

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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**HAPPY
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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 21

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 65 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 14

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: N/A

OFFERING: \$2,252

January 4, 2026

Welcome to the
Verde Valley Church of Christ



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Sermon

**Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church
Part 29**

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 29

-In 49/50 A.D., Paul and Silas have begun the second missionary journey. They have gone through the areas Paul visited on the first journey and have been directed to go to Macedonia (Greece and the surrounding area). Having been chased out of Thessalonica and Berea, Paul is now in Athens awaiting Silas and Timothy to join him. He is at the Areopagus ("Ares Rock," or "Mars Hill" - Roman equivalent), which was also the name of the sitting council of respected local men charged with investigating spiritual or philosophical ideas. Paul is in the midst of defending the gospel amongst the intellectual elite of his day.

Chapter 17 Verses 22-29

Rom. 1:16-20 (As Paul started telling them of the One True God, he informed them that He is very different compared to what the Greeks have been used to hearing all their lives. God has always existed and has made everything, but to them, the ultimate first source that existed was Chaos. In Greek mythology, Chaos was both a deity and an empty void of nothingness, from which other beings sprang forth, Gaia (Earth), Tartarus (the Abyss), and Eros (Love). They based their entire view of reality around an ultimate force of creation, which was (in effect) "nothing." Nothing existed, and then nothing stimulated that nothing, to suddenly create everything, even though nothing has never created anything, and never will. If we think this logic is foolish, this is the same theory espoused by scientists today about "how there was once nothing, then everything sprang into being, *because nothing stimulated the nothing to make everything*, which then coalesced into an infinitesimally small point that exploded in the big bang." Humans trying to invent ways that the universe does not necessitate God is nothing new, but is simply a new paint job on the same millennia of foolish ideas. Paul has given them better explanations for the Creation of the universe, where humanity came from, and how pointless idols/temples are in these verses than they have grown up with.)

Verses 30-31

Rom. 3:23, 6:23 & Rev. 21:8 & Acts 2:38-39 & Rom. 6:1-7 & Matt. 28:18-20 & Rev. 2:10 & Mark 16:15-16 & John 3:3-5 (Ever since Jesus, the most famous Person in history, was raised from the dead, God has no longer accepted ignorance as an excuse to not be forgiven for sins and worship God correctly. God used to, but when God had to pay for sin with the torture and death of His Own Son, that price is too high for anyone to not use it. Therefore, all who have understood good and evil have sinned, and the wages of that sin is spiritual death, in the lake of fire. For a person to not have to pay for this with their own death, they can be baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of their sins. When they are, they are united with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus to pay for their sin, and then need to choose to obey what He, the Word of God who put on flesh to become Jesus, commanded them, doing this until their death to keep being forgiven and receive the crown of life. It is IMPOSSIBLE for a person who has sinned to go to Heaven if they are not baptized. This is why we need to spread this information to as many people as possible, knowing they are completely without hope if they do not.)

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 1st!! (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:

Verses 32-34

1 Cor. 2:12-14 & Jms. 4:13-14 & Acts 16:30-34 (These "learned" men were sneering at the resurrection of the dead, looking down on how preposterous that was while they held to their belief that "nothing created everything." Others were interested in what Paul said, but would check it out later, saying "they would hear him again," with the Bible not noting if they ever got to. We have no control over our future, and when we hear the Truth, and realize that we have sinned, sin brings punishment, and we need forgiven for it, we need to follow our directions for doing so immediately. Those men who "believed" were described using the verb "*pisteuō*," which means that an action was taken. They were baptized, which is when the Bible records that a person "believes" in the verb form. The men who joined Paul already mentally believed what he was saying, but the Bible does not credit them with "believing" until after they went away with him and were baptized.)

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)
Adrienne Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson