

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 *James Justus Kilby*  
7 *Raiven Alvey*  
10 *Jocelyn Alvey*  
17 *Markus Ward/Sovine*  
23 *Kavan Carr*

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

*10 Dominic and Heather Benetti*



### VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 15**

**SUNDAY AM: 45 SUNDAY PM: 17**

**WEDNESDAY: 16**

**OFFERING: \$1,530**

October 12, 2025

Welcome to the  
Verde Valley Church of Christ



## VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Sermon

*Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church  
Part 17*

### 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 Temple of the Lord’s Church – Part 17*

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

- It is 34 A.D. and a Gentile named Cornelius, along with his gathered friends and family, have become the first Gentiles baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, who God then added to the Church. They were the second and last group, along with the twelve apostles, to be baptized "in the Holy Spirit," meaning they received power from Him. This was to show they could and should be baptized in water for the forgiveness of their sins.

Chapter 11 Verses 1-3

Acts 10:28 (Other Jewish Christians are angry that Peter even went to speak with these Gentiles, showing the distance between the two groups.)

Verses 4-10

Matt. 5:17-18 & Col. 2:14 (Divine transformation is symbolized by the number "3," Peter is recounting how he was shown that the Jewish food laws, and all other constraints of that covenant, have now been lifted. This was always the plan, as Jesus was the only person to live perfectly under that covenant, so it was taken away upon His death, because it was "fulfilled" for the first time.)

Verses 11-12

Deut. 19:15 ("3" men arrived from Cornelius; then Peter and 6 other Christians, "7" total, the number representing God, perfection, permanence, and holiness, return with them. Peter also has his account corroborated by 6 witnesses. To Jews, all facts were confirmed by "2 or 3" witnesses, but here, there were "2x3" witnesses.)

Verses 13-14

Acts 10:34-43 & 47-48, 2:38-39 & 1 Pet. 3:21 & Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 6:1-7 (Peter would "TELL you" how to be saved. Peter did not tell them about, or cause, the baptism of the Holy Spirit to fall upon them, so this is not how they were saved from their sins. Instead, he gave them the good news of Jesus and instructed them to be baptized in water for the forgiveness of their sins, just as he had told the Jews years before. This was AFTER they had received power from the Holy Spirit because they were still not saved. We are forgiven and saved when we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins, because that is the moment a death, Jesus's, is applied to our account to pay for our sins.)

Verses 15-17

Acts 1:4-5 & 8, 2:1-4, 8:17-18 (Peter, as one of the twelve, certified that what Cornelius's group received was THE SAME as what they got upon their baptism of the Holy Spirit. Does this mean that Cornelius and group could lay hands on people and bestow gifts as well? Possibly, but unlikely and not recorded in Scripture. However, even if they could, no one can pass on "the ability to bestow such gifts" so when all the apostles and Cornelius's group died, this ceased in the world regardless.)

## 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 first Sunday of each month - join us Nov. 2!!**
- **Verde Valley Ladies retreat in Flagstaff October 24/25 – see Heather for details!**
- **The next “fifth Wednesday” is October 29<sup>th</sup> – 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.**
- **Praise report: Gary Bates’ surgery went well; please continue to pray for his ongoing recovery**

### Sermon Scripture References - cont’d:

Verse 18

John 10:37-38, Acts 17:10-12 (Evidence demands a verdict, and proof demands a response. These men may not have agreed with Gentiles being allowed in the Church, and may not have liked it, and it did not matter. We need to go where God's evidence takes us, even when it is opposite to what we think or want.)

Verses 19-24

Luke 23:50 (Barnabas is called "good," one of very few men to be labeled so in the entirety of the New Testament, along with Jesus and Joseph of Arimathea.)

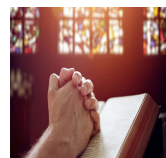
Verses 25-26

(Believers are first called "Christians" at Antioch.)

Verses 27-30

Matt. 6:31-34 & John 13:34 & 2 Cor. 8:16-24 & 1 Thess. 5:21-22 (Famine is recorded in the Roman empire, in the region of Egypt and surrounding Levant, an area referred to as "the breadbasket of Rome" from 44-48 A.D., during the reign of Claudius. Here, God warns His people and has already put instructions in place to take care of those in the Church just by doing what they are supposed to. When money was handled, two or more always took it to keep away temptation and every appearance of evil.)

## PRAY FOR



**Greg & Wanda Mattson’s daughter, Jaime**  
**Gary Bates**  
**Adrian Osborne**  
**Kathie & Eddie Rose**  
**Wally Dickinson**