

# The Vine

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

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February is a month that is often focused on love, due to Valentine's Day. We see lots of red hearts, the candy aisles are full of red and pink packaging, and the florists are usually pretty busy.

February is also heart month as designated by the American Heart Association. They encourage people to wear red in order to bring awareness to heart disease. Many of us have lost someone to heart disease, or know someone suffering from heart disease.

Whether it is due to unrequited love or heart disease, no one desires a broken heart.

The Bible talks of heart disease as well. Our hearts can be hardened against God. *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9* In order to understand what the Bible means when it says our hearts are desperately sick, we should understand everything the Bible could mean when it says 'heart.'

In the Bible, the heart is the center of the person. This doesn't mean the heart's location, but that it is central to our thoughts, emotions, and spirit.

The heart is sometimes interchangeable with the soul. It can also reflect our personality, our will, our thoughts, and our emotions. We treasure things in our hearts. One thing is clear from the scriptures; God knows our hearts.

While the Bible clearly teaches the heart is deceitful, God also sees what one's heart can be. When He chose a replacement for Saul as king, he saw the full-grown sons of Jesse. *But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."* 1 Samuel 16:7

Instead, God chose Jesse's youngest son, David, who was keeping sheep. *And when he had removed [Saul], he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'* Acts 13:22

Because the heart is deceitful above all things, we need a 'heart transplant' in order to enter God's

kingdom. *And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. Ezekiel 11:19-20*

This month, think of the love of the Father has for us, that he would give the life of Jesus in our place, in order for us to have new hearts and be able to live with Him eternally.

Mike

## The Heart

- Feb 1: Genesis 6:5-6
- Feb 2: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Feb 3: Deuteronomy 30:11-20
- Feb 4: 1 Kings 11:1-4
- Feb 5: Psalm 19:7-14
- Feb 6: Psalm 24:1-6
- Feb 7: Psalm 37:3-7
- Feb 8: Psalm 51:1-12, 17
- Feb 9: Psalm 139:23-24
- Feb 10: Proverbs 3:1-8
- Feb 11: Proverbs 4:20-27
- Feb 12: Joel 2:12-13
- Feb 13: Matthew 5:3-12
- Feb 14: Matthew 6:19-21
- Feb 15: Matthew 12:33-37
- Feb 16: Mark 12:28-31
- Feb 17: Luke 8:11-15
- Feb 18: John 14:1-6, 27; 16:33
- Feb 19: Acts 5:1-6
- Feb 20: Romans 5:1-5
- Feb 21: Romans 10:5-13
- Feb 22: 2 Corinthians 1:20-22
- Feb 23: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6
- Feb 24: Galatians 4:4-7
- Feb 25: Ephesians 1:15-23
- Feb 26: Colossians 3:12-17
- Feb 27: Hebrews 10:19-25
- Feb 28: 1 Peter 3:8-17

**VBS meeting** - Sunday, Feb 1st, following church. Anyone interested in helping is asked to stay for the meeting. Also, Tannah is asking for a co-director this year to help her provide another great experience for our youth.

**Special Board Meeting** - Sunday, Feb 1st immediately following church service. All Board members please plan to attend. The meeting will be a quick one.



**Quarterly Carry-in Dinner** - Sunday, Feb 15th after church. Please bring a side-dish or two and plan to join us for fellowship and fun.

**Youth Group Super Bowl Party** - Feb 8th - 5:00p.m. Location to be announced.

**IF: 2026 Ladies Conference - FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY**, Feb. 27th, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. (bring any extra craft supplies you are willing to share, snacks provided)

**SATURDAY**, Feb. 28th, 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Women all over the world gather together, get equipped and discover the next step in their calling. The theme this year is *For Such a Time*. It points to the urgency of this moment and the truth that God is at work right now, right where He has placed us. See Aisha for additional information.

**Needing Volunteers** - we are needing additional people to assist with security cameras both for Sunday School and Worship. Please let Jarret know if you can help out so we can get you added to the schedule.

**HELP!** Donetta is asking for someone to take over the sale of the church shirts. Talk to her if you are available.

**Men's Breakfast:** February 14th, 8 a.m. Brian 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](http://www.valleyfallsc.org).**



### Sermons

Feb 1	The Vine John 15:1-5
Feb 8	The World John 15:18-21
Feb 15	Joy that Overcomes John 16:20-24
Feb 22	The Prayer John 17:14-21

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

**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.

**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

Feb	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
1	Spencer	Tiffany	Jarret	Jay/Stn/ <b>Jarret</b> /Charles	Aisha/Isaac
8	R Mitchell	Rhonda	Jarret	Jay/Stn/ <b>Stephen</b> /Levi	Tiffany/Becky
15	Farr	Donetta	Jarret	Jay/Stn/ <b>Ray</b> /Chad	Brittany/Wade
22	Gerstner	Debbie	Jarret	Jay/Stn/ <b>Clinton</b> /Kyle	Leane/Rowdy

**February Communion Devotion and Prayer: Jarret**

Camera Monitor	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	
Sunday School	Stephen	Jay	Charles	Stan	
Worship	Lori	Brian	Nancy	Ray	

**Prayer Requests:** Tim and Donna Ganger, Louie Mitchell, Callan Dempewolf - healing, Jill Boyce, 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.

**Church Offerings:**

Nov 30      \$ 887  
Dec 7        \$2371  
Dec 14      \$1138  
Dec 21      \$1862  
Dec 28      \$1288  
Jan 4        \$1480  
Jan 11      \$1659  
Jan 18      \$1381



**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  
18   Jonathan & Jera Kunkle  
19   Janelle Thayer  
20   Nancy Gatzemeyer  
      Hazel Moffet  
      Johnny Wistuba  
22   Dakota Boyce  
26   Sam & Jenna Ketcherside (2022)  
27   Earnest Nilges



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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 - 7:00 PM

## February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
1 Special Board Meeting 5 p.m. Youth group	2 1:30 p.m. Crafters	3	4 7 p.m. Bible Study	5/6	7
8 5p.m. Youth group	9 1:30 p.m. Crafters	10	11 7 p.m. Bible Study	12/13	14 8 a.m. Men's Break- fast
15 8:30 Biscuits/Gravy 5 p.m. Youth group	16 1:30 p.m. Crafters	17	18 Newsletter Items Due 7 p.m. Bible Study	19/20	21
22 Qtrly Carry-in dinner 5 p.m. Youth group	23 1:30 p.m. Crafters	24	25 7 p.m. Bible Study	26/27 IF:: Fellow- ship Friday	28 IF-Ladies Confer- ence