

The Vine

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

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*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **Philippians 1:3-6***

This could be Mike's letter to the church in Valley Falls. I could take the place of Paul, and the Valley Falls Christian Church could substitute for the church in Philippi, and it would all still be true.

I need to give a hearty thanks for all the recognition for pastor appreciation month [and as I write this, the month isn't over]! There have been great meals, meaningful gifts, and lots of encouraging words. In the words of Sally Fields' 1985 Academy Awards acceptance speech, "I can't deny the fact that you like me. Right now, you like me!"

All kidding aside, I so appreciate being able to minister here at VFCC, and a big part of what makes it work is YOU! Thanks! I continue to ask for your prayers as I also pray for all of 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 wasn't 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.*

This ties nicely in with November being the month of Thanksgiving. So our Bible verses this month are about thanks and gratitude. The Thanksgiving season gives us the opportunity to focus on thanking God even more. We thank

God for all his blessings and provision – and especially for each other!

Finally, if you really want to encourage your pastor, not just in October, but year-round, you can do that by your faithful presence at church every week. A full church blesses a pastor's heart! God bless! See you Sunday!

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: **Thanksgiving** Psalm 136
- Nov 26: 1 Thes 1:2-3; 5:18
- Nov 27: 2 Thes 1:3; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 4:4-5
- Nov 28: Rev 4:9-11
- Nov 29: Rev 11:16-17
- Nov 30: Rom 6:17-18; 1 Cor 15:57

BOARD MEETING - Nov. 8th following church service. *Note the change to the 2nd Sunday of every other month going forward.*

Men's Retreat - Faith. Brotherhood. Purpose. Nov. 13th -14th, (Friday evening and Saturday afternoon) at the Mission Lake Christian Camp, 1550 125th Rd, Horton, KS. Pastor Mike will be speaking. Event Cost is \$35. To register: <http://missionlakecc.com/mensonlineregistration>

Thanksgiving Dinner - November 22. Watch for sign up sheets.

Community Thanksgiving Service - Nov 22, 7 p.m. at Coal Creek Church. We need to provide 2 pies.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Sponsored by Samaritans Purse. Now is the time to pick up your box(es). They need to be back by Sunday, Nov. 15th. These boxes mean so much to the boys and girls! Many times this is the only gift a child receives in their lifetime.

EVERY SHOEBOX IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH A CHILD WITH THE GOSPEL

With each box is the 12 week class learning about Jesus. Your \$10 helps to provide this literature and train the teachers. Be sure to add a personal note and your \$10. Let Donetta know if you would like to help her deliver the boxes the week of Nov.16th - 23rd.

Alpha House Area Project 2027 - Help! Is needed. As one of their big skilled-volunteer projects for 2027, the old, red pole shed is coming down. The plan is to build a garage with two tall bays. Materials will run about \$15,000 plus they need skilled volunteers to get the building up. So, if you or someone you know has construction experience, and would like to help, Alpha House would love to hear from you.

Ladies Christmas Party - Save the Date! Dec. 13th at 2 p.m. Nancy and Cheyenne are hosting. Plan to attend the fun and fellowship.

Family Book Club - Tuesday, Nov 24th, 10 a.m. in the VFCC Fellowship Hall.

Church Christmas Decorating - following church on Nov. 29th. Plan to stay and help.

Men's Breakfast - Nov. 14th, 8 a.m. Stephen is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress - Every 3rd Sunday, we take a special offering of 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.

Sermons

Nov 1 Heroes of the Faith: Stephen
Acts 7:54-60

Nov 8 You Will Be My Witnesses...
Acts 8:1-8

Nov 15 Not for Sale
Acts 8:14-24

Nov 22 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
What Prevents You?
Acts 8:34-39

Nov 29 Mike is off [Nov 23-29]. Brian preaches.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 1st

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. Or call or text Cecelia Ragan at (785)762-2195

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. We are studying Isaiah. Everyone is welcome to join us and dive into God's Word.

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.

Nov	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
1	Gerstner	Debbie	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Debbie/Wade
8	Barrett	Brian	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Jarret /Charles	Leane/Rowdy
15	Spencer	Tiffany	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Stephen /Levi	Sienna/Becky
22	J Mitchell	Aisha	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Tannah/Malia
29	Baker	Tannah	Stan	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Chad	Brittany/Dakota

November Communion Devotion and Prayer: Stan

Camera Monitor	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
Sunday School	Brian	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen	Jay
Worship	Tiffany	Lori	Cecelia	Nancy	Levi

Prayer Requests: Stan Farr with health issues, Jordan and Aleyna and twins; Kyle and Lori Brewster for their house in Hoyt to sell; Dee Carder; Susan Feldkamp healing; Jill Boyce; Leah Brown; Elaine Worner; Christy & Becky Arnold; Dodie Bolz.

Pray for Our Soldiers: Lauren Thomas, Allison Thomas, Curtis Mitchell, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam, Noe Garza, All of our troops and leaders. Also, our President, nation and government. (1 Tim 2:1-2) Decisions being made in our nation's leadership.

Church Offerings:

Sept 20 \$1550
 Sept 27 \$1574
 Oct 4 \$1198
 Oct 11 \$ 863



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

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jordan and Aleyna Hewitt
- 2 Tanya O'Neill
- 4 Nolan Reich
- 5 Zoe & Israel Caballero
- 7 Cassie O'Neill
Kim Ketcherside
Matthew & Brittany Boyce
- 10 Tim Ganger
Evie (Evangeline) Kunkle
- 11 Britten Gerety
Alexa Gerety
- 16 Brittany Boyce
- 19 Steven & Jessica Hagin
- 23 Providence Nilges
- 25 Dodie Bolz
- 28 Donna Ganger



**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 - 6:30 PM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time - set clocks back 5 p.m. Youth Group	2 1:30 p.m. Crafters	3	4 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	5/6	7
8 Board Meeting 5 p.m. Youth Group	9 1:30 p.m. Crafters	10	11 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	12/13	14 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
15 8:30 a.m. Biscuits & Gravy 5 p.m. Youth Group	16 1:30 p.m. Crafters	17	18 Newsletter Items Due 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	19/20	21
22 Thanksgiving Dinner Community Dinner 5 p.m. Youth Group	23 1:30 p.m. Crafters	24	25 No Bible Study	26/27 Thanksgiving	28
29 Decorate church 5 p.m. Youth Group	30 1:30 p.m. Crafters				