

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM**

Those serving the congregation today

September 6, 2015    September 13, 2015

Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Harold	Eddie
Song Leader	Greg	Jim
Opening Prayer	Eddie	Carl
Communion:		
Presiding	Ryan	Lonnie
Serving	Raimi	Grady
	Jason	Eddie
	Greg D	Allen
Sermon	Dale	Dale
Closing Prayer	Grady	Bill

### **EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM**

Announcements	Eddie	Harold
Opening Prayer	Carl	Eddie
Lesson/Devo	Dale	Dale
Song Leader	Jim	Greg
Communion/	Harold	Jason
Closing Prayer		

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM**

September 9 2015    September 16, 2015

Lesson	Favorite Scripture	Ryan
Song Leader	Jim	Greg
Opening Prayer	Eddie	Harold
Prayer	Fred	Eddie

### **September Greeters—Wanda and Kathie**

RESPONSES: Each time we meet together, there is a possibility that someone would like to respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ. We would be very glad to help you if you would like to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, (2) to repent for sin in your life and ask for prayers of the church, or (3) to ask the church to pray for some special need in your life.

Verde Valley Church of Christ  
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# Church of Christ

Begun in Jerusalem 33 A.D.

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**Ministers—Every member of the congregation**

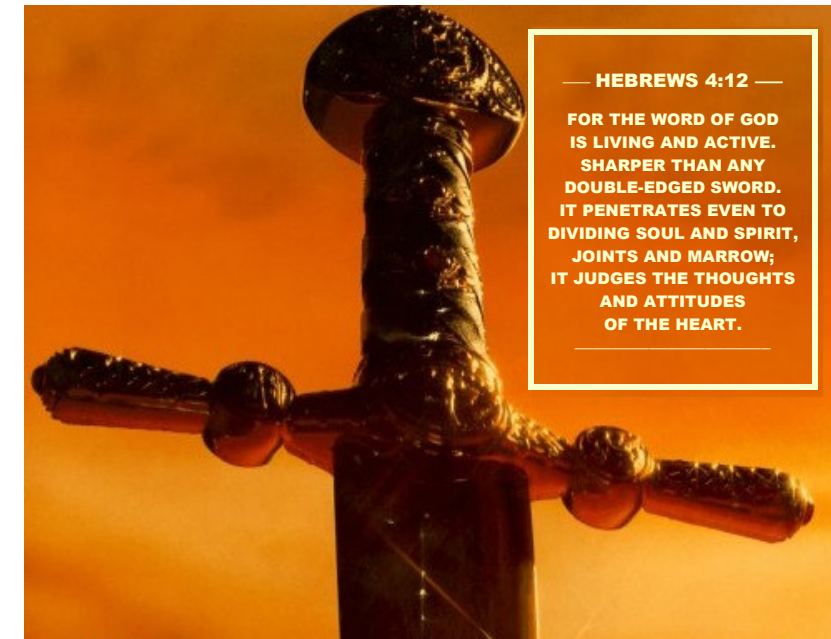
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### **Welcome Visitors**

We are honored to have you as our guest. We pray that the worship and fellowship will be a blessing to you. If we can serve you in any way or answer any questions, you may fill out a visitor card on the back of the pews and place it in the collection plate, or you may contact our Elders.

### **Nursery/Training Room**

Provided where you may sit with your children during services

# NEWS AND EVENTS



The next Ladies Fellowship will be Thursday, September 10 at 11:00 AM. The Friday night fellowship will resume September 25 at the annual mountaintop campout/cookout

Volunteers are still need to clean the building. Sign up in the foyer for one or more weeks. See Jim Vogel with any questions.

September Birthdays	
10 Carr, Coen	20 Nichols, Lauren
10 DuFresne, Ashley	22 Ferguson, Brianna
17 Wise, CB	

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers for Eliasha’s sister, Amanda, who is very ill.  
 Prayers for Myrtle Stone who fell and broke 4 ribs.  
 Prayers for Wayne’s brother, Gary who is in hospice.  
 Prayers for all those who are battling cancer.  
 Prayers for those of our number who are traveling.  
 Prayers for the missionaries out in the world.

Please continue to pray for those with health concerns:  
 Mary Jane, Bill, Grady, Sibyl, Nancy, Babs, Linda,  
 Helena, Hayley, Wayne, Jim Zappe, Charlie &  
 Shirley, Gary, Ephraim, Jean Fant, Susi Ruman.,  
 Our Military men and women, and the leadership of our  
 nation and our congregation.

A FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

## Bang, Bang

The old joke is, “What do you call a gun with no bullets?” The answer: “A rock!” When you are out of ammunition, the dynamic of the battle changes. If one were going to war in today’s world perhaps a good place to start would be the Netherlands. Recently the defense ministry decided that, because of budget constraints, ammunition would no longer be issued to soldiers during training. They were instructed to simply shout, “Bang, Bang” instead of being able to fire their weapons. One person reasoned that “even if you have no bullets, you still have to train with your weapon.”

Sounds good, but... Nothing takes the place of the real thing. Without firing real bullets you would never know whether you were on target or not. Did you know I am the best shot in the world if all I have to do is shout, “bang, bang.” I have never missed a target when all I had to do was shout “bang” at it. However, when the gun is loaded I find my aim is not quite so good. I have to fire, see how far off I am, and make the appropriate adjustments.

On the other hand, a weapon that is unfamiliar can be as dangerous to the shooter as it is to the target. Our son once fired a borrowed shotgun but did not know it had a problem with the breech. It didn’t always close. When he pulled the trigger it went off with a real “bang” that could have been deadly. Fortunately, in this case it just scared the daylights out of him but he did decide that being unfamiliar with his weapon is not something he wanted repeated.

As Christians we are in an ongoing battle in which practice and preparedness are essential to victory. No, we don’t have guns – but we do have a very effective weapon. We are to carry the “Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17). Too often it is tempting to leave the sword on the shelf and just pretend we have a good grip on it. Anything that sounds holy is accepted as holy and it is never put to the test of truth. Just shout, “Jesus, Jesus,” and surely the target has been hit.

If we do not know the word the world can become a very confusing place. As the saying goes, “A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.” If we do not know the Bible well, even the most outrageous theologies can sound convincing (ever heard of Mormonism?).

God gave us the weapons needed to be victorious in this life and in eternity. It is up to us to keep our sword sharpened and to know all its capabilities.

Love ya,  
 Dale

Family Records Last Week	
Sunday Morning Worship	56
Sunday Evening	27
Wednesday Evening	26
Contribution	\$1625
Weekly Budget	\$1500

Elders		Schedule of Services	
		Sun	Bible Study 9:30 am
Harold Kilby	567-9764		Worship 10:30 am
Eddie Rose	567-4349		Evening Service 6:00 pm
			Youth Group 6:10 pm
		Wed	Bible Study 7:00 pm
Jason Carr	592-0791	Thurs	Ladies Devotional 11:00 am
Jim Vogel	451-0782		(every other week)
		Friday	Fellowship (EOW) 6:00 pm
		Tues	Men’s Breakfast 8:00 am
Dale Rhodes	274-4717		