

**Order of Services**

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

**Traveling**

Travis will soon be relocating to Durango, Colorado for a job. Please keep him in prayer. Henry and Kathy will be out of town until May 5th. Remember to pray for everyone's safety.

**New Church Website**

Apple Valley Church of Christ website is available for your convenience and edification. Please check it out at [www.avcoc.org](http://www.avcoc.org). It changes often so stay on top of it! Let Henry know if you find errors or if you have suggestions for improvement. If you have pictures you would like posted give them to Henry. [applevalleychurch@gmail.com](mailto:applevalleychurch@gmail.com)

**Elders**

Stanley Harmon  
Lenard Johnson  
Henry Brass

**Quote**

"A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.



*"When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him."  
"(Proverbs 16:7)*



**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**

Cynthia Ruff was in a car accident. Keep sister Hadnot's aunt Catherine in prayer. Pray for Sylvia and family, life has been difficult for her lately. Pray for sister McKinney (flu) and family, her cousin Elliot has throat cancer. Pray for brother Henderson and his brother and sister. Thom and Mary Elizabeth, Brother and Sister Johnson for health. Brother Freeman is having eye problems and heart tests, his ex-wife has cancer. Pray for Leola & Larry Biles. Leola just had surgery on the 23rd, and Larry on the 27th. Henry's step mother Lila fell and broke her hip, she had hip replacement surgery, please pray for her, she has many health issues. Alex Pichardo is having some health issues, keep him in prayer.

**God's Plan of Salvation for Mankind**

- Hear the Word .....**Romans 10:17**
- Believe the Word .....**Mark 16:15-16**
- Repent of your sins .....**Luke 13:3-5**
- Confess His name .....**Matthew 10:32-33**
- Baptism .....**1Peter 2:21**

**Schedule of Services**

- Sunday Bible Class .....**10:00 AM**
  - Sunday Worship .....**11:00 AM**
  - Sunday Afternoon .....**2:00 PM**
  - Wednesday Evening .....**7:00 PM**
- Classes for all ages

Sermon Notes:



### Light Up the Church Building

A little story that illustrates the problem of attendance goes like this:

In a certain mountain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to people in his town. At last he decided to build them a church building.

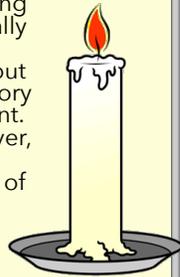
No one saw the complete plans for the building until it was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty and completeness. Then someone asked, "But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?"

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave to each family a candle which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

"Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted," the nobleman said. "Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to worship, some part of God's house will be dark."

Anyone at the Apple Valley Church ready to try saving the electricity we normally use when it is evening?

Should we start giving out candles? This is just a story but it has a stinging point. Those who seldom, if ever, attend worship or Bible study may be like those of whom it was said: *"The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up"* (Matt. 4:16). That is, if they happened to see the church building in the evening from a distance.



Jesus also said, *"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house"* (Matt. 5:14-15). Attending all services of the church is letting your light shine -- after all you come to worship God and study His word -- then leave to serve.

Maybe it would be good to pray, *"For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness"* (Psa. 18:28).