

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 *Jim Collins*
6 *Gary Bates*
10 *Nathan Mougeot*
13 *Lonnie Ferguson*
22 *Kaitlyn Lucas*

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 *Rex and Sharon Rose*



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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 19

SUNDAY AM: 54 SUNDAY PM: 14

WEDNESDAY: 15

OFFERING: \$2,048

December 14, 2025

Welcome to the
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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church
Part 26***

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 26

-In 49/50 A.D., Paul and Silas have begun the second missionary journey. They have just recruited Timothy to come with them and they are going about teaching how the churches need to instruct their Gentile converts to begin observing and be in accordance with the letter from Chapter 15.

Chapter 16 Verses 4-10

Mark 5:18-20 & Matt. 6:10, 26:39 (Even when we are working for God, we should always pray for God's will to be done instead of our own. God is the One Who knows everything, and no one wants all to be saved more than He does. However, we need to go where our time and talents are of the most use, even if that is not where we want to go and do. The Demoniac had to go talk to his home area, not come with Jesus, but that is why 4,000 men met Jesus when He later went to Decapolis. Paul needed to go to Macedonia first before Asia, where he would later go in Acts 19; Jesus needed to be crucified for our sins instead of saved.)

Verses 11-13

(The reason for this likely was that there are not even 10 Jewish men in the area to form a *Minyan*, the smallest acceptable Jewish prayer quorum required to build a synagogue.)

Verses 14-15

Gen 2:25 & Rom. 10:14 & Luke 14:27-28 & Acts 2:38 & Acts 8:36-37 & Rev. 2:10 (This is a verse that people use to justify infant baptism since Lydia's *entire household* was baptized. There is no evidence there are even infants here, as there are not in many households. Even if there was, they would not qualify for baptism, as they do not understand good and evil, therefore cannot sin, and they cannot hear, understand, and believe in Jesus. They cannot count the cost of following Him in life and turning from sin. They cannot repent. They cannot make the good confession that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, nor desire to be baptized. Nor can they agree to be faithful to Jesus until death. Infants do not need to, and cannot, be baptized according to the pattern of the New Testament.)

Verses 16-18

Mark 16:15-18 & Matt. 10:5-8 & 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 13:8-10, 12:3 & 1 John 4:1-3 (Simply believing in Jesus is not enough to cast out demons, but has always been a miraculous gift given from God to some of those whom the apostles laid their hands on. Demons could still inhabit people in these times because God was still allowing His people to do miracles as well, and speak via inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Because people could speak from God and speak from Demons in this time, God always gave tests for people living then to know for certain who they should listen to.)

Verses 19-30

John 15:18-20 & 1 Peter 4:12-16 & Rom. 8:28 (Paul and Silas suffered for doing what is right and proclaiming Jesus, as we all can or might. We need to stay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ▶ Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.
- ▶ There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.
- ▶ **Make plans to join us for our next potluck; in the fellowship hall following morning worship on February 1!! (No potluck is scheduled for January.)**
- ▶ **Current diaper pantry needs: size 3. See [Kassandra](#) for more information.**
- ▶ **Looking for an assistant to help Wanda in the cradle roll class – only a one month commitment! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.**

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

strong in the face of persecution of any kind, knowing that our eternal reward grows when we receive it. Here, God used this persecution to bring the Jailer and his family to faith, as God uses all things for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.)

Verses 31-34

Heb. 3:18-19 & Gen. 15:2-6 & Acts 2:38 & Matt. 28:18-20 & Acts 19:1-3 & Mark 16:15-16 (The Bible shows belief to be proved through obedient actions. When God gave instructions for "faith" in every covenant, and the promised reward for following those, a person showed they believed God if they followed His directions. In this covenant, people have been directed to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, which Paul equated with "believing" in Acts 19, and then they need to obey all else that the Word of God has commanded us, and if they are "faithful" until death, they will receive the crown of life.)

Verses 35-40

Acts 22:25-29 (Valerian and Porcian law, passed by the Roman Republic centuries previous to this time, made it illegal to beat Roman citizens, and even to have them put into chains without a trial. Paul uses the laws of the land to work in his favor as he can guarantee his and Silas's safety and demonstrate his forgiveness and mercy. We also see that the church seems to be meeting in Lydia's home, as all early churches started as house churches.)

PRAY FOR



Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime
(recovering from a brain aneurysm)
Gary Bates (recovering from back surgery)
Barbara Parsons (recovering from hip surgery)
Jim Vogel (recovering from wrist/hand surgery)
Adrian Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson