

# The Vine

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

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Go eat popcorn. That's right. I didn't come up with it. I learned it from someone else. They learned it from someone else. And so on. I have no idea where it originated.

Every year as I prepared to lead a week of camp, I would come up with a list of memory verses for the campers to try to memorize for points. Along with memory verses, they could memorize the books of the Bible in order for points.

Campers would always start with the New Testament. It is shorter and most of them are more familiar with the books. The students could rattle off the first few, but then they would get stuck after 2 Corinthians. We would tell them, "Go eat popcorn."

Huh?!? Yeah, Go. Eat. Pop. Corn. Go stands for G. Eat stands for E. Pop is for P and Corn is C. Go Eat Pop Corn = Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians. It's a memory technique. Go eat popcorn gets them through the next few books where they were getting stuck.

These four books, all written by Paul, are rich with quotable verses. Therefore, May will be 'Go Eat Pop Corn' month.

We have to be careful. Many 'quotable' verses can be taken out of context. So please read them within the context they are written and use them appropriately. The word of God is sharper than a double-edged sword (Heb 4:12), so make sure to wield it properly.

Challenge: Memorize these verses.

Disclaimers: I am not suggesting that anyone will memorize a verse each day – for 31 days straight, and necessarily retain them. You can try. When memorizing, or practicing, you can pray over that verse as you recite it to yourself. Work on yesterday's verse then work on today's. By the end of the month, you may not have memorized all 31, but if you have ten, or even one committed to memory, you are farther along than you were before. You also become more aware of where you can find certain verses quickly.

If you don't want to memorize, then meditate on the verses. Don't simply read them once and put your Bible away. Think deeply about them and

pray over them as they teach you something about life in Christ – for this life and the life to come.

Other disclaimers: I may have missed some of your favorites. Sorry.

Some familiar passages are several verses long – so I didn't include them in this. You can still read them!

*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11*

Mike

## Go Eat Pop Corn

- May 1: Galatians 2:20
- May 2: Galatians 3:27-28
- May 3: Galatians 4:4-5
- May 4: Galatians 5:1
- May 5: Galatians 5:13
- May 6: Galatians 5:16
- May 7: Galatians 5:22-23
- May 8: Ephesians 1:7
- May 9: Ephesians 2:8-9
- May 10: Ephesians 2:10
- May 11: Ephesians 3:20-21
- May 12: Ephesians 4:4-6
- May 13: Ephesians 4:26-27
- May 14: Ephesians 5:33
- May 15: Ephesians 6:12
- May 16: Philippians 1:6
- May 17: Philippians 1:21
- May 18: Philippians 2:10-11
- May 19: Philippians 3:8
- May 20: Philippians 3:10-11
- May 21: Philippians 3:13-14
- May 22: Philippians 3:20
- May 23: Philippians 4:4-5
- May 24: Philippians 4:6-7
- May 25: Philippians 4:8
- May 26: Philippians 4:19
- May 27: Colossians 1:15-16
- May 28: Colossians 2:6-7
- May 29: Colossians 3:1-2
- May 30: Colossians 3:15
- May 31: Colossians 3:17

**Board Meeting** - Sunday, May 3rd, following church. Board Members, please plan to attend.

**Church Garage Sale/Bake Sale**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 AM - 6 PM**

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 AM - 3 PM**

Please have items marked with prices and initials. Okay to start bringing garage sale items to the fellowship hall on Monday, May 3rd. Call Cecelia to make sure someone is there to receive items. All items not sold will need to be picked up by their owner.

**GRADUATES:** We will recognize the following graduates on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

Lauren Thomas - VF High School

Abby GrandPre - VF High School

Jodi Cook - VF Middle School

**Promotion Sunday** - June 7th. All will gather in the fellowship hall before Sunday School hour to move students up to the next level.

