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.



Sermons

Luke

2-Feb	Temptation Luke 4:1-13
9-Feb	Rejection Luke 4:16-21
16-Feb	Authority Luke 6:31-37
23-Feb	Jesus Calls Luke 5:1-11

Feb	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
2	Spencer	Tiffany	Jarret	Jay/ Stan/ Steve /Jackson	Aisha/Rhonda
9	R Mitchell	Rhonda	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Brittany/Malia
16	Farr	Donetta	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Aaron	Leane/Sawyer
23	Gerstner	Debbie	Jarret	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Tiffany/Junior

Feb communion devotion and prayer: Jarret

Camera Monitor	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23	
Sunday School	Donetta	Stephen	Jay	Charles	
Worship	Stephen	Kevin	Cecelia	Ray	

Prayer Requests: Tiffany Spencer recovering from surgery, Brian Barrett - recovering from hip replacement surgery. Leah Brown, Mark Hanchar, Larry Thomas, Freda Roberson, Elaine Worner, Matt Cook, Nevaeh Rivera, 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.

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

Church Offerings:

Dec 29 \$1362
Jan 12 \$2249
Jan 19 \$2293



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**February Birthdays
and
Anniversaries**

- 7 Natalie Gerety
- 8 Aisha Mitchell
- 10 Nick & Natalie Gerety (2024)
- 12 Jay & Carol Welborn (1965)
Cheyenne Cook
- 15 Kari Mitchell
Clinton Thomas
Nick Gerety
- 19 Janelle Thayer
- 20 Nancy Gatzemeyer
Hazel Moffet
Johnny Wistuba
- 22 Dakota Boyce
- 27 Earnest Nilges



**Return Service
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 - 7:00 PM

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
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2 5 p.m. Youth group	3 1:30 p.m. Crafters	4	5 7 p.m. Bible Study	6/7	8 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 5 p.m. Super Bowl Parties	10 1:30 p.m. Crafters	11	12 7 p.m. Bible Study	13/14	15
16 Outreach meeting after church 5 p.m. Youth group	17 1:30 p.m. Crafters	18	19 7 p.m. Bible Study	20/21	22
23 Qtrly Carry-in Dinner after church 5 p.m. Youth group	24 1:30 p.m. Crafters	25	26 7 p.m. Bible Study	27/28	