

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

Those serving the congregation today

September 27, 2015

October 4, 2015

Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Eddie	Harold
Song Leader	Jerry	Greg
Opening Prayer	Jason	Lonnie
Communion:		
Presiding	Harold	Ryan
Serving	Eddie	Raimi
	Pat	Jason
	Lonnie	Greg D
Sermon	Dale	Dale
Closing Prayer	Harold	Grady

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

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

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

September 30, 2015

Lesson	Jason
Song Leader	Jerry
Opening Prayer	Harold
Closing Prayer	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  
2001 Arena Del Loma  
Camp Verde, AZ, 86322

# Church of Christ

Begun in Jerusalem 33 A.D.

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**Ministers—Every member of the congregation**

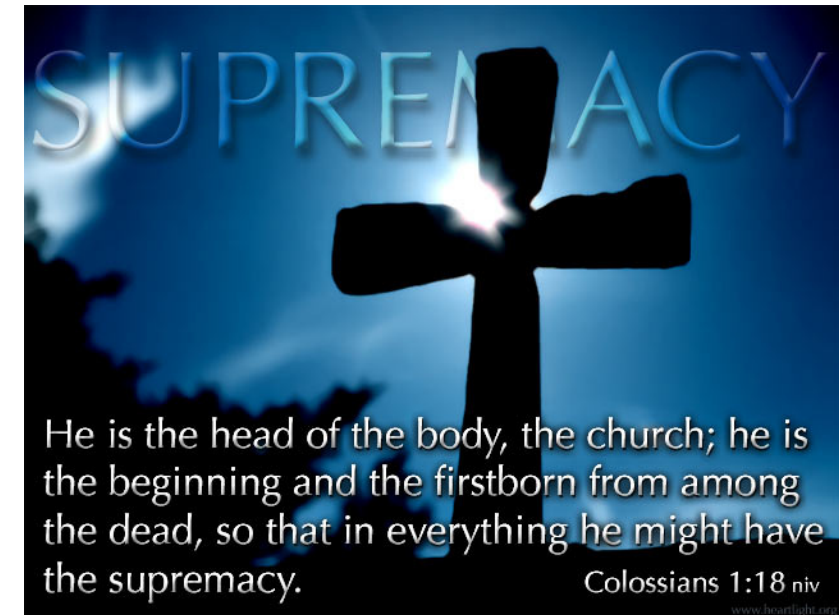
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### **Welcome Visitors**

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

Twenty six people and three dogs enjoyed a mountaintop Experience Friday night at the annual church cookout/campout. We were blessed with splendid weather and great fellowship. Thanks to all!

Next Sunday October 4 is Potluck Sunday. Try to plan on staying for a fellowship meal.

The next Ladies Fellowship will be Thursday, October 8 at 11:00 AM.

The next Friday night fellowship will be Friday October 9 at 6:00. We will be having loaded baked potatoes. Please bring a potato topping.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries	
07 Alvey, Raiven	23 Carr, Kavan
07 Dawson, Gregory	24 Adams, Lisa
10 Alvey, Jocelyn	24 Marshall, Marie
13 Nichols, Daniel & Lauren	25 Kilby, Nancy
19 Stephens, Lee	26 Tate, Grady & Betty

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers for Eliasha's sister, Amanda, who is still recovering.

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:

Amanda, 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.

## The Church *Must* Change

Just a cursory look at religious articles on the internet will reveal some drastic changes in "Christianity." It is diminishing, the "unchurched" are quickly becoming the largest group around. People are leaving churches and worship life in unprecedented numbers. As these churches realize what is happening they are devising plans to stem the outward flow and bring people back. They examine their practices and most have decided that the church must change. It has to become more attractive to those who are running away; it has to provide what the people are seeking.

There are two basic ways this is being done. The first is to institute programs and practices that make the church look like a tax deductible extension of the entertainment industry. Bands, pop singers, and actors have become popular in "church" culture. Speakers who can make the most people feel good about themselves win the biggest worship facilities. Give them what they want and they will return; build it and they will come.

At the other end of the pendulum are the groups that think people want direction and discipline. They organize and outline activities while defining sin as anything they don't like – including which translation of the Bible must be used. Like the Stoics of old, they seek to attract those individuals who need direction with severe penalties attached when the wrong turn is taken. They often wonder how God could be so lenient with people.

In reality they are both right about one thing. The church *must* change – but what is it we are to change? The "church" is neither an institution nor an extension of a fanatical Greek philosophy. The church is people who belong to God. You is the church – probably would sound better if written as, the church is you, but as long as we are changing things....

So, should we change to look like the world? God forbid! The world is where Satan prowls and rules. That leaves the frantic search for new regulations to rule people's lives. No, there is an alternative. It is strange how few have given thought to the idea that the church should change to look like Jesus. The difficulty is that real change would be involved for everyone. However, that is the only way the church will ever be effective in attracting people, because Jesus attracts people.

Love ya,  
Dale

## NOTES

Family Records Last Week	
Sunday Morning Worship	60
Sunday Evening	32
Wednesday Evening	25
Contribution	\$1158
Weekly Budget	\$1500

<u>Elders</u>		<u>Schedule of Services</u>	
		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

### Deacons

Jason Carr 592-0791

Jim Vogel 451-0782

### Evangelist

Dale Rhodes 274-4717