



Apple Valley Church of Christ

Seeking and saving the lost...

Welcome, 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.

Prayer List

Pray that sister Jones and family be comforted during their time of mourning. Pray for the Bowers family. Donna Kelly's husband recently passed, pray for her. Pray for Wanda's sister Peaches, she is having upcoming procedures for her eyes. Pray for Wanda's friend Josie Esperanza who has lost her husband. Francisco will be having surgery in October. Francisco Jr. will be having a toe amputated due to diabetes complications, pray for him. Pray for Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney's health and for help in her decision making. Pray for Stephanie Munoz and family, she has cancer. Pray for Shetera's health. Pray for sister Lorena's cousin, Jackie Grimes, who has suffered a heart attack. Pray for brother Henderson and family. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Brother Freeman is recovering from eye surgery, pray for his health. Pray that Donna's bone density test situation is resolved so that she can get what she needs in a timely manner. Keep Rosetta's grandson in prayer. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena Armstrong who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Also pray for Keion Richardson, Leola's 7 year old nephew who has cancer. Pray for the health of Jessica's friend Sam Calabro.

Plan of Salvation for Mankind

- Hear the WordRomans 10:17
- Believe the WordMark 16:15-16
- Repent of your sinsLuke 13:3-5
- Confess His nameMatt. 10:32-33
- Baptism1Peter 2:211
- Live FaithfullyRevelation 2:10



Order of Today's Services

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

Song Leader - Stan
Prayer - TC
Preaching - Henry
Table Lead - Lenard
Helper - Brandon
Helper - Travis
Announce - Stan
Prayer - Dan





Portable Baptistry

Still need donations for purchasing a portable baptistry so that we can move forward with our building remodel plans. Anticipated cost is about \$1200.

Holiday Baskets

We are needing turkey gravy packets for the holiday baskets. Every family please try to donate 1 turkey, they are on sale at Target. The freezer in the back is ready to receive them.

Traveling

June, Sylvia, Kesha Johnson, and the Bakers. Pray for their safety.

Elders

- Stan Harmon
- Lenard Johnson
- Henry Brass



7 THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY

1 - LIVE and WORK to reach others each day as if you knew the world were going to come to an end next Sunday night. Think of that feeling of urgency and priority! (Read 2 Peter 3:1-12).

2 - BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC about the church and its services as you would be if there were an overflowing crowd each time. Think of the interest, anticipation, and excitement of an overflow crowd!

3 - COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. Make a list of the things you are thankful to God for and thank Him for them one by one as you pray in your closet. This will help you to be grateful (Philippians 4:6). It will also help you to realize your dependence on God (Acts 17:24-25,28; John 15:5).

4 - MAKE & MAINTAIN A LIST OF YOUR FAULTS. And pray for forgiveness and help to overcome them as you truly strive to overcome them. This will help us see that we are really not as good as we think we are and how very much we really do need Christ for Savior. It will also help you to sympathize with the faults of others (James 5:16; Galatians 6:1).

5 - KEEP A QUIET TIME. Set aside 30 minutes every day to spend with God in prayer, Bible study, and meditation. If you really love someone or a game you want to spend some time with them. Just so, if you truly love God you want to spend some time alone with Him. (Psalms 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1). First century Christians kept an "hour of prayer" (Acts 13:1).

6 - VISIT SOMEONE FOR CHRIST EACH WEEK. Visit some member you do not know very well; or a sick person; or a visitor to our services; or a weak member who needs encouragement; or someone who needs to become a Christian.

