

The Vine

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

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I was listening to a Mike Winger podcast [biblethinker.org], and he was talking about the idea that the God of the Old Testament was angry while He was loving in the New Testament. He exposed that it is false to think God is wrathful in the Old Testament and somehow changed to be a God of grace under the New Covenant.

I decided that would be a good topic for a monthly checklist. To give credit where credit is due, I am going to give you some bullet points that I got from Winger's podcast.

- People have a false idea that God can't be wrathful and gracious at the same time! They believe He either must be one or the other. He can be both.

- God is more gracious in the OT, and more wrathful in the NT than you realize.

- The flood in Noah's day is a sign of wrath, but God waited for decades as Noah preached to them. Years of grace, but eventually, he had to fulfill his promise. Both grace and wrath are present in that account, and there are many other similar situations.

- Grace is God's heart. Wrath is what you deserve when you reject Him. Grace is God's desire. Wrath is the result of turning away from God's forgiveness.

[Back to my own material.]

God is immutable. That means his nature and character do not change. He has been the same forever and ever and always will be. *Malachi 3:6 "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Not only is God a God of love, mercy and grace. He is a God of wrath. Since forever. God's wrath is the result of human sin demanding punishment from a just God. God's grace rains down upon us because God the Son took the wrath we deserved on the cross of Calvary. *2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

This month's list has examples of grace and wrath, from the Old and New Testaments. Look for

both wrath and grace, as some passages will contain each in one reading, as God warns them of the wrath that will come IF they don't listen to his pleas to repent of their sin.

Mike

WRATH vs. GRACE

- Sept 1: Genesis 3:14-20
 - Sept 2: Genesis 18:22-33
 - Sept 3: Genesis 19:15-29
 - Sept 4: Exodus 34:5-9
 - Sept 5: Deuteronomy 11
 - Sept 6: Nehemiah 9:1-31
 - Sept 7: Psalm 51
 - Sept 8: Psalm 86
 - Sept 9: Psalm 103:8-18
 - Sept 10: Psalm 145:1-18
 - Sept 11: Isaiah 53
 - Sept 12: Isaiah 63:7-14
 - Sept 13: Daniel 3:8-30
 - Sept 14: Joel 2:1-17
 - Sept 15: Jonah 3:1-4:2
 - Sept 16: Matthew 10:26-33
 - Sept 17: Mark 13:14-27
 - Sept 18: Luke 16:19-31
 - Sept 19: John 3:16-21; 35-36
 - Sept 20: Acts 5:1-11
 - Sept 21: Romans 1:18-32
 - Sept 22: Romans 2:1-11
 - Sept 23: Ephesians 2:1-10
 - Sept 24: Colossians 3:1-11
 - Sept 25: Hebrews 12:18-29
 - Sept 26: 2 Peter 2
 - Sept 27: Jude 1:3-16
 - Sept 28: Revelation 2:18-29
 - Sept 29: Revelation 6
 - Sept 30: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- [Bonus: Read the entire book of Revelation!!]

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas

Child - Time to start thinking about this! Last year the goal was 8 boxes and we did 12. This year the goal is 20! This year, we will gather items ahead of time then pack them all together. Each week during Sept and Oct, Donetta will put out suggestions for items we need that can be placed in the tub in the foyer. There will be a can to place any monetary donations, Remember it takes \$10 to ship each box. The thinking is, more people can participate without having to fill an entire box by themselves. All items can be brought in and placed in the tub anytime. Keep in mind the "no-no's" which include: candy, any food, toothpaste, gum, scary or war related items, any kind of liquid, aerosol, and breakables. We fill boxes for boys and girls ages: 2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs, 10-14 yrs.

Sept 1 - sm balls, small cars, stuffed animals, jump rope

Sept 8 - dolls, rubic cubes, sm toys, yo-yo's

Sept 15 - bandanas, wash cloths, bar soap, magnet

Sept 22 - Band-aids, combs, sun glasses, play dough

Sept 29 - pencils, pens, erasers, note books

ANNUAL SOFTBALL GAME - Mark you calendar for the big game with the Baptist Church, coming up Saturday, September 21. A potluck dinner will be served before the game. Looking for players so see the sign up sheet in the foyer if you can and are willing to play. It's a great time! If you don't play, come and cheer on the VFCC team! See Jarret with any questions.

BAPTISMS - Let's give a warm welcome to Matthew Boyce, Brittany Boyce, Wade Boyce and Jeremiah Mitchell into the Family of God!

OPEN HOUSE - Show Me Christian Youth Home located at 24302 Mahin Rd, La Monte, MO. Sat. Sept 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eat, Drink and celebrate with the Show-Me Family! Come and go as you are able.

Bible Study - starts Wed, Sept 18, 7PM. We will begin studying Hebrews.

SYATP - Wednesday, Sept 25, before school. Meet by the flag pole at the High School at 7AM.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Sept 14th, 8 a.m. Jay 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 will be available to live stream on YouTube (and Facebook). Also available on YouTube, previous services. Subscribe to Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube Channel.

Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.



Sermons

Sept 1 All You Need Is Love: John 3:16
John 3:16-21

God's Last Message (until Jesus)

Sept 8 God's Love
Malachi 1:1-5

Sept 15 Off

Sept 22 God's Name
Malachi 1:11-14

Sept 29 God's Leaders
Malachi 2:4-9

Communion Prep - Jay and Carol will now handle the communion prep each Sunday going forward. The designated Greeters will continue with the scripture reading.

BOARD MEETING The next Board Meeting will be Sunday, Sept 8th, after church.

Sept	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
1	Gerstner	Debbie	Jay	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Debbie/Dakota
8	Boyce	Rhonda	Jay	Jay/Stan/ Steve /Jackson	Brittany/Malia
15	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Jay	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Tiffany/Dakota
22	J Mitchell	Aisha	Jay	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Leane/Malia
29	Gerstner	Debbie	Jay	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Aisha/Rhonda

Sept communion devotion and prayer: Jay

Camera Monitor	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
Sunday School	Kevin	Donetta	Stephen	Jay	Charles
Worship	Lori	Brian	Nancy	Cecelia	Ray

Prayer Requests: Leah Brown, The family of Sharon Stephens at her passing, Tayler Hughes family and friends at his passing, Larry Thomas, Freda Roberson, Elaine Worner, Matt Cook, Nevaeh Rivera, Connie Lillich, 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:

Junly 21 \$ 630
 July 28 \$1547
 Aug 4 \$1334
 Aug 11 \$1327



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Newsletter Items should be emailed to: news@valleyfallsc.org or Call Cecelia Ragan at (785)762-2195

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Grady Baker
- 6 Mary Lou Clark
- 7 Ray Mitchell
Elaine Worner
- 19 Chad and Tiffany Spencer (2014)
Todd Spencer
- 20 Adrian Pruitt
- 24 Joel and Courtney Nilges
- 25 Kyle Reich
Nathen Gerety
- 26 Evangeline Nilges
- 27 Kevin Gatzemeyer
- 28 David Branam

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.



**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 Begins 9/18

Sept

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5/6	7
8 Board Meeting 5 p.m. Youth group	9 Crafters	10	11	12/13	14 8a.m. Men's Breakfast
15 5 p.m. Youth group	16 Crafters	17	18 7 p.m. Bible Study	19/20	21 Softball game
22 5 p.m. Youth group	23 Crafters	24	25 7 p.m. Bible Study	26/27	28
29 5 p.m. Youth group	30 Crafters				