

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Levi Meyer	20	Barbara Parsons
5	Robert Brady	22	Brianna Ferguson
10	Coen Carr	28	Donna Osborne

A large, colorful, bubbly text graphic that reads "HAPPY BIRTHDAY". The letters are thick and rounded, with a 3D effect. Each letter is a different color: H (green), A (yellow), P (purple), P (pink), Y (blue), B (red), I (green), R (blue), T (pink), H (orange), D (purple), A (green), Y (red). The text is set against a white background.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 BJ/Brett and Kassandra Kilby
11 Abdul and Ariana Cruz
21 Daniel and Taila Merica
25 Jeremy and Merika Bach



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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 15

SUNDAY AM: 43 SUNDAY PM: 20

WEDNESDAY: 14**OFFERING:**

September 28, 2025



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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord’s Church
Part 15***

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church – Part 15

Overview facts: written 63-80 A.D. by Luke, the Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul.

- The Church is under persecution; Saul of Tarsus has just been converted after being blinded on the road to Damascus and speaking to Jesus, going from persecutor, to persecuted. He was able to show that Jesus of Nazareth was both the Christ and the Son of God solely from the Old Testament, confounding all the Jews.

Chapter 9 Verses 23-25

Acts 6:8-11 & Gal. 1:15-23 (Once again, when people cannot argue rationally, scientifically, or scripturally, their pride will cause them to resort to violence and threats to silence correct opposing worldviews instead of being humble enough to admit they are wrong, just as they did with Stephen. After Saul received his eyesight, he went away in Arabia/Damascus for three years to experience the entire ministry of Jesus Christ before he returned to Jerusalem, 30/31-34 A.D. Luke describes this entire three-year-period as "many days.")

Verse 26

Matt. 10:16 (Actions have consequences. Saul could be forgiven by these Christians for the harm that he has done to them, but this does not mean that they will trust him or willingly re-position themselves in bad/dangerous circumstances. Trust has to be re-earned, and that requires work and active repentance on the part of the offender.)

Verses 27-30

Acts 13:1 & Gal. 1:18-19 (Barnabas also heard what happened to Paul, but he believes his conversion story unlike the others. Barnabas was a prophet, so he quite possibly could have been told by the Holy Spirit that Paul's repentance was genuine, because he certified to the apostles, shown to only be Peter and the Lord's half-brother James, that he was trustworthy.)

Verse 31

(When the Lord's Church has overcome the trials that are sent upon it through courage and faith, God will then bless it with peace and growth again. In this case, the Church both needed to be brave in the face of persecution, and be forgiving to Saul upon his genuine repentance, despite having cause to hold grudges. Only when both trials were overcome did it begin to be blessed again.)

Verses 32-43

Mark 16:15-20 (The text goes backwards in time to see what Peter had been doing during the 3+ years that we have been learning about Saul's journey. He had gone to Lydda, and then Joppa, and was performing miracles to demonstrate proof for people to believe what he and the others were saying. Luke confirms this syncs up the timeline by saying that Peter also stayed in Joppa "many days," in verse 43, meaning the same 3ish year period Paul was gone. This is how they will both be back in Jerusalem at the same time.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ▶ **Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.**
- ▶ **There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.**
- ▶ **Potluck fellowship the 1st Sunday of the month – join us Oct. 5th!!**
- ▶ **The next "fifth Wednesday" is October 29th – any men interested in reading a scripture, leading a prayer or a song, or giving a short (10 min. or less) devotional (content approved by the Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.**

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

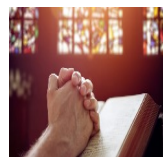
Chapter 10 Verses 1-8

2 Peter 3:9 & Acts 17:30-31 & Matt. 7:7-8 (After what happened to Peter and Paul in 30/31-34 A.D., we begin learning about events in 34 A.D. Gentiles were not part of God's people, yet we see here that God still knows them and hears their prayers. God used to overlook the time of their ignorance of Him under the Jewish covenant, but does not now under Christ. God does not want that any should perish, and all those who seek WILL find. We see Cornelius "believed in God," but this belief is not enough. God gives Cornelius instructions, and he must demonstrate that he believes those enough to do them, which is demonstrating "faith." We also see more details that must have come from first-hand sources.)

Verses 9-16

Col. 2:14 & Mark 7:18-19 (Peter is being shown that the "ceremonial food laws of the Jews" are no longer in effect. It indeed had not been since the death of Christ because that is when the Old Covenant ended, but any former Jews did not understand that, so God is direct here. This means that ALL the separation of the Old Law is now over. Peter sees the sheet coming down THREE times, again symbolizing divine transformation, as God's current people, the Church, will no longer be only those bound by the Law of Moses.)

PRAY FOR



Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime

Gary Bates

Adrian Osborne

Kathie & Eddie Rose

Wally Dickinson