7 - REACH ANOTHER PERSON (RAP). Conduct a Bible class in your home once a month and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to attend. The preacher or elders will assist you if you want them to. Matt. 5:12-15; James 5:20; Daniel 12:3. There are 168 hours in a week. If you were to attend Bible Study, morning worship, and evening worship on Sundays and Bible study on Wednesday, and 30 minutes 6 days a week in Bible reading, prayer, and meditation, and conduct an hour long study once a month, you would be giving God less than 10 hours a week, leaving you 158.

by Grover Stevens



THE HOLY SPIRIT: A DIVINE PERSON

"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device" (Acts 17:29). This verse and two other passages (Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9) specifically cite the "Godhead" and imply divine personality. The number of divine persons comprising the Godhead from other Scripture is learned to be three. Thus, men often apply the human terms "triune" and "Trinity" to God or the Godhead, suggesting "three persons in one." These three Divine Persons of the Godhead are uniformly identified in the Bible as God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 8:6; John 1:1; Acts 5:3-4).

The Bible doctrine of three divine persons in one Godhead is fully documented in God's Word (Matthew 3:16-17; John 15:26; Romans 15:30). "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). However, man experiences difficulty in fully comprehending the fact of the Godhead because there is nothing on earth to which he can completely compare it. Students of God's Word accept:(1) the fact of the Godhead and (2) that it is made of three divine persons. Whatever divine and personal qualities are biblically ascribed to the Father and the Son apply equally to the Holy Spirit as well. The Holy Spirit is not in Scripture relegated to consideration as an "it" or a mere influence, and He is not properly addressed as such by mortal man either.

The Holy Spirit Has Personality

The Holy Spirit, like the Father and Jesus (at least before his incarnation), has no physical form (John 4:24; Luke 24:39). However, this does not detract from personality. Personality is the product of personal expression, not physical traits, alone. The absence of personal expression (e.g., among the mentally deficient) does not make one an animal, but personal expression verifies that the one making the expression is not animal, an "it" or merely an influence. So, the Holy Spirit, because He expresses Himself is not an "it" or a mere influence.

The Bible applies personal pronouns to the Holy Spirit, incidentally attesting to the individual personality of the Spirit (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). The Holy Spirit also is

ascribed these personal characteristics by Scripture: (1) He speaks (1 Timothy 4:1). (2) He testifies (John 15:26). (3) He teaches (John 14:26). (4) He guides (John 16:13). (5) He searches (1 Corinthians 2:10). (6) He has a mind (Romans 8:27). (7) He has knowledge (1 Corinthians 2:11). (8) He has affection (Romans 15:30). (9) He has a will (1 Corinthians 12:11). (10) He has goodness (Nehemiah 9:20). (11) He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30; Isaiah 63:10). (12) He can be despised (Hebrews 10:29). (13) He can be blasphemed (Matthew 12:31-32). (14) He can be resisted (Acts 7:51). (15) He can be lied to (Acts 5:3) (Sweeney 35-39). (16) He chose certain men (Acts 13:2) and he makes intercessions (Romans 8:26) (Howard 11-12).

The foregoing personal characteristics of the Holy Spirit are tempered with divine qualities. The Holy Spirit is: (1) eternal (Hebrews 9:14); (2) omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10-11); (3) omnipotent (Micah 3:8) and (4) omnipresent (Psalm 139:7, 10). He also participated or participates in: (5) creation (Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13), (6) providence (Psalm 104:30), (7) redemption (John 3:5), (8) the coming resurrection (Romans 8:11) and (9) was the source of miracles (1 Corinthians 12:9, 11) (Sweeney 39-42).

Lastly, as one would expect of a person, the Holy Spirit is addressed in God's Word by name. (While it is true animals and objects also may have names, typically every person does have a name.) Someone has suggested there are "...18 different names used in referring to the Spirit in the Old Testament and 39 in the New Testament for a total of 52 different names in the Bible since five of them are common to both Old and New Testaments" (L'Roy 6). These references include: the Spirit of God; Spirit of the Lord; my Spirit; Holy Spirit; Spirit; thy good Spirit; Spirit of truth; Spirit of Christ; Spirit of the Living God; Spirit of his Son; Comforter; right Spirit; free Spirit; Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might of knowledge and fear of the Lord; Spirit of Holiness. by Louis Rushmore

