## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1 Kathie Rose 24 Neil Morgan

12 Diana Landers 29 Chance Taylor

15 Erica Mejia 29 Denise Meyer

15 Triniti Vesprini Campbell 29 Misty Campbel

19 Eric Taylor



### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

30 Eddie and Kathie Rose



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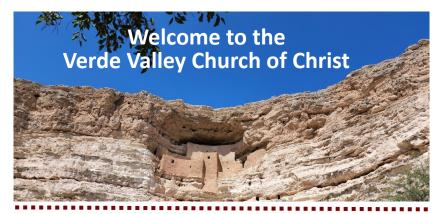
**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 33** 

SUNDAY AM: 54 SUNDAY PM: 19

WEDNESDAY: 17

**OFFERING: \$1,717** 

# June 15, 2025



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

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Sermon

### **Gathering Times**

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday evening 6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

### REFLECTIONS

#### **Stragglers Picked Off**

We may say to ourselves, "I know I need to get some of these things out of my life, but at least I'm going the right way..." or even "I know the Bible says I should be doing x,y, and z, but I'm a work in progress..." We may even start to "coast" in our Christian walk, thinking things like "Well, I don't do all those things other people at church do, but I'm just not on that level yet. I'm sure I'll get there someday..."

In Deuteronomy 25:17-18 it reads ""Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt, how he met you along the way and attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you were faint and weary;" Wait... weren't those slow-moving Jews still heading the same direction as the Jews who were saved? Weren't they also on pace to get to where God was leading them "eventually?" They surely thought their pace to the promised land was "good enough," but sadly, those "works in progress" had no idea on the morning when Amalek got in his chariot that he would end their life for not getting there fast enough.

God promised protection to the Hebrew nation and no one could overpower them when they were united in doing what God directed. Yet those who wanted to go at their own pace, who would "get there eventually" needed to already be there when trouble came, instead they were destroyed because they weren't! How does Peter describe our adversary Satan? He states that he prowls around as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. When lions attack they never target the main herd of prey, they target the loners, the ones who fell behind - the stragglers!

If you have things to overcome in your faith, steps that you need to take in your walk with God, take them now! Our life is like a vapor and we do not know what tomorrow will be like as James writes. Believe in God, repent of your sin, be baptized in the name of Christ and live for Him, turning away from sin. It isn't too late - until it is too late. Don't fall behind on your Christian walk, keep pace with God! He will never leave you nor forsake you, but He will not "catch you up" if you choose to fall away from Him. God did not protect those who planned to do what He commanded "eventually" - He protected those who were doing it now! Don't be the straggler that is easy prey for the lion. Take those steps and remain at the side of our good shepherd.

In Him - Dominic

### **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 on the 1st Sunday of the month – The next Potluck will be July 6
- Prescott Valley Church of Christ Join in songs praising God for our freedom and asking His blessings on our land, Saturday June 21, 2025 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. See bulletin board for address.
- Jana is planning to visit Manuelito Navajo Children's Home in Gallup, NM later this month. If you would like to donate nonperishable items from the list on the bulletin board or money to buy perishable food, please see Jana or one of the Elders by Wednesday, June 25th – thank you for supporting this good work!

Notes:

### **PRAY FOR**



Diana Landers Kathie & Eddie Rose Jerry Harvey Wally Dickinson