

**Travelling**

Aryanna will be away from us for awhile, pray for her well-being. Keep Travis in your prayers. Sister Hawkins is traveling pray for her well being.

**Holiday Baskets**

We are now collecting the items necessary for holiday baskets. Needing sweet potatoes at this time.

**The Thief On The Cross**

The sad thing is that there are many people today who try to use "the thief on the cross" as their justification for not obeying the clear and plain command of Jesus to be baptized. On the Day of Judgment it will not be the case of "what about the thief on the cross". The thief on the cross was before the death of Christ and before the New Testament took effect. Hebrews 9:17 says, "For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives." We



cannot be saved like the thief because Christ's New Testament is in effect for us today. Anyone refusing to obey Jesus on His terms has no legitimate claim on the salvation that Jesus offers. One will certainly be held accountable for his

disobedience by the eternal loss of his soul. He will only have himself to blame.

People need to stop spending their time in trying to figure out a way to get around doing what the Lord said, but rather they need be willing to submit to the final authority of our Lord. When we stand before the Lord on the day of judgment to be judged by Him, there are going to be many who have chosen not to do what the Lord has said.

Romans 10:3 tells us that people are "Seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God."

Jesus said in Mark 16:16, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." How are people going to explain to Jesus on the Day of Judgment why they did not do what He says and for the reason He says? The New Testament of Christ requires us to be baptized for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16) so that we can be saved (Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21). It did not take effect until after the death of Christ. The thief did not come under the New Testament as we do today. It will be too late on Judgment Day to find out that one hasn't obeyed the Lord and is still lost.



The Apple Valley Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to our guests. We are honored by your presence today. If you have any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.

Pray for Alex he is having some heart issues. Pray for Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney and family, her sister's son is now the father of twins. Sister McKinney also asked that we pray for Stephanie Munoz who has cancer pray for her children and family as well. Pray for brother Henderson and family, he lost his brother and is hurting. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Pray for Brother Freeman's recovery from his eye surgery on Friday. Pray for Donna's brother Robert. Keep Rosetta's grandson in prayer. Sister Lea's tests came out good, thank God. Jeremiah and Stan asked for prayers as they have some decisions to make. Adrian wants prayers of thanks that God has taken away her headaches. Pray for Ebony's friend Josh. Joe Brass has been burned by hot coffee, may require a skin graft to heal, pray for him. Michael is having some shoulder pain, pray for him.



**Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Class .....	10:00 AM
Sunday Worship .....	11:00 AM
Sunday Afternoon .....	2:00 PM
Wednesday Evening .....	7:00 PM

**Order of Today's Services**

1. Singing
2. Opening Prayer
3. Singing
4. Preaching
5. Invitation Song
6. Song Before Communion
7. Communion
8. Song Before Offering
9. Offering
10. Announcements
11. Closing Song
12. Closing Prayer

Song Leader - Stan  
 Opening Prayer - TC  
 Preaching - Stan  
 Table Lead - Jeremiah  
 Helper - Dan  
 Helper - Brandon  
 Announcements - Henry  
 Closing Prayer - Prince

*Howk if you love Jesus.*

*Text while driving if you want to meet him.*

**Peter and John's Courage**

In Acts 3-4 Peter and John went to the temple to pray when they encountered a man at the temple gate who was lame from birth. The man asked them for money, but Peter replied that they had none and added that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to rise up and walk. The man was immediately healed and began walking and leaping and praising God.

His healing drew a large crowd and Peter began to preach to them about Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He told of how Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose from the dead and challenged them to repent and receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation. Upon hearing this preaching, the religious leaders were upset and put them in jail.

The next day the religious leaders brought Peter and John before them and demanded they explain by what power and in whose name did they do what they did. Peter, being filled with the Holy Ghost, challenged them about why they were upset about the healing. They gave the credit to Jesus Christ for the healing and how salvation was through Him.

After hearing this the religious leaders decided to tell Peter and John not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. Peter replied by saying, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to harken unto you more than unto God, judge ye, but we cannot but speak of the things we have heard and seen." (Acts 4:19-20) After Peter said this, the religious leaders threatened them and let them go. Peter and John returned to their group of friends and rejoiced together and glorified God.

Later, the apostles were again healing and preaching in the name of Jesus when they were taken into custody by the same religious leaders. They were upset that they had told Peter and John not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus and now the whole city was talking about Jesus and His doctrine. Peter once again stood up and said that they would obey God rather than man and continued by accusing them of killing Jesus, who was the Savior.

Upon hearing this, the religious leaders discussed killing them, but instead, decided to beat them and release them. The apostles, once again, rejoiced and praised God because they were counted worthy to suffer for His name.

**Sermon Notes:**

COURAGE  
is fear that  
has said its  
PRAYERS