## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Janie Kilby 14 Kyla Alvey Layla Midkiff Parnell 16 Tim Roth Ciara Francisco Parnell 17 Harold Kilby 25 Kimberly Owen Heather Benetti Eli Sellers 25 Patricia Harvey Ashley Roth 27 Mona Cooley Noah Geraci 30 J Lynn Alvey 31 Jim Vogel Wanda Mattson 31 Robyn Roth Loni Faith Ferguson



## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

13 David and Alicia Hardesty 26 Colton and Kaitlyn Lucas

14 Adrion and Donna Osborne 27 Alan and Mona Cooley

Happy Anniversary!

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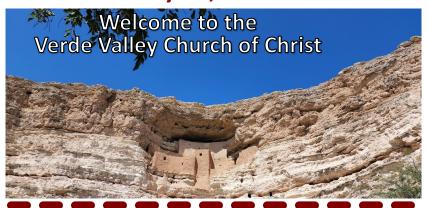
**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 23** 

SUNDAY AM: 52 SUNDAY PM: 15

WEDNESDAY: 18

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## May 18, 2025



### **VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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#### <u>Sermon</u>

The Foundations of Our Faith: Part 3—Why the How, and How the Why, of Serving God are Eternally Important

## **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

# The Foundations of Our Faith: Part 3 - Why the How, and How the Why, of Serving God are Eternally Important

We have established that there has to be a God, that the Bible cannot exist without divine creation, and how reading the Bible shows us that all have sinned and fallen short of God's expectations - being condemned to unending fire for it. Yet, God paid the physical death to sin that we can use to forgive our debts, if we accept it correctly. We cannot accept God's gift of salvation and forgiveness nor follow and worship Him however **WE** want. **Doing what we wanted instead of what God wanted charged us with sin in the first place.** If we want God's **grace** (a reward we don't deserve) we are told that it comes through **faith** in Eph 2:8, **faith** comes from the **Word of God, both hearing it and doing it** (Rom. 10:17 & James 1:22, 2:14-17). Thus, it matters **what** we do.

#### The How:

Gen. 6:15, 4:3-7 & 1 John 3:11-12 & Exo. 25:40 & Lev. 19:5-8 & Mal. 1:8-10, 3:6 (Principle of exclusivity stated and demonstrated. God ALWAYS gives directions for how He is to be followed/worshipped, has never accepted worship outside of parameters, and God never changes)

Lev. 19:5-8, 10:1-3 & 2 Chron. 26:16-21 (Does not matter if there is only 1 thing different from God's directions for worship and service - the result is punishment, seperation, death, and fire)

#### The Why:

James 1:27, 2:14-17 & Gal. 6:10 & Matt. 5:13-16, 10:42, 6:1-7 (We are to do good for everyone as we can, making life better and easier for all around us, esp. our brethren in the Church, and if we do, we will get everlasting rewards for it. However, if we do it for the wrong reason, i.e., "attention," "kudos," or pride, a reward that nothing in the universe could take from us we will give away)

Gen. 2:16-17, 6:14-15, 12:1-3 & Lev-Deut. & Col. 2:14 & Eph. 2:20-22 & Num. 20:8-12 (God has made several covenants with groups of mankind containing their directions to show "faith." Whenever God makes a new covenant, it replaces and erases the old one. No one is allowed to follow previous directions when there are new directions, as God punishes disobedience for any reason to the current directions)

Mark 1:4 & Acts 2:37-39, 19:1-5 (John the Baptist introduced a baptism "for repentance" under the Jewish Covenant. Although a person was "submerged," the correct "how," that was done so for the incorrect "why" under the last covenant. Thus, under the Christian covenant people get rebaptized if the how or why was incorrect, as Paul demonstrated to the Ephesian disciples)

## **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 - There will be no potluck fellowship in June.
- 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!
- ♦ Join us right after services for a fellowship meal today!
- New address: Jessica Lowthorp, 750 Countryside Drive Aubrey, TX 76227
- Welcome to our new brother in Christ. Chance Taylor, son of David and Christi Taylor was baptized into Christ last Wednesday.

## **PRAY FOR**



Diana Landers Kathie & Eddie Rose Jerry Harvey Wally Dickinson