

The Vine

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

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Encourage: To engender courage in another. To embolden or inspire courage and hope.

It is easy to look around in this world and get discouraged. People face human tragedies like war, disease, crime, natural disasters, death, and the list goes on and on. All of us will face moments that make us despair and feel afraid.

We should remember that we may not know the circumstances others are facing. Even if they put on a happy face, they may be encountering very difficult situations.

That's why so much of God's word is encouraging. God also compels us to be encouragers on his behalf. One thing we can do is focus on the Lord. Jesus told those who were anxious to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and he will take care of the rest.

Colossians 3:1-2 says, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. "

Who needs encouragement? Who needs to have their thoughts directed to the goodness of God? Those who are discouraged, afraid, or downhearted.

Who else needs encouragement? Those who are doing well, succeeding and prospering. Everyone needs encouragement!

When is a good time to encourage someone? Any time! If someone is down, encouragement can lift them up. If they are in a good mood, encouragement can spur them on to even better things or protect them from discouraging thoughts if events take a downward turn.

The Bible tells us to 'fear not' during discouraging times. The Thompson Chain Reference Bible index lists many of the "fear nots" in the Bible and gives seven reasons for encouragement.

1. Blessings in the journey of life.
2. Supplies in famine.
3. Protection in peril.
4. Strength in weakness.
5. Companionship in trial.
6. Overshadowing care.
7. Life beyond the grave.

Included this month are passages that are encouraging, that tell us to have courage or command us to encourage one another. As you read these verses, set your mind on things above, remember how much God loves you, and look for ways to lift others up.

When you see God's promises to his people, be encouraged.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! Psalm 31:24

Mike

Encouragement

- Mar 1: Hebrews 10:19-25
- Mar 2: Exodus 14:10-14
- Mar 3: Leviticus 26:3-13
- Mar 4: Deuteronomy 31:1-8
- Mar 5: Joshua 1:1-9
- Mar 6: Psalm 24
- Mar 7: Psalm 32
- Mar 8: Psalm 42
- Mar 9: Psalm 121
- Mar 10: Proverbs 3:21-27
- Mar 11: Isaiah 40:27-31
- Mar 12: Isaiah 41:8-20
- Mar 13: Isaiah 43:1-7
- Mar 14: Matthew 6:25-34
- Mar 15: Matthew 11:25-30
- Mar 16: Luke 12:4-7
- Mar 17: John 14:1-6, 27
- Mar 18: Romans 8:18-39
- Mar 19: Romans 15:1-7
- Mar 20: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
- Mar 21: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11
- Mar 22: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Mar 23: Galatians 6:1-10
- Mar 24: Philippians 2:1-5
- Mar 25: Colossians 2:1-5
- Mar 26: Philippians 4:6-9
- Mar 27: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12
- Mar 28: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Mar 29: 1 Thessalonians 5:11-24
- Mar 30: James 5:7-11
- Mar 31: Psalm 23

Baby Shower - Yogurt and Diaper. Come celebrate the new arrival Sunday, March 2nd before Sunday School in ladies classroom.



Daylight Savings begins March 9th. Be sure and set your clocks forward.

NO BIBLE STUDY - We will not have Wednesday evening Bible study in March. It will resume April 9th.

Board Meeting - Sunday March 2nd, following church. Board Members, please plan to stay and attend.

Father's Day Folder - We need a volunteer Chair person to take over the Father's Day presentation folder and organize the event. Pick up the folder in the foyer and talk to Donetta if you have questions.

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, 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.

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

2-Mar	Pharisees Luke 5:33-39
9-Mar	Lord of the Sabbath Luke 6:1-5
16-Mar	Blessings and Woes Luke 6:20-23
23-Mar	Garbage In, Garbage Out Luke 6:43-45
30-Mar	The Centurion and the Widow Luke 7:11-17

Mar	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
2	R Mitchell	Rhonda	Stan	Jay/ Stan/ Clinton /Jackson	Debbie/Rowdy
9	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Brittany/Dakota
16	Ganger	Donna	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Aisha/Rhonda
23	Boyce	Brittany	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Tiffany/Malia
30	Barrett	Brian	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Charles	Leane/Sawyer

March Communion Devotion and Prayer: Stan

Camera Monitor	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30
Sunday School	Jarret	Kevin	Donetta	Charles	Jay
Worship	Chad	Lori	Ray	Kevin	Chad

Prayer Requests: Wilbur Boyce, Leah Brown, Mary Hanchar, Freda Roberson, Elaine Worner, Matt Cook, 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:

Jan 26 \$13,094
Feb 2 \$2074
Feb 9 \$1592
Feb 16 \$1509



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March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Callie Ketcherside
- 2 Emery Mitchell
- 4 Donetta Farr
- 5 Ronnie Pruitt
- 8 Caitlyn Thomas
- 11 Kaylie Mitchell
Levi Baker
- 14 Gary & Betty Smith (1983)
Madelyn Gerety
- 19 Peyton Barrett
- 23 Jonathan Kunkle
- 28 Jeff & Carolyn Starkey (1981)
- 29 Isaac Reich
Jodie Cook



**Return Service
Requested**

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 On the web: www.valleyfallsc.org
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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

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
2 Board Meeting 5 p.m. Youth group	3	4	5	6/7	8 8 a.m. Men's Break- fast
9 Daylight Savings Time 5 p.m. Youth group	10 1:30 p.m. Crafters	11	12	13/14	15
16 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 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	26	27/28	29
30 5 p.m. Youth group	31 1:30 p.m. Crafters				