

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

Those serving the congregation today

	Jan 31, 2016	Feb 7, 2016
Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Eddie	Eddie
Song Leader	Greg	Jim
Opening Prayer	Harold	Jason
Communion:		
Presiding	Lonnie	Jerry
Serving	Ryan	Ryan
	Raimi	Raimi
	Pat	Pat
Sermon	Dale	Dale
Closing Prayer	Jason	Greg

EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM

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

January Greeters—Patti and Nancy

This week's bible reading:

Words & The Word - James 1:19-27, 3:1-12; Heb. 4:11-16; Psalm 119

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.

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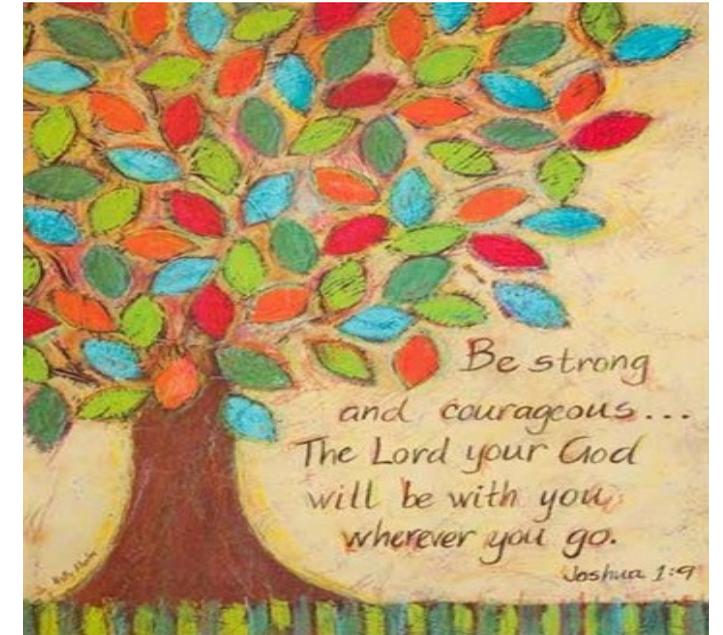
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Begun in Camp Verde 1950 A.D.

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

Next Sunday we will enjoy a Potluck Fellowship after morning worship.

The next Ladies Fellowship will be Thursday, February 4 at 11:00 AM. The next Sunday night fellowship will be February 21 for Appetizers. The next Friday night fellowship will be February 12 for Mexican Food.

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

January Birthdays	
04 Ferguson, Angela	15 Hess, Deborah (Debbie)
04 Vogel, Mary	15 Hudson, Becky
05 Marshall, Steve	16 Rose, Rex
13 Cooley, Alan	16 Stephenson, Shirley

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers for Sharon's sisters and their health problems.
 Prayers for Greg's job situation.
 Prayers for Krisha Borchers, Sharon and Rex Rose's daughter-in-law who is having a chest bone tumor removed.
 Prayers for Donola who has macular degeneration.
 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, Babs, Linda, Helena, Hayley, Wayne, Charlie & Shirley, Gary Bates, Ephraim, Jeff Landers, April Owens' mother, Ed Christian, Shirley Brinkman

Our Military men and women, and the leadership of our nation and our congregation.

A FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

Too Much Of A Good Thing?

I can think of a lot of things to do to cats but coddling them is not on my list. There are, however, people who actually like those creatures. OK, they can be cute, but cute does not count for everything. I don't know how cute they were but the two cats belonging to couple of women in Sweden got treatment well beyond coddling. The strange thing is that the cats were confiscated by animal control officers for being mistreated.

The two women treated them like babies in "pushchairs" and spoon fed them while they were strapped in high chairs. The cats had even been "encouraged to suck on pacifiers." So, why were the cats considered mistreated? According to Swedish broadcasts, "the cats were removed from the home because they were not being allowed to develop natural animal behavior." They had too much of what many would classify as a "good thing." They were learning more about human behavior than cat behavior.

Personally, I am not so sure natural cat behavior is such a good thing but the point the government authorities were making does have some merit. Coddled cats can be clueless in concern for consequences. In all probability these cats could not defend themselves in the wild and would starve away from home waiting for someone to arrive with the push-chairs. What would, on the surface, seem to be a good thing can actually be very destructive. That concept works for cats but it works for humans also.

It is that kind of problem Paul addresses in Hebrews 5:11b-13, "It is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. **12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, **13** for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child." At first milk is necessary but after a while milk alone results in a lack of growth as a Christian. It cannot provide a nourishment that prepares and sustains us for living in the world.

It is bad enough to coddle a cat; coddling Christians is disastrous.

Love ya,
 Dale

NOTES

Family Records Last Week	
Sunday Morning Worship	69
Sunday Evening	22
Wednesday Evening	20
Contribution	\$1566
Weekly Budget	\$1500

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