

The Vine

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

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I have recently noticed something about Paul the apostle in the scriptures. In his writings, I can't find anywhere that he thanks another person. I will be glad to be wrong on this if anyone can show me.

That doesn't mean that Paul is not thankful. It also doesn't mean that he doesn't appreciate others.

When you read Paul's epistles, you will find in the first few verses of many of his letters that Paul thanks God **for** the recipients. He thanks God for the Romans, for the Corinthians, for Timothy and Titus, for their prayers and their giving, etc.

That doesn't mean when Paul met them face to face that he didn't thank them personally. I'm sure he probably did. Everyone likes to hear the words, "Thank you."

There is something special about hearing, "In my prayers, I thank God for you." It means whatever you did for that person or whatever you are to that person, they remembered it later. It was not simply a fleeting 'thanks,' never to be remembered again.

When someone says they thank God **for** you, it means they consider you a blessing from God. It means you are a gift from God!

As believers, we know we should give thanks always. **1 Thessalonians 5:18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **Ephesians 5:20** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Thanksgiving season gives us the opportunity to focus on thanking Him even more. We thank God for all his blessings and provision – and especially for each other!

I want to encourage everyone to join me in reading the daily scripture references about giving thanks to God. Pray about them. Read surrounding verses to get a better context. Follow the related references your study Bible may give you. An attitude of gratitude toward God will lead

us to peace and contentment as we recognize how much God has actually blessed us.

Mike

THANKSGIVING

- Nov 1: Deut 8:7-10
- Nov 2: 1 Chron 16:8-12
- Nov 3: 2 Chron 5:13-14
- Nov 4: 2 Chron 29:13; Ezra 3:11
- Nov 5: Psalm 7:17; 9:1-2
- Nov 6: Psalm 26:6-7; 28:6-7
- Nov 7: Ps 30:11-12; 75:1; 79:13
- Nov 8: Psalm 100
- Nov 9: Psalm 106:47-48
- Nov 10: Psalm 107:1, 8, 15, 21-22, 31-32, 43
- Nov 11: Psalm 118:1-9
- Nov 12: Psalm 118:19-29
- Nov 13: Ps 140:12-13; 147:7-11
- Nov 14: Isaiah 12
- Nov 15: Matthew 15:32-38
- Nov 16: Matthew 26:26-29
- Nov 17: 1 Cor 11:23-26
- Nov 18: Rom 1:8; 1 Cor 1:4; Eph 1:16; Php 1:3; Col 1:3
- Nov 19: 2 Cor 1:11; 2:14; 4:14-15
- Nov 20: Eph 5:4; 18-21
- Nov 21: Php 4:4-9
- Nov 22: Col 1:9-14
- Nov 23: Col 2:6-7; 4:2
- Nov 24: Col 3:12-17
- Nov 25: 1 Thes 1:2-3; 5:18
- Nov 26: 2 Thes 1:3; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 4:4-5
- Nov 27: Rev 4:9-11
- Nov 28: **Thanksgiving:** Psalm 136
- Nov 29: Rev 11:16-17
- Nov 30: Rom 6:17-18; 1 Cor 15:57

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV. 3rd

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour.

KU CAMPUS CHRISTIANS MEAL - Monday, Nov 4. We are planning pasta themed dishes with trimmings (bread, salad, etc.) and desserts. But feel free to provide your specialty dish other than pasta. Vegetarian choices have also been requested. We are expecting 65-75 hungry students so we need your help and your food dishes. If you are bringing food to the church and not going to Lawrence, please have it to the church by 4:30 on Nov. 4th. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

SAMARITANS PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Time to finish bringing your Christmas gifts for the Compassion shoe boxes. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 10th to stay after church and fill the boxes. We still need monetary donations, too, because each box is \$10 to ship. If you would prefer to fill your own box, let Donetta know and she will bring you a box.

THANKSGIVING CHURCH DINNER - will be Sunday, Nov 24th, after church. Watch for attendance sign-up sheet in the foyer as well as a food list. The food list sheet will take care of the ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy and rolls. Then everyone else should bring other sides and/or desserts. Yum! Plan to join the fun and fellowship!

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES for our shut-ins. We need shoe boxes to fill with food goodies and give to the elderly during the Christmas holiday. Bring them and place them in the foyer anytime. We plan to fill 30 boxes.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY will be December 15th and Nancy Gatzemeyer will be hosting this year. More details to follow.

MIKE AND GINA would like to thank everyone for their kindness, encouragement, gifts, and meals during pastor appreciation month. It is a joy to serve together with you!

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN COUNCIL - Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, Nov 24 at 7p.m. at the Catholic Church. Pie and drinks afterward. Our church needs to provide 2 pies.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Nov 9th, 8 a.m. Kevin is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress: We take a special offering every 3rd Sunday 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

God's Last Message (until Jesus)

Nov 3 God's Treasure
Malachi 3:7-12

Nov 10 God's Reward
Malachi 3:12-18

Nov 17 God's Day
Malachi 4:1-6

Nov 24 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
The Joy of Thanksgiving
Isaiah 12:1-6

Board Meeting - Sunday Nov. 3rd, following church. Board Members, please plan to stay and attend.

VBS 2025 - There will be a short meeting following church on Nov 3rd to begin planning for VBS 2025.

Nov	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
3	Gerstner	Debbie	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Charles	Debbie/Malia
10	Barret	Brian	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Steve /Jackson	Leane/Malia
17	Spencer	Tiffany	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Brittany/Dakota
24	J Mitchell	Aisha	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Connie/Malia

Nov communion devotion and prayer: Stan

Camera Monitor	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	
Sunday School	Jay	Charles	Tiffany	Kevin	
Worship	Ray	Cecelia	Jarret	Lori	

Prayer Requests: Brandi Leake - going through custody issues, Leah Brown, 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:

Sept 29 \$ 950
 Oct 6 \$1760
 Oct 13 \$1625



Gyve on line: Scan the QR code to download the Gyve app.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Tanya O'Neill
- 4 Nolan Reich
- 7 Cassie O'Neill
Matthew & Brittany Boyce
- 10 Tim Ganger
- 11 Britten Gerety
Alexa Gerety
- 16 Brittany Boyce
- 23 Providence Nilges
- 25 Dodie Bolz
- 28 Donna Ganger

Jr. - Sr. High Youth Group - School has started. We want to invite all students from 6th - 12th grades to join us Sunday evenings, 5-7p.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.



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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

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
				31/1	2
3 Board Meeting 5 p.m. Youth group	4 6:30p.m. KUCC meal - Lawrence Crafters	5	6 7 p.m. Bible Study	7/8	9 8a.m. Men's Break- fast
10 Pack Compassion Box- es after church. 5 p.m. Youth group	11 Crafters	12	13 7 p.m. Bible Study	14/15	16
17 5 p.m. Youth group	18 Crafters	19	20 7 p.m. Bible Study	21/22	23
24 - Thanksgiving dinner following church 5 p.m. Youth group 7 p.m. Community Thanksgiving service	25 Crafters	26	27 No Wed. activities	28/29 Thanks- giving	30