

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 5 | Jose Novella | 21 | Wally Dickinson |
| 7 | Michael Vittoria | 22 | Sharon Rose |
| 19 | April Owen | 23 | Jason Carr |
| 19 | Jessica Lowthorp | 24 | Tyler Roth |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 | Fred and Patti Smith |
| 28 | Rhianna and Ron Parnell |

Happy Anniversary!

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 24

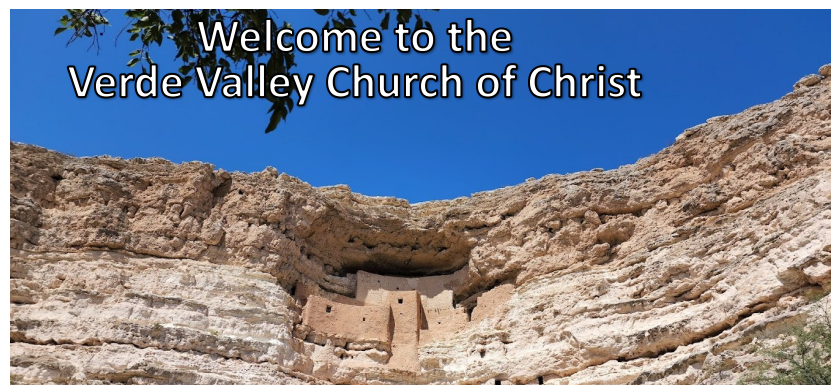
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April 27, 2025

Welcome to the
Verde Valley Church of Christ



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Sermon

A Study of the Book of Philemon: Jesus's Letter To Us Who Struggle

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

A Study of the Book of Philemon: Jesus's Letter To Us Who Struggle

Overview facts: written 60-62 A.D. while Paul was under house arrest in Rome from Acts 28:30-31. Delivered to the Christians in Colossae along with the letter to the Colossians.

- Written to the man Philemon, a wealthy man and brother in the Church who Paul had befriended. Philemon had the church meet in his home.

- Delivered by Onesimus, an escaped slave who had fled from Philemon and ran to Rome. Onesimus ("Useful" in Greek) met Paul in Rome and was converted and baptized, then sent back to his hometown and former master.

We should replace Philemon with ourselves, and Paul with Jesus, and read this letter for how Jesus would appeal to us when we are struggling with His directions in life.

Verses 1-3—Introduction to the recipient, Philemon, and greetings to other workers in Colossae and the church which meets in his home.

Verses 4-7— John 13:34, 14:15 & Jam. 1:17, 2:14-17 & Eph. 1:7 (Paul has heard of their love/faith, which are actions obeying God and benefiting others, because news has travelled across the Mediterranean sea of it. Paul prays that "the communal sharing of their faith becomes effective through the *epignosis* of "experiential first-hand understanding" of every good and perfect thing which the Church has in Christ. Physical things yes, but more importantly spiritual ones)

Verses 8-9 — Matt. 18:18, 28:18 & Eph. 2:19-22 (As an apostle, God had given Paul authority to guide the Church and order if necessary. Jesus has all authority and gets to order everyone for everything)

Verses 10-17 — 1 John 2:13 & Matt. 10:40-42, 25:34-40, John 13:34 (Paul "begot" or "fathered" Onesimus bc he brought him to Christ, the sign of a mature Christian is the ability to "make more Christians." Paul didn't want to order Philemon bc that would deprive him of the **reward** he would get for choosing to help a brother in the Church and do the right thing, which Jesus said is helping **Him**)

Verses 18-22— Luke 14:27-28 & Prv. 14:12 & Mark 8:36-37, 10:28-30 & Matt. 5:29-30, 6:29-21 (We must count the cost of following Christ, because it is a cost to do what He wants us to do and not what we want to do. But there is a cost either way, because what we want to do destroyed us and sent us on the track to Hell to begin with. But anything we do, or don't do, for the sake of Christ will be exponentially rewarded because it saves our eternal soul)

Verses 23-25 — Rom. 3:23, 6:23 (Paul directs Philemon (and Christ directs us) to show the same grace that God shows us. That is, the same undeserved reward and unmerited favor that we want to get from God, because all we deserve from what we've done in life, is death in fire forever)

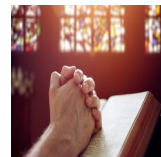
ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ♦ **Classes and sermons are available on Youtube.**
- ♦ **There is a children's bible study during the sermon.**
- ♦ **Potluck fellowship** after morning worship service is on the 1st Sunday of the month - **The next Potluck fellowship is May 4th. Please join us for a fellowship meal and bring a dish to share.**
- ♦ **Ladies Devotional—Saturday, May 17th will be a Mothers Day Brunch** along with a Ladies Devotional. Food will be provided.
- ♦ **Men's servant training—Immediately after worship TODAY** There will be a short mandatory meeting for men that currently participate, or would like to begin participating, in our worship services and were unable to attend the meeting in March.
- ♦ **Foundations of our Faith series - For the month of May,** Dominic will be preaching a series on the foundations of our Faith covering topics such as: "Why we believe what we do" & "Why we do what we do." This is a great time to invite someone to learn more about us. Food will be provided every Sunday so join us for great lessons, food and fellowship!

PRAY FOR



Diana Landers
Kathie & Eddie Rose
Jerry Harvey
Wally Dickinson