

The Vine

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

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Perseverance to a Christian is the carried-out desire to stay obedient and faithful to Christ. It is especially noted in times of persecution or hardship. It encompasses patience, endurance, and relying on God's power and grace to keep you from failing.

It might be called determination, stamina, refusing to give up... or grit. We need Christians with grit. We need people in the body who will follow God's will and his word passionately to the end. Hardship won't make them give up. Persecution won't make them give up. Complacency won't make them give up.

In the high school football movie Facing the Giants, there is the 'Death Crawl Scene' that shows grit. The death crawl is when a player has to crawl on all fours down the football field, hands and feet, your knees can't touch the ground. They have to do this with another player on their back.

Coach wants Brock, a popular student, to do another crawl. Brock thinks maybe he can get to the thirty-yard line. Coach wants him to try for the fifty-yard line. Here's the catch; Brock has to promise to give it his all, and he will do it blindfolded.

All the way, coach is yelling (encouraging?) at him, "A little bit more. You can do it. Ten more yards. Don't you quit. Give your best. Five more yards." When Brock finally collapses, he has made it all the way to the end zone.

Coach told Brock, "You have influence with these guys. If you think we're defeated, so will they. I need you to lead these guys and give it your best. Will you do that?" Grit.

So many of the saints in the Bible are noteworthy for their faithfulness to and their reliance upon God in the midst of hardship. They had grit.

Job went through so much misery, yet wouldn't curse God and said, "I know my redeemer lives."

Joseph was sold by his brothers into slavery, wrongly accused by his master's wife, and forgotten about in prison. Yet he always made it his point to honor God and do his best. In the end, he was second in command over all Egypt.

Jacob (he had his faults), was hunted by his brother, cheated by his uncle, and became disabled when he wrestled with God. Yet Jacob never

let go and became the father of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Moses, Joshua, Daniel, David, Paul, and especially Jesus, all had perseverance. We live in a soft culture and it is bleeding into the church. The church needs Christians with grit so we can carry out God's plan and take our stand against the schemes of the devil.

Read the scripture selections, noting trials, patience, and the encouragement to wait on God, not grow weary, and stand firm.

Mike

Perseverance

- Sept 1: Genesis 39:19-23
- Sept 2: Job 1:20-22
- Sept 3: Psalm 27:7-14
- Sept 4: Proverbs 4:20-27
- Sept 5: Isaiah 40:27-31
- Sept 6: Lamentations 3:19-27
- Sept 7: Matthew 5:10-12
- Sept 8: Matthew 10:16-25
- Sept 9: Matthew 24:9-14
- Sept 10: Romans 5:3-5
- Sept 11: Romans 8:31-39
- Sept 12: Romans 12:9-21
- Sept 13: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
- Sept 14: 1 Cor 15:55-58; 16:13-14
- Sept 15: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Sept 16: Galatians 6:1-10
- Sept 17: Ephesians 6:10-20
- Sept 18: Philippians 3:12-16
- Sept 19: Philippians 4:10-13
- Sept 20: Colossians 1:9-14, 28-29
- Sept 21: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- Sept 22: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- Sept 23: Hebrews 3:12-19
- Sept 24: Hebrews 10:32-39
- Sept 25: Hebrews 11:7-16, 23-31
- Sept 26: Hebrews 12:1-11
- Sept 27: James 1:2-12
- Sept 28: 1 Peter 4:12-19
- Sept 29: 2 Peter 1:3-11
- Sept 30: Rev 2:2-3, 10, 19, 3:10-13

Board Meeting - Sunday, September 6th, following church. Board Members, please plan to attend.



BAPTISMS - Let's give a warm welcome to Steven Hagin, Kacie Welborn and Javon Williams into the Family of God!

Wednesday Bible Study begins September 9, 7 p.m. We will be studying Isaiah. Everyone is welcome.

Global Week of Student Prayer is September 20th - 26th.



SYATP - Wednesday, September 23rd before school. Meet by the flag pole at the High School at 7 a.m. This is pending any students willing to lead this in Valley Falls. Aisha and Jarret Mitchell will help with the programing and make it easy.

Baby Shower - October 10th for Aleyna and Jordan Hewitt and twins! Details to follow so mark your calendars.

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7

Men's Breakfast - Sept 12th, 8 a.m. Jay 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

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| Sept 6 | Praying Through Adversity
Acts 4:29-31 |
| Sept 13 | Generous Hearts
Acts 4:32-37 |
| Sept 20 | Catch and Release
Acts 5:17-23 |
| Sept 27 | Persecuted for Christ
Acts 5:27-32 |

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

Sept	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Devotion	Servers	Nursery
6	Gerstner	Debbie	Charles	Jay/Stan/ Aaron /Johnny	Brittany/Wade
13	Boyce	Malia	Charles	Jay/Stan/ Brian /Nick	Leigh Ann/Becky
20	Gatzemeyer	Nancy	Charles	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Kyle	Lean/Rowdy
27	J Mitchell	Aisha	Charles	Jay/Stan/ Clinton /Levi	Aisha/Isaac

September Communion Devotion and Prayer: Charles

Camera Monitor	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27	
Sunday School	Jay	Charles	Brian	Kevin	
Worship	Cecelia	Nancy	Levi	Tiffany	

Prayer Requests: Carol Welborn for her knee to heal without surgery; 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:

July 19 \$ 943
 July 26 \$1008
 Aug 2 \$1732
 Aug 9 \$1049
 Aug16 \$1056



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

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Grady Baker
- 7 Ray Mitchell
Elaine Worner
Jill Boyce
- 12 Lori Brewster
- 19 Chad and Tiffany Spencer (2014)
Todd Spencer
- 24 Joel and Courtney Nilges
- 25 Kyle Reich
Nathen Gerety
- 26 Evangeline Nilges
- 27 Kevin Gatzemeyer
- 28 David Branam

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**

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 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 - Starts Sept. 9th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur/Fri	Sat
		1	2	3/4	5
6 Board Meeting	7 Labor Day: office closed 1:30 p.m. Crafters	8	9 7 p.m. Bible Study	10/11	12 8 a.m. Men's Break- fast
13 5 p.m. Youth Group	14 1:30 p.m. Crafters	15	16 7 p.m. Bible Study	17/18	19
20 8:30 a.m. Biscuits & Gravy 5 p.m. Youth Group	21 1:30 p.m. Crafters	22	23 7 p.m. Bible Study Newsletter Items Due	24/25	26
27 5 p.m. Youth Group	28 1:30 p.m. Crafters	29	30 No Bible Study		