**CAMPERS:** VFCC youth camp - Flaming Spirit Camp. The church pays half the camp fees for Flaming Spirit. When you pay, tell them and they will bill the church the other half. The link is posted on the church website and on the information card in the church foyer. Or go directly to *flamingspirit.com*. Important note: there are registration deadlines!

**Men of VFCC, mark your calendars!** We are excited to host the **1613 Men's Conference** livestream right here at Valley Falls Christian Church! Join us for two powerful days of teaching, encouragement, and challenge - designed to equip men to stand firm in faith, family, and calling.

Dates: July 17-18

Watch for upcoming registration details.

**VBS! VBS! VBS! VBS! - Save the dates!**

VBS: August 3 - 7, 6 - 8 p.m. Dinner before.

Workdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 6/23, 6/25, 7/14, 7/16

**Men's Breakfast** - No Men's Breakfast in May due to the garage sale. Resumes June 13th.

**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**

May 3            The Bible Is Full of Errors  
2 Timothy 3:14-17

May 10          McAfee's, missionaries to Brazil  
visiting. Phil McAfee preaching

May 17          Doesn't Science Disprove the  
Bible?  
Genesis 1:1-5

May 24          Carders from Beautiful Feet  
ministry visits.  
Matthew Carder will bring the  
message

May 31          Jesus Is Really Just  
a Good Teacher  
Matthew 13:53-58

**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](mailto:news@valleyfallsc.org). Or call or text Cecelia Ragan at (785)762-2195

May	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
3	J Mitchell	Aisha	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Clinton</b> /Kyle	Leane/Rowdy
10	Barrett	Brian	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Jarret</b> /Charles	Aisha/Becky
17	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Aaron</b> /Johnny	Brittany/Malia
24	Wistuba	Leane	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Brian</b> /Nick	Tanya/Junior
31	Spencer	Tiffany	Jay	Jay/Stan/ <b>Stephen</b> /Levi	Tiffany/Isaac

**May Communion Devotion and Prayer: Jay**

Camera Monitor	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Sunday School	Jay	Charles	Brian	Kevin	Donetta
Worship	Ray	Tiffany	Lori	Cecelia	Nancy

**Prayer Requests:** Tanya O'Neill's mom-Bobbie Hefner with terminal colon cancer; Susan Feldkamp healing; Janelle's daughter, Jade Schuetz and baby boy, Harrison, Jill Boyce, Leah Brown, Elaine Worner, Christy & Becky Arnold, Dodie Bolz.

**OUR SOLDIERS:** Lauren Thomas, 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:**

Mar 29      \$ 913  
 Apr 5        \$ 2120  
 Apr 12      \$ 1379  
 Apr 19      \$ 895



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

**May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 4 Charles Moffet  
Mark Boyce
- 5 Gina Kirby
- 8 Lauren Thomas
- 10 Dan Strang
- 14 Jase Baker
- 19 Glee Hosler
- 22 Aaron Cook  
Myles Reich
- 23 Eliza Branam
- 24 Jodee Thayer
- 27 Wayne & Christy Arnold (1978)
- 28 Malia Boyce
- 31 Denise Boyd

**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.



**Return Service  
Requested**

Phone: 785-945-6757  
 Email: office@valleyfallsc.org  
 On the web: www.valleyfallsc.org  
 Find us on Facebook!

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

**May 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
				30/1	2
3 5 p.m. Youth Group	4 1:30 p.m. Crafters	5	6 7 p.m. Bible Study	7/8	9 <b>Church Garage Sale</b> 8th - 7a.m. - 6p.m. 9th - 7a.m. - 3p.m.
10 Mother's Day No Youth Group	11 1:30 p.m. Crafters	12	13	14/15	16
17 8:30 Biscuits/Gravy Graduates Recognition VF HS Graduation	18 1:30 p.m. Crafters	19	20	21/22	23
24/31 No Youth group on the 24th and resumes on 5/31 at 5 p.m.	25 Memorial Day No Crafters	26	27 <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	28/29	30