

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Janie Kilby 17 Harold Kilby
3 Heather Benetti 25 Kimberly Owen
7 Wanda Mattson 27 Mona Cooley
9 Loni Faith Ferguson 30 J Lynn Alvey
14 Kyla Alvey 31 Jim Vogel



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

11 Emberly and Wyatt Smith
14 Adrion and Donna Osborne
26 Colton and Kaitlyn Lucas
27 Alan and Mona Cooley

Happy Anniversary!

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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 22

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 46 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 14

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11

OFFERING: \$1873

May 3, 2026

Welcome to the
Verde Valley Church of Christ



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Sermon

The Foundations of Our Faith: Part 1 - God Must Exist and
the Bible Must Be His Word

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

The Foundations of Our Faith: Part 1 - God Must Exist and the Bible Must Be His Word

- Why are we here? Why is anything here? The universe existing means either one of two things: Either it was created, or it has always been here. Let us investigate the second theory, could the universe just have always been here?

As we have learned more about our universe, we have discovered that it is governed by certain unbreakable "laws." Three of these most important "laws" are the three laws of thermodynamics. We will summarize the first two of these.

Law 1 - Energy cannot be created, added, or lost in a closed system, it only changes form. Law 2 - When energy changes form, some of it becomes less useful over time as non-work outputs (such as heat, light) escape and move from higher concentrations to lower, called entropy. Together, this means that after enough time has passed, so much of the universe's energy will become evenly-dispersed lost energy, there will no longer be enough usable energy in one place to do any more work ever. This is called the "heat-death" of the universe.

Science estimates that this universe will approach its "heat-death" stage at about 14 quadrillion years of age. The problem? If the universe has "always been," it is infinity years old, and we would have already passed this age...infinity times over. This is not new information, as the eternal universe was disproved in 1852 by William Thompson, a.k.a, "lord" Kelvin. He realized the first two laws of thermodynamics made an eternal universe impossible before the American Civil War was fought.

Therefore, since the universe cannot always have been, the only viable option is that it must have been created. When it did, "time" began. And "space" began. And "material things" began. Thus, the "force" of creation must be outside of time, outside of space, and non-physical. Because there is life in the universe, and life cannot come from non-life, this force of creation is alive, and is a "Who," not a "What." Because this force is a Who, we can ascribe it to being infinitely powerful to create the universe (the largest possible thing). It is also infinitely intelligent to have designed such a finely tuned creation from the smallest atoms to the largest galaxies. And because existence is an overwhelmingly positive experience, the force must also be benevolent. This timeless, spaceless, non-physical, living, infinitely powerful, infinitely intelligent, and benevolent Force humans have called - God. Every person must look around and come to this exact conclusion because the universe exists. This is the argument of Romans 1:20

Because there is a Creator, that Creator has exclusive rights to direct how this universe is supposed to be, including how we are supposed to be. Humans therefore, have the need to find this Creator and understand what our expectations are, since it is the creation that has everything to lose or gain when dealing with a timeless, spaceless, non-physical, infinitely powerful and intelligent Being. Many books claim to capture the interactions with this Creator...so which one, if any, is the real one? The one that has the greatest evidence of being from such a timeless, spaceless, non-physical, infinitely powerful and intelligent Being.

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 Today!!**
- **ATTENTION LADIES: Please plan to attend a Mothers Day Brunch and Devotional – Saturday May 16th at 10 am. Food will be provided for our Tea Party Theme. There will be no Apologetics class on that date.**

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

The Bible

Written - in stages for more than 1,600 years by over 45 human authors, in 3 languages, on multiple continents, most of whom never met: Yet, it contains no contradictions, no inaccuracies, and has one cohesive message, which all should have been impossible if it was only the invention of uninspired men under those circumstances. Contains prophecies - Cyrus the Great was prophesied by his first name to be the one that would free the Jews, reinhabit Jerusalem, and rebuild the temple. Was prophesied in Isaiah 44:26-28, 200 years before Cyrus would historically do so, with history recording that he was shown those ancient prophecies bearing his own name. Contains miracles - Miracles recorded throughout by many eyewitnesses from cover to cover with scientific and archaeological evidence of them happening. Jesus's miracles specifically occurred in 28-30 A.D., and were written down, circulated, and certified, between 30-41 A.D. by those who were around to see them when they happened, confirming those happened even as they suffered torture and death for saying so. The Bible, therefore, is the only book certified as the Word of God by its creation and contents. We hope that you are able to continue to join us as we begin looking at this book to read God's expectations for us all.

PRAY FOR



Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime (recovering from a brain aneurysm)
Gary Bates (to resolve his VA benefits)
Adrian Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)
Sandi Murie's niece, Lace (brain tumor)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson