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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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### VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 19**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 48 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 17**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 12**

**OFFERING: \$2,204**

**April 5, 2026**

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 41***

### **Gathering Times**

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 6:00 PM (NEW TIME)

## SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

### *Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord’s Church – Part 41*

-Paul has returned to Jerusalem in 58 A.D. after spending some three years in Ephesus and surrounding regions. He has been arrested on false charges, and has been held in captivity for two years under Antonius Felix before he was replaced by Porcius Festus in A.D. 60. Paul is preparing to make his defense before Festus while the Jews continually try to get him extradited to Jerusalem for trial, planning to ambush and assassinate Paul on the way.

Chapter 25 Verses 1-5

(History verifies that Antonius Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus around the year 60 A.D., exactly as we have this happening after Paul was held by Felix for the two years of 58-60 A.D.)

Verses 6-11

Deu. 31:7 & Josh. 1:6-9 & 1 Kings 2:2-3 & Rom. 8:28 (Festus knew that Paul was innocent, and he needed to be strong and courageous enough to tell the Jews that he was not going to send an innocent man to Jerusalem to stand trial for something that he very clearly did not commit. However, even though rulers should be strong and courageous - as all of us as Christians should be - God knew that Festus would not choose to do so, and used this as the opportunity to get Paul and the gospel to the greatest city in the world, Rome, fulfilling Acts 23:11.)

Verses 12-22

Acts 17:30-31 & John 2:19-22, 3:3-5 & Matt. 7:21-23 & Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46 (Festus thinks that this is just some misunderstanding about whether Jesus is alive or dead, but that is not what Paul is saying. Paul is claiming that Jesus from Nazareth, Who died via crucifixion in the presence of many witnesses and was buried, a fact attested to by history, having His body be guarded by Roman soldiers in Matt. 27:61-66, was raised by the power of God and walked out of His tomb. This was not merely some curiosity of history, but the greatest declaration of Christ's truthfulness of all that He said. And if all that Christ said was verified by this, then all of these men were verified to be in their sins and would burn in the fires of Hell forever if they do not follow Jesus's instructions to be forgiven. Yet, Festus, Agrippa, and Bernice all just take this as "entertainment" or a curiosity to behold, as do many who claim to be "Christians.")

Verses 25:23-26:29

(We can see why God used Paul, and why He allowed Paul to persecute Christians for so long and so effectively before bringing him into His service. So that the change would be far more impactful for all those whom Paul would give this testimony to. We also see that both Festus and Agrippa

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.
- There is a children’s Bible study during the sermon.
- Please plan to invite guests to attend Sunday morning worship each week in May for the “Foundations of Our Faith” series. Food will be provided each week following worship, beginning with a potluck on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>!! (No April potluck today.)
- ATTENTION: Wednesday evening Bible class now starts at 6:00 p.m.!
- The next 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday is April 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 Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.
- Ladies Class, providing an introduction into Apologetics, is scheduled to continue on Saturday mornings through May; class begins at 10:00 a.m.

### Sermon Scripture References - cont’d:

heard the exact same thing from Paul, yet one of them called him crazy and the other said that he was being persuaded to join him as a Christian. From the same message, two people reacted to it in completely opposite ways, demonstrating "worldly-minded" and "spiritually-minded" people hearing the message of the Bible.)

Chapter 26 Verses 30-32

(Romans 8:28 on full display here as God works all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.)

## PRAY FOR

*Greg & Wanda Mattson’s daughter, Jaime  
(recovering from a brain aneurysm)*

*Gary Bates (to resolve his VA benefits)*

*Adrienne Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)*

*Sandi Murie’s niece, Lace (brain tumor)*

*Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson*

