

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: 20

SUNDAY AM: 56 SUNDAY PM: 13

WEDNESDAY: N/A

OFFERING: \$1,636

December 28, 2025

Welcome to the
Verde Valley Church of Christ



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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church
Part 28***

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 28

Chapter 17 Verses 1-7

1 Thess. 1:6-7 (The Church in Thessalonica only had Paul teach and establish them for three weeks before he was driven out of the city. Yet, this became **the only** congregation in the entire New Testament which is called "an example to others." We do not need "time" and "endless chances" to start getting our Christianity right, we just need a burning desire to learn what the Bible says to do and then take that seriously enough to begin doing it.)

Verses 8-12

Isa. 7:14, 9:6 & Micah 5:2 & Jer. 31:31-34 (There is a reason people often want to be compared to the Berean Jews in a favorable light, because when they heard new teachings about the Bible, they did not accept or reject them off-hand. Instead, they went back to the Scriptures to validate or invalidate what was said, allowing God's Word to explain God's Word. This willingness and reliance to have God's Word be the only thing that guides us to Truth is why many of them became Christians, since these things had always been written about concerning Jesus and the New Covenant.)

Verses 13-15

Matt. 10:14-16, 13:3-9 (We are to be innocent as doves, but as shrewd/crafty as serpents. We are to scatter the "seed" meaning "preach the gospel of how to be saved" everywhere we go and give it to everyone, knowing that most will not accept it. We are not expected to try and convince or force anyone to believe it if they do not, and we are expected to use our discernment and good judgment to escape dangerous situations and try to give the gospel to those who will not seek to harm us for it, if possible. Those that reject it and want to fight or blaspheme against it need to be abandoned to the fate they have chosen for themselves and other souls need to be given the opportunity to respond to it.)

Verses 16-21

Rom. 1:16-20 & Matt. 10:32-33 (Paul flees to Athens and responds to the opportunities God gives him to share the gospel. Athens was one of the intellectual centers of the ancient world, and Paul was not afraid to engage with any of them with the message of the gospel. The gospel, the Bible, belief in our God, is not stupid. Far from it, it is actually the only thing that makes sense, and we should never be "embarrassed" to be Christians or for what we believe in. Instead, we should do the work to understand WHY it makes sense so that we can share it with others and give them the chance to see that it makes sense, and any other explanation for the existence of the universe is actually foolish.)

Verses 22-29

(As Paul started telling them of the One True God, he informed them that He is very different compared to what the Greeks have heard all their lives. To them, the ultimate first source that existed was Chaos. Chaos, in Greek mythology, was both a deity and an empty void of nothingness, from which other beings

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.**
- ▶ **Wednesday Bible study will not be held this week (December 31st).**

Sermon Scripture References - cont’d:

sprang forth. They based their entire view of reality around an ultimate force of creation, which was (in effect) “nothing.” Nothing existed, and nothing stimulated that nothing to suddenly create everything, even though nothing has never created anything since then, and never will. This is the same theory espoused by scientists today how there was nothing, then everything sprang into being because nothing stimulated the nothing, and coalesced into an infinitesimally small point which then exploded in the big bang. Humans trying to invent ways that the universe does not necessitate God is nothing new, but is a new paint job on millennia of foolish ideas. In these verses, Paul gave them better explanations than they had grown up with regarding Creation, where we came from, and how pointless idols/temples are.)

Verses 30-31

Rom. 2:14-16 & Matt. 28:18-20 & Mark 16:15-16 & John 3:3-5 (Ever since Jesus, the most famous Person in history, was raised from the dead, God no longer accepts 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, the price is too high for anyone to not use it. Therefore, all who understand good and evil have sinned, and must be baptized for Jesus's death to pay for their sin. We who know this need to spread it to as many people as possible, knowing they are completely without hope if they are not.)

Verses 32-34 (Self-explanatory)

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