

## 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*



### VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 15**

**SUNDAY AM: 46 SUNDAY PM: 12**

**WEDNESDAY: 18**

**OFFERING: \$1,520**

December 7, 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 25***

### 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

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### *Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord's Church – Part 25*

-In 48/49 A.D., Paul and Barnabas have returned to Antioch from their first missionary trip. Judaizers are causing dissension in the Church by claiming that Gentile Christians must also keep the Law of Moses to remain saved. The apostles used Old Testament Scriptures and the demonstrated guidance of the Holy Spirit to arrive at no one needing to keep the Law of Moses anymore. However, Gentiles do need to stop doing some things pagan societies had deemed okay: eating things sacrificed to idols, blood (liquid or in meat), and sexual fornication.

Chapter 15 Verses 19-29

1 Cor. 8:4-7 & 1 Cor. 7:2 & Lev. 18:6-23 & Matt. 19:9 & Gen. 9:2-4 (Gentile Christians are given the fundamental ways their lives will change following conversion, in addition to ceasing to sin and doing righteousness. Not eating things sacrificed to idols, not because it is sinful on its own, but because most of them would think it is and would charge themselves with sin for eating while thinking so, no sexual immorality, meaning anything outside of the husband & wife relationship, bounded by the rules for who could be husband and wife, and not eating blood. Either liquid blood or meat still saturated by blood because an animal was not properly drained. Life is in the blood and God has always forbidden humans from consuming blood.)

Verses 30-35 (Straightforward, no comments.)

Verses 36-41

Acts 13:13 & Eph. 4:26-27 & Matt. 6:14-15 & 2 Tim. 4:9-11 (Here is an example of Christians allowed to disagree on matters of opinion, and "agreeing to disagree" to part ways still as brothers in Christ. Paul clearly bore a grudge against John Mark and was not willing to forgive him, meaning he was not getting forgiven until he did. Paul needed to mature and grow spiritually in this, and did, ultimately forgiving John Mark, recognizing the value he brought, and even requesting him at the end of his life.)

Chapter 16 Verses 1-2

1 Tim. 6:12 (Timothy was a disciple of Jesus, one who got baptized before Paul was there, who was hanging out with the other **brethren**. However, contrary to popular belief, Timothy's mother was not a Christian (and may not have even been alive at this time), instead being described as a *pistos* "faithful/obedient" **Jewish** woman. The Bible is explicit when it refers to people who are Christians, and those who are not. Best captured in the Smith Literal Translation **Acts 16:1 (SLT)** "And he arrived at Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain **disciple** was there, by name Timothy, son of a certain woman, **a faithful Jewess**; and of a Greek father.")

Verse 3

1 Cor. 9:20-23 (Paul does not circumcise Timothy unto salvation, as he is well aware that the Law of Moses is no longer in effect, just as the letter from the apostles stated. He did this to remove a barrier from his and Timothy's message being received by Jews. We should similarly try to remove anything creating barriers in our lives to try and give people the best chance to listen to us.)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.
- There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.
- Please join us today for our December potluck; in the fellowship hall following morning worship!!
- Current diaper pantry needs: size 3. See [Kassandra](#) for more information.
- Ladies' devotional and cookie exchange is scheduled in the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. – Heather has all the details!!
- 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:

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 best used, 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.)

## PRAY FOR

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**